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### MANIYA WHITWORTH EARNS GIRL SCOUTS' HIGHEST HONOR

(Colfax, NC – June 13, 2019) – Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont is pleased to announce that Maniya Whitworth, Greensboro earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Whitworth, daughter of Ronnie Whitworth and Deborah Flowers and a member of Girl Scout Troop 41419, worked in partnership with Backpack Beginnings to start a food pantry at a local elementary school that has a rate of 99% of students who are economically disadvantaged.

By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, Whitworth has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.

"Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award designation is truly a remarkable achievement, and this young woman exemplifies leadership in all its forms," said Lane Cook, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont. "She saw a need in her community and took action. Her extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership, is making the world a better place."

The Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting; it recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects. After the minimum requirements are completed, the Gold Award project is the culmination of a girl's demonstration of self-discipline, leadership ability, time management, creativity, initiative and a significant mastery of skills. Each girl must dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to planning and implementing her project, which must benefit the community and have long lasting impact. Since 1916, girls have successfully answered the call to go gold, an act that

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indelibly marks them as accomplished members of their communities and the world.

Some universities and colleges offer scholarships unique to Gold Award recipients, and girls who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces may receive advanced rank in recognition of their achievements.

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**About Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont**

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, a United Way agency, is one of 111 councils nationwide chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to deliver Girl Scout program within specific geographic boundaries. The local council serves over 12,000 girls and 6,000 adult volunteers in 40 counties and maintains three camp properties and four service centers offering unique experiences for girls and adults. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCP2P, call 800-672-2148 or visit [www.girlscoutsp2p.org](http://www.girlscoutsp2p.org).

**We're Girl Scouts of the USA**

We're 2.5 million strong —more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> to change the world. Our extraordinary journey began more than 100 years ago with the original G.I.R.L., Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low. On March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, she organized the very first Girl Scout troop, and every year since, we've honored her vision and legacy of building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. We're the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

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