



Among the young DeKalb County women receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award are, from left, Mary Honeychurch of Tucker, Elizabeth Sumpter of Stone Mountain, Sami Malik of Dunwoody, Jessie Trawick of Tucker, Sarah Brannon of Norcross, a member of Troop 1304 in DeKalb County, and Morgan Coffey of Dunwoody.



Catherine Black of Dunwoody, Michelle Buckner of Stone Mountain, Melissa Burns of Dunwoody, Sanjanna Greenlund of Stone Mountain, Jackie Linzer of Decatur, Kelly Parry of Avondale Estates, Katherine Patton of Dunwoody

12 DeKalb County girls earn Girl Scouting's highest honor

Twelve young women from DeKalb County were among 81 Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. who recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting.

Catherine Black of Dunwoody, the daughter of **Diane** and **William Black**, collected discarded crayons from restaurants to melt down and create new crayons. She then donated the new crayons to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite and an orphanage in Brad, Romania.

Michelle Buckner of Stone Mountain, the daughter of **Joanne** and **Robert Buckner**, created a program to help feed needy children on weekends and during school breaks.

Melissa Burns of Dunwoody, the daughter of **Dorothy** and **Peter Burns**, created a program to teach Archibald Smith Plantation visitors about food preparation during the 19th century.

Morgan Coffey of Dunwoody, the daughter of **Alisa Coffey**, created a supply kit to help victims of domestic violence.

Sanjanna Greenlund of Stone Mountain, the daughter of **Shruti** and

Kurt Greenlund, worked with Harmony Grove Preschool to integrate an outdoor classroom into their curriculum.

Mary Honeychurch of Tucker, the daughter of **Sallie** and **Steven Honeychurch**, organized a summer music camp at a daycare for underprivileged children.

Jackie Linzer of Decatur, the daughter of **Claudine** and **Jeff Linzer**, created a cost-savings, healthy eating cookbook for families who rely on food-stamps.

Sami Malik of Dunwoody, the daughter of **Beverly** and **Dale Malik**, created a handbook for novice volunteers and riders at North Wind Equine Rescue and Blue Skies Riding Academy.

Kelly Parry of Avondale Estates, the daughter of **Maggie** and **Richard Parry**, cleaned-up the courtyard at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Tucker.

Katherine Patton of Dunwoody, the daughter of **Joan** and **Neal Patton**, helped an underprivileged school in Russellville, Ala., collect books for the library.

Elizabeth Sumpter of Stone Mountain, the daughter of **Janelle** and **Joseph Sumpter**, hosted a Community Health Fair and Screening Day for residents of Stone Mountain and Lilburn.

Jessie Trawick of Tucker, the daughter of **Susan** and **Charles Trawick**, organized and ran a middle school quiz bowl tournament at Chamblee Middle School.

A girl who earns the Girl Scout Gold Award completes components that help her build skills in leadership, communication, time management, presentation, delegation, interpersonal relationships, responsibility and commitment. She explores and demonstrates setting short- and long-term goals, while developing her own self-potential and values. She then combines the skills gained through this process to design, plan, implement and evaluate a 65-hour project that makes a significant difference in her community. This process takes three to four years to complete. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the equivalent to Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout rank.

Isaac named to Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta nominating committee

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta recently announced the addition of **Yvonne Isaac** to the Nominating

Committee of the Board of Directors.

Isaac, a resident of Stone Mountain, is vice president for

operations of Full Spectrum of NY. She is responsible for the management of all the firm's development projects from design through construction completion and conversion, as well as corporate business operations. Isaac is a former board member of the former Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Sarah Lawrence College.

Isaac was elected to the Nominating Committee at the 2009 annual meeting of Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. Delegates, representing members from across a 34 county area, approved a slate of nominees for Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta's Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

In addition to Isaac, **Angela Lawrence**, vice-president for Harleysville Insurance, and current board member **Keith Green**, senior vice president at ING Americas, were elected to serve on the board's Nominating Committee.

The new members to the Board of Directors, whose terms will begin July 1, are: **Ileana Martinez**, a partner at the law firm Thompson Hine; **Nicole Merritt**, vice president of public affairs for Cox Communications, Inc.; **Mary Plant**, a community volunteer and former Olympic gold medal winner; and **Patrice Walker**, an associate in the litigation practice group at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs.

The Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta consists of volunteers elected by the delegates.



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