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**GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATES TOMORROW'S WOMEN LEADERS**  
*Silver and Gold Award recipients recognized at May 17 ceremony*

**(St. Paul, Minn.)** More than 225 Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award recipients will be honored by the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley for their leadership and dedication to the community at a ceremony on Thursday, May 17 at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the campus of the College of St. Catherine at 7 p.m.

This year, 58 girls from the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley have earned their Gold Award—the highest award a girl may earn in Girl Scouts. That's 6.5% of the council's eligible registered Girl Scouts in grades 10-12, which exceeds the 2006 national total of 5.4%. In addition, 183 girls have earned their Silver Award—the highest award that Girl Scouts in grades 7-9 may accomplish. Requirements of both awards promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, career exploration, and leadership skills. For the Gold Award, Girl Scouts must plan and implement a leadership project involving a minimum 65 hours of community service over four months.

"For many of these girls, the leadership, organizational skills, sense of community, and commitment that come from earning the Silver and Gold Awards set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship," said Kathleen H. Corley, chief executive officer for the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley.

These young women include Girl Scout Minna Zhou of Woodbury, Minn. who the Girl Scouts of the USA named as one of America's top 13 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, the 2007 National Young Women of Distinction. For her Gold Award project, *Reuniting China and Her Children*, Zhou organized and led classes for adopted Chinese children to keep them connected with their Chinese culture, heritage, and traditions.

Among this year's Silver Award recipients are Rosanne Ricci and Hayley Hawkins who responded to the death their classmate, Stephen Hubbard, by developing a child

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abuse prevention workshop that served more than 600 elementary school students in Roberts and Hammond, Wisc. They also raised funds and worked with area businesses to establish the Stephen Hubbard Memorial scholarship for graduating seniors pursuing a degree in social work, psychology, or education.

“We are extremely proud of all of our award recipients,” added Corley. “These awards represent the culmination of many years of learning skills and applying those skills to everyday life in order to discover, connect, and take action as they make our world a better place.”

For more information about the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award please contact the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley at 651-227-8835 or visit [www.girlscoutscv.org](http://www.girlscoutscv.org).

### **About the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley**

In partnership with 7,100 adult volunteers, the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley helps more than 17,000 girls grow strong in 11 counties of eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Girl Scouts is the world’s preeminent organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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**Editor's note: Below is a geographic breakdown of the 2007 Gold Award recipients. Both Silver and Gold Award recipients are available for interviews upon request.**

**Arden Hills, Minn.**

Elizabeth Early Larrabee  
Emily Mae Paulsen

**Cottage Grove, Minn.**

Tricia Denise Ellis  
Mary Elizabeth Foy  
Kristirose Dianne Renwick

**Falcon Heights, Minn.**

Emily Mari Mendenhall

**Hugo, Minn.**

Margaret Kathleen Crabtree

**Inver Grove Heights, Minn.**

Anya Ingrid Benda  
Laura Murphy Bukowski  
Annie Elizabeth Johnson  
Danielle Elizabeth Miller  
Samantha Rae Miller  
Alyssa Michele Pawlenty  
Rachel Rose Pawlenty  
Ashley Anne Schreiber  
Caitlin Marie Vogel  
Sadie Kammerer Ward  
Megan Charlotte Webb

**Lake Elmo, Minn.**

Katelyn J. Beres

**Little Canada**

Alyssa Ann Hencley

**Lino Lakes, Minn.**

Amy Laura Johnson

**Luck, Wisc.**

Jennifer Ashley Roberts

**Mahtomedi, Minn.**

Jacola Ann Roman

**Mendota Heights, Minn.**

Rebecca Lenore Bisciglia  
Lauren Marie Jessen

**New Brighton, Minn.**

Lisa RoseAnn Brunell  
Christine Crawford  
Amy Virginia Fritz  
Allison Anne Gilbert  
Amanda Lynne Gilbert  
Madeline Renee Hansen  
Christine Victoria Mennicke  
Katrina Monika Peterson  
Rachel Claire Smith  
Anne Loraine Smithberger  
Denise Simone Victora  
Samantha Kayla Wagner

**Oakdale, Minn.**

Lauren Richele Brin

**Osceola, Wisc.**

Jordyn M. Haley  
Calli LaDonna Bjornstad  
Danielle Kristine Norlander

**Roberts, Wisc.**

Lindsey Marie Meyer

**Roseville, Minn.**

Haley Elaine Eagon  
Madeline Sally Lee  
Ellen Ann Voermans

**Rush City, Minn.**

Amy Jo Carlson

**St. Paul, Minn.**

Veronica Grace Beaty  
Kaozouapa Elizabeth Lee  
Meitra A. Karimi  
Mary Nan Root  
Zoua Yang

**St. Paul Park**

Amanda Louise Zenner

**Shoreview, Minn.**

Jo Anne Jackson

**Star Prairie, Wisc.**

Danielle Evelyn Gorka  
Amanda Lee Rogers

**White Bear Lake**

Lillian A. L. Frink  
Amanda Mae Scheid

**Woodbury, Minn.**

Minna Zhou