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LIGONIER – Laura Gray, daughter of Terry and Matt Gray, received the Girl Scout Gold Award; the highest award a Senior Girl Scout can earn, at Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council’s Girl Awards ceremony conducted at Bethany Church of the Brethren in New Pairs, on Monday, April 14.

The award was presented by Kara Noland, teen projects coordinator at Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council, for distinguished achievement by demonstrating leadership, strength of character, commitment to excellence, service to community, and for exemplifying the ideals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Gray, a 9 year Girl Scout member, focused her community service project on school violence. After creating safety cards with signs and symptoms of potentially violent behavior on one side and basic first aid tips on the other, she produced and distributed them to the teaching staff of both West Noble Middle and West Noble High Schools. Gray also created several posters with similar information to be displayed in the classrooms.

In recognition of her Gold Award, Gray received congratulatory messages from over 30 state and local organizations including; Girl Scouts of the United States Chief Executive Officer Kathy Cloninger, President and Laura Bush, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Senator Evan Byah, and representatives from the FBI, Attorney General, Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, Wrigley Jr. Company, CIA, Navy, Air Force, Kiwanis, Rotary and the Columbia City Elks Lodge #1417.

Gray is a sophomore at West Noble High School, where she maintains outstanding grades and is active in the music and drama programs, Future Problem Solvers, Speech Team and tennis. Gray also competes in scholarship pageants and has won titles including 2005 Miss National Pre-Teen Princess, 2005 Miss National Teen Christmas Spirit and Miss Indiana Junior National Teenager 2007. Gray was also featured on the cover of the teenTREND December 2007/January 2008 edition as their 2007 Trendiest Teen in America. Gray has earned over \$11,000 in college scholarships through her participation in these competitions. Other previous Girl Scout awards earned by Gray include the Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award and the Cadette Girl Scout Silver Award, both the highest awards that can be earned in their respective age levels.