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GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND VOLUNTEER WINS AFL-CIO SCOUTING AWARD

Becky Williams' volunteerism has the AFL-CIO doling out the praise. The longtime Girl Scout troop leader recently received the Central Ohio AFL-CIO's Girl Scout Award. The Central Ohio AFL-CIO Scouting Awards are local recognitions presented to male and female union members for outstanding service to children through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the USA.

Williams was one of three individuals honoured at the 52nd annual George Meany Awards banquet held March 24 at Villa Milano. The event hosted by the Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO and the United Way of Central Ohio Community Services department. The Meany Awards banquet is known as the largest labor recognition of its kind in the country.

Williams, who resides in Orient, has volunteered as the leader of Grove City Girl Scout Junior Troop #1381 for the last five years and the Day Camp unit leader at Camp Ken-Jockey for four years. She has led her troop in everything from campouts at COSI to collecting clothes for the homeless, food for local pantries, batteries for the Heinzerling Foundation and much more. In her professional life, Williams has taught in South-Western City Schools for the last 18 years. She's a math teacher and a member of the Southwest Education Association and the Ohio Education Association.

About the Girl Scouts

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the premier leadership development program for girls age 5 to 18. The mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is shaping the next generation of women leaders through leadership and service in the arts, science, technology, environment, etiquette, and numerous other experiences that are contemporary, compelling and relevant to today's girls.

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, headquartered in Columbus, serves 35,000 girls and 10,000 adult volunteers in 30 counties: Adams, Ashland, Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Guernsey, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Union, Vinton, Wayne and Wyandot.

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