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APVA Member Spotlight



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Katie Smith, Volunteer Initiatives Manager at GSNC:

I have been a volunteer manager for several years, and have had the privilege of managing volunteers at Heart of Florida United Way, Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, and now Girl Scouts of Nassau County. I also served as a member of AmeriCorps at the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, where I managed volunteers and interns.

I think that people are at their best when they are serving others, and I have been lucky enough to be surrounded by volunteers for much of my career.

I am a member of APVA so I can learn from other volunteer managers and so we can unite to promote volunteerism and our field.

Girl Scouts of Nassau County: We're 27, 000 strong – 27, 000 girls and adults who believe every girl from Nassau County can change the world. It began over 100 years ago with one woman, Juliette Gordon “Daisy” Low, who believed in the power of every girl. Today, we continue her vision of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place by helping them discover their inner strength, passion and talents.

And with programs in Nassau County, across Long Island and throughout the United States, there's a chance for every girl to do something amazing. We're the Girl Scouts.



Featured Volunteer, Basia Damsker: Basia Damsker has been a Girl Scout Volunteer for over 25 years. She was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and now serves as a volunteer for council-wide events as well as with her local association. She recently received the Girl Scout Volunteer Thanks Badge, one of the most prestigious recognitions given to Girl Scout Volunteers, for her work as a Gold Award Mentor.

As a Gold Award Mentor, she helps girls who are working on the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Basia is a Girl Scout through and through. GSNC is lucky to have Basia!

