



Celebrating 2010 Gold Award Girl Scouts

The prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest national leadership award that a Girl Scout can earn. Over the past year, the Gold Award was presented to 143 Orange County Girl Scouts who demonstrated extraordinary character and leadership skills along with a strong commitment to make their community a better place.

Each Gold Award recipient must identify a critical need in her community and then plan and execute a complex and time-intensive service project that has a lasting impact. Gold Award projects address many crucial issues like poverty, homelessness, families in crisis, child and eldercare programs and the environment. Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are our community's future business, volunteer and civic leaders.



Building Tomorrow's Strong Leaders

Girl Scouts is the nation's, and Orange County's, largest and most successful leadership development program, open and accessible to all girls from all walks of life and cultures. Nearly 25,000 Orange County Girl Scouts are developing the values, skills and leadership abilities they will need to be successful in the 21st century. Community service is integral to Girl Scouts. Today, Orange County's Girl Scouts are making a remarkable difference by giving more than 500,000 hours of community service each year.

CONGRATULATIONS 2010 Gold Award Girl Scouts

The contributions of these exceptional young women will have a lasting impact in Orange County.

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| Udara Abeysekera | Haley Holmes | Kristine Rezai |
| Alyssa Allison | Kara Homolak | Breanna Rhoten |
| Brianne Amano | Chelsey Honma | Megan Rickard |
| Bayli Anderson | Lauren Hurst | Rachel Roberts |
| Analysis Arroyo | Christina Iezza | Brianna Rodriguez |
| Lyssa Aruda | Hayley Iwig | Elizabeth Rofoli |
| Ashley Baek | Crystal Jackson | Lauren Rogers |
| Heather Bermudez | Kaycee Johnsen | Andrea Ruiz |
| Kaitlyn Berry | Katelyn Johnson | Ariel Ruiz |
| Isheeta Bhatt | Megan Kabre | Adrienne Schultz |
| Katie Brisbin | Laura Kaufman | Jasmin Sepulveda |
| Jennifer Broekemeier | Taylor Key | Alyssa Siviglia |
| Karissa Cardenas | Jennifer Kim | Savanna Smith |
| Meghan Cass | Brianna Kitchen | Lauren Sommer |
| Vivianne Chang | Elizabeth Koppe | Kristen Steinfeld |
| Paige Charbonnet | Alana Kutinsky | Nicole Sullivan |
| Jae Hwa Cho | Hosun Lee | Elizabeth Sweet |
| Jennifer Choi | Marcy Levatino | Brandi Syfert |
| Esther Chong | Shannah Linker | Kia Tahmin |
| Jennifer Clark | Vannie Luong | Nisha Talati |
| Kerry Collins | Brittany Luper | Claire Thatcher |
| Natalia Cram | Lauren Mapes | Darlene Tieu |
| Emily Davis | Melissa Markowitz | Catherine Tran |
| Anna DeBella | Allison Martin | Kristine Tran |
| Cecilia DeClue | Rachel Martin | Uyen-Nhi Tran |
| Hannah Deline | Jordan Mayo | Melissa Troutt |
| Nancy Dinh | Colleen McCollough | Nhi My Truong |
| Amy Dominguez | Megan Minahan | Jennifer Truong |
| Alexis Draper | Karen Mizoguchi | Lindsay Tsai |
| Elsa Chau Du | Hilary Mohlman | Holly Victor |
| Alana Eldridge | Kaitlin Morrill | Katherine Vo |
| Lauren Eng | Shannon Muratore | Anh Quynh Vu |
| Kelsey Engel | Sarah Navarro | Amy Vu |
| Michelle Fernando | Thu Nghiem | Chan Vu |
| Melanie Fijan | Aileen Nguyen | Pauline Wahlstrom |
| Amelia Gabriel | Katherine Nguyen | Kaitlyn Waidley |
| Lauren Gamache | Letitia Nguyen | Tori Wakabayashi |
| Brooke Gehris | Amy Oba | Chelsea Weir |
| Kelly Gehris | Anna Ogata | Sasha Westberg |
| Bethany George | Rita Oishi | Morgan Williams |
| Katie Groke | Julia Ostmann | Meghan Wolf |
| Mary Haithcoat | Chelsea Padova | Rachel Wong |
| Paige Haskin | Nicole Pendregon | Taylor Wood |
| Mika Haunreiter | Sara Pettigrew | Alanna Woods |
| Kami Henderson | Thien-Kim Pham | Ilyse Woolf |
| Ashley Hernandez | Rachelle Pursell | Sarah Woolf |
| Danielle Ho | Emily Rais | Rachael Yohai |
| Keiko Hoen | Elizabeth Ramsay | |

Gold Award List is for the 2009-2010 membership year.

Donate or volunteer by contacting:

Girl Scout Council of Orange County | 800.979.9444
| www.gscoc.org

Leadership That Makes A Difference

Girl Scouting is the nation's, and Orange County's, **largest leadership development program for girls.** Girl Scouts, from kindergarten through grade 12, learn important leadership skills and values that empower them to make a difference in the world. "My Girl Scout troop leaders encouraged us, even as second graders, to help others," says Courtney Sales, a high school sophomore and active Girl Scout. "As we got older, we learned about leadership and organizing events." Every month Courtney's troop completed a service project to help different people in the community. "In Girl Scouts, I learned what I was capable of and gained the knowledge and leadership experiences to make a difference in the world."

Making Orange County Better

The difference made by Girl Scouts is noticeable. **Each year, they give more than 500,000 hours of community service to Orange County,** carrying out much-needed projects that make the community a better place to live and work. As girls progress through the Girl Scout leadership program, community service becomes second nature. As adults, they continue to give back and are well prepared to become our future business, volunteer and civic leaders.

For Every Girl, Everywhere

Girl Scouts is the only girls-only organization that is open and accessible to all girls, instilling in them a lifelong commitment to community service. There are Girl Scouts in every zip code in Orange County, including neighborhoods where there is a high rate of poverty and crime and communities where English is spoken as a second language. This is possible because of a vast network of caring and dedicated Girl Scout volunteers, more than 8,000 in Orange County, who serve girls in their own communities. They are trained to work in partnership with the girls, delivering hands-on, life-changing leadership experiences. They encourage the girls to work together in teams and to learn how to give back to their communities.



Helping Girls Overcome Challenges

Girls today are growing up in an increasingly complex world. They are dealing with very real problems like relational aggression and 24/7 cyberbullying, economic instability, family breakdown, fierce academic pressure and media images that tell them they have to look and act a certain way. Girls need the sense of belonging and positive environment that Girl Scouting provides.

In Orange County, nearly 25,000 Girl Scouts of all ages and abilities are gaining the values and tools they need to live their best lives. Some girls come to Girl Scouting with strong foundations that are strengthened through their leadership experiences. Other girls need the opportunities that Girl Scouting gives them to put their lives on better paths.

Building Tomorrow's Strong Leaders

Girl Scouts learn important leadership skills, including goal-setting, teamwork, project management, communication and financial literacy. It's no coincidence that the majority of our nation's female leaders were once Girl Scouts. "Girl Scouting has given me the tools to become the leader I am today," says Jennifer Osaki, age 15. It has taught me the ultimate values and tools I will need to succeed in my life and to help others succeed as well." A recent PEW study rated women highest in five of eight character traits society values in its leaders. Those traits included honesty, intelligence and creativity. More than ever before, we need the kind of leadership women excel in to help solve the serious issues that confront our community and our nation. Through its intentional and unique focus on leadership and service, Girl Scouting is fueling the nation's leadership pipeline with capable young women who are prepared to become the leaders of tomorrow.

As a non-profit charity, Girl Scouts of Orange County relies entirely on private funding. Revenue from cookies are no longer enough. Contributions from businesses and community members are crucial for Orange County's 25,000 Girl Scouts and the more than 8,000 volunteers who work with them. To learn how you can help Girl Scouts make a difference, please visit www.gscoc.org or call 800.979.9444.

At any given time, approximately 10 percent of girls belong to Girl Scouts, but their impact is much greater.

- 92% of female astronauts were Girl Scouts.
- 82% of high-achieving alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success.
- 68% of women in Congress were Girl Scouts.
- 80% of all women business owners were Girl Scouts.

