

MEDIA ALERT

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**An Ode to the Girl Scout Troop Leader
...and First-Aider, Cookie Chair, Event Planner, and More**
*Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles honors a record 176 outstanding volunteers
at special event during National Volunteer Month, April 16*

WHAT: **Move over Melissa McCarthy, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is celebrating the real bosses—**176 outstanding Girl Scout volunteers (troop leaders, trainers, event planners, product sales chairs, and more) during its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, April 16.

[Click here to view volunteer awardee list by city.](#)

A salute to National Volunteer Month (April), the event recognizes the amazing dedication and support these volunteers provide to more than 40,000 LA-area girls.

Awards to be presented will honor volunteers who have dedicated more than 80 years (girl membership and adult membership combined) to the cause of girl empowerment, as well as the Thanks Badge II—Girl Scouts' highest national volunteer award—and several honors to volunteers who established troops in underserved communities, helped girls become leaders, and created meaningful trainings and events.

[Read about this year's Thanks Badge II recipient Ted Oyama \(who oversees a troop of 88+ girls at a Buddhist Temple in Downtown Los Angeles, among other achievements\).](#)

WHEN: **Saturday, April 16, 2016, 12:30–2:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **Pacific Palms Hotel & Conference Center
One Industry Hills Parkway
City of Industry**

WHO: Nearly 500 Girl Scout volunteers, Girl Scouts, and guests; emcee KTLA5 *Morning News* reporter and anchor Lynette Romero (a Girl Scout alumna); and Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Chief Executive Officer Lise Luttgens.

FACTS:

- Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles serves more than 40,000 girls throughout communities in Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties in partnership with 24,000 volunteers.
- Girl Scouts exist *for* girls, but it exists *because of* volunteers.
- Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles provides its programs and services to the girls of our community through the efforts of volunteers from all walks of life.
- There is no experience necessary—except your own—to become a Girl Scout volunteer.

PHOTO/B-ROLL OPPORTUNITIES: Great images of enthusiastic Girls Scout honorees, volunteers, and Girl Scouts; Girl Scout volunteers and representatives available for interviews.