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Girl Scouts is Synonymous with Service

In my mind, Girl Scouts is synonymous with service. From making and donating no-sew blankets to local animal shelters, to educating a community on the opioid epidemic and how to administer Narcan, a Girl Scout learns early the value of service to others and giving back.

Engaging in service to others helps girls become active community members and affords them the recognition they are vital and valued members of that community. It has a lasting impact on the girl and on the community. It takes a lot of dedication and a willingness to try new things, work hard, and remain flexible. Girl Scouts prove time after time they are committed to working toward their goals and improving the world around them.

I very recently attended an annual event that I love being part of – The presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Award. Ten Girl Scouts from our council were honored this year with this prestigious and national award from the President of the United States. I'm all for any opportunity to honor a girl's commitment to her community and recognition of the impact she makes. It makes a difference for the girls on their resumes and college applications too.

This is an award that so many Girl Scouts should be getting and aren't. It's another opportunity to be recognized for the work a Girl Scout is already doing. You can learn more and apply for next year here.

In the spirit of the season and giving back, I call your attention to Girl Scouts' National Service Project, **Fighting Hunger**. It's a national action to support families experiencing food insecurity. The Fighting Hunger Project supports hunger relief efforts by supporting food drives, Thanking a Food Bank Hero, or volunteering at food distribution programs. You can find more information on how to participate here.

I sincerely thank you for all you do in supporting girls on their personal journeys and helping them discover all they can do and be.

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