

2022 Adult Award Recipients

Appreciation Pin

Honoring those who delivered outstanding service to at least one geographic area, Service Unit, or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the Council's goals.



Brandi Branch

Rowan
[Kudoboard](#)

Brandi has simplified the lives of every volunteer in Rowan County through all of her volunteer efforts. She wears more hats than she has official titles. Even in the midst of a pandemic, Brandi continued her efforts on the Sister-to-Sister Campaign. She regularly encourages other troop leaders to help with the campaign and she set up fundraising events during a time when much was uncertain. Brandi is organized, forward thinking, and her enthusiasm is contagious. She helps to keep the Rowan Service Unit strong and connected, leaving a lasting positive impact.



Diane Harrison

Meck 13
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Diane spends countless hours, setting up events, meetings, and sending emails, to keep Meck 13 going. Diane stepped up to lead Meck 13 in fall 2019. Shortly after the world was hit with a global pandemic. Diane has led Meck 13 through all the challenges the COVID pandemic has posed to Girl Scouts. She does all this work so that the girls can have a derby, a dance, a tea, a bridging, and a positive influence. Diane always puts others before herself, and she is always nominating others and giving praise.



Kathy Jones

Union 2
[Kudoboard](#)

As Union 2 Treasurer and a Cookie Cupboard Manager, Kathy has gone above and beyond to make sure everyone is taken care of. As a Cookie Cupboard Manager, she makes sure that multiple service units have access to cookies, even at times that the council cupboard is not open. She has even been known to bring cookies to a cookie booth if a troop has run out! She is always open to helping anyone who needs help and always in a most cheerful manner.

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Patricia Kiernan

Union 2

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Patty's reputation as an advocate for Girl Scouts is well-earned. She is the first to volunteer and jump in to address an issue. Whether it is setting up the partnerships for cookie booths in Union County, serving as the cook for the Union 2 encampment, or ensuring that our troop and Service Unit is represented in local parades, Patty is ensuring that the community knows Girl Scouts are making a difference.



Rebecca Fisher

Meck 13

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Rebecca has served Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council for 15 years. Within her Troop, she cultivates leaders amongst the parents. Rebecca also understands the need for a strong Service Unit. She makes time to be a Service Unit Team member. She has served as a delegate, a new leader mentor and has been part of the recruitment team. She is very supportive and caring towards the new leaders. She has also played a great part in Meck 13 events, including the 2020 Bridging and Rededication Drive Thru ceremony, which was opened to girls Council-wide.



Stephanie Martell

York 2

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Stephanie has truly done outstanding work with her Community Troop. Because of her presence, commitment to the Girl Scout cause, and leadership, Girl Scouts has had an amazing impact on these young lady's lives. Stephanie regularly takes care of the needs of Girls in her troop, things that traditionally would be passed onto caregivers. However, Stephanie understands her girls and how their families may not have the resources to complete some of these tasks and strives to make sure that the girls in her troop are having an equitable experience. She has been known to spend her own money for those who can't afford activities, just so everyone gets to have the same experience!



Stephanie Weaver

Meck 13

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Stephanie has an active, large, multi-level troop. She always has openings in her troop for new Girl Scouts. She serves on the Meck 13 Service Unit Team as a Delegate, Cookie Manager, and Cookie Booth Coordinator which she has been doing for the last five years. Stephanie is also a cancer fighter and survivor. Her cancer returned in October last year. Even with such hard news, there was no question to her that she would continue her duties to her troop and Meck 13. She hasn't missed a beat. She has shown great courage and character in facing adversity. Her loyalty and commitment to girls of Girl Scouts is exceptional.

Honor Pin

Recognizing those who delivered outstanding service to two or more geographic areas, or program delivery audiences.



Elyse Callaway

Meck 19

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As a co-leader and then a troop leader, Elyse helped lead her troop with a focus on fun yet educational, empowering opportunities. She leads with passion and is 100% invested in the movement to develop girls who demonstrate courage, confidence, character, and the desire to make the world a better place. She is not afraid to ask questions, hold others accountable, and is a role model for responsibility, perseverance, and honesty. Elyse uses any opportunity as a teaching moment for her Girl Scouts, recognizing that knowledge is power. Elyse has served as Service Unit community service coordinator, on the Gold Award Committee, and so much more!



Ruth Rowe

Union 2

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Ruth has assisted numerous service units with her certifications for low challenge course and waterfront course, accompanying on their camping trips and facilitating these activities. She is dedicated to the well-being and advancement of the girls not only in her troop, but in her service unit and council. Ruth always rises to the occasion, teaching practical life skills and sharing her passion for learning. It is the teacher in her, the curious spirit of her heart, which is such a good example to the girls of Hornets' Nest Council.



Willmarie Austin

Council Staff

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In her role as the Membership Engagement Specialist for Cabarrus and Trailblazer Service Units, Willmarie provides direct support to troop volunteers to ensure they have access to quality program and training opportunities. She has been particularly mindful and creative in ensuring program opportunities were available and could be executed safely as our council faced the challenge of keeping traditional Girl Scout programming available while overcoming the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic presented. Through various partnerships and her creativity in delivering programs, she has afforded hundreds of girls in underserved communities the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts.