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## **Girl Scouts to Receive Prestigious Gold and Silver Awards**

*Nearly 300 Girl Scouts to be recognized at annual Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Gold and Silver Award Ceremony.*

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**Philadelphia, PA (January 17, 2020)** — On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 284 girls from [Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania](#) (GSEP) will receive their Gold or Silver Award, the highest awards Girl Scouts can receive. To earn these awards, Girl Scouts must demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable Take Action projects that provide sustainable solutions to make their communities a better place.

“We are proud to recognize nearly 300 inspiring Girl Scouts as they accept the prestigious Gold and Silver Award,” said Kim E. Fraites-Dow, CEO of GSEP. “The leadership skills and commitment to community that these girls have demonstrated goes above and beyond a typical service project. Each of these remarkable young women used empathy and observation to identify a problem in her community, and then recruited a team of advisors and supporters to enact a sustainable solution. These Girl Scouts are future leaders who are making an impact and leading through positive change. I cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work.”

The Girl Scouts’ Take Action projects provide financial benefit to their communities as well, which truly emphasizes the remarkable power of Girl Scouts. Together, this year’s Gold and Silver Award Girl Scouts completed 16,040 hours of community service. Based on the latest service worth estimate of one volunteer hour (\$25.43), this represents a value of over \$407,897 for the nine counties that GSEP serves.

For more information on Girl Scouting’s highest awards, visit: <https://www.gsep.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards.html>

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### **About Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania**

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) is the largest girl-serving organization in Pennsylvania and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEP serves close to 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 15,000 adult volunteers in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia counties. For further information about Girl Scouting, how to join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, call 215-564-2030 or visit [www.gsep.org](http://www.gsep.org).

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