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NORTH WEBSTER – Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council honored its volunteers at a luncheon conducted April 19 at the North Webster Community Center. Each of these volunteers plays a critical role in ensuring girls have the opportunities necessary to discover and nurture the talents and abilities necessary to become successful adults.

"When people think about Girl Scout volunteers, they think exclusively of someone leading a group or girls," explained Jean Orcutt, adult development director at Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council.

"While volunteers who work face to face with girls on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis are vital, there are many volunteers who offer support in a variety of other ways that are just as important to ensure we continue to provide girls with opportunities for growth and empowerment."

One volunteer received her Girl Scout Trainer pin; three honorees were recognized for five years of volunteer service to the Girl Scouts; eight were honored for ten years of service; one honoree was recognized for 15 years of service and one very special member, Mrs. Sally Weirich, was recognized for her incredible 50 years of volunteering in the Girl Scout organization.

"The time and energy each of these volunteers spends dedicated to helping girls grow successful is enormous," said Anne Reel, executive director of Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council. "Through their contributions, they have instilled in girls confidence that will last a lifetime."

Awards that require nomination by one or more girls or adults and board approval included; five outstanding volunteer pins; two outstanding leader pins; four appreciation pins; and two thanks badges.

The highest volunteer award presented went to Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council's own Executive Director, Anne Reel who received the Thanks II badge. "Anne has selflessly committed herself to girls' education and support, leading Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council for over 22 years," says Orcutt.

Adds Linda Blain, council board treasurer, “The girls have always been first and foremost in Anne’s consideration of the path our council takes. She is mindful of the effects her decisions have on others, and even though some of those decisions are not popular, she perseveres because she truly believes in the Girl Scout mission as directed through the Girl Scout Promise and the Law.”

"Because of these volunteers, our girls receive opportunities and experiences that significantly complement the traditional education they receive." said Kerri Hoffman, assistant to the executive director. “It takes a lot of people to help girls grow strong in courage, confidence and character. No contribution is too big or too small. These volunteers give more than their share through their volunteering efforts and we don’t ever want them to forget how much it is appreciated.”

Indiana Lakeland Council serves girls and adults in Noble, Whitley, Kosciusko and Elkhart counties. To learn more about Girl Scouting see www.indianalakeland.org or call toll free at 866.223.7740.

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