



## Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Volunteers of the Month for September 2013

*Congratulations to the following volunteers!  
Look for the next Volunteer of the Month feature in the fall. Enjoy your summer!*

**Missy Blauvelt** is a volunteer in the Penn Yan/Dundee service unit. Missy has been involved with Girl Scouts for many years and is always willing to help out in any way she can. She has frequently helped on the service team, assisting the service unit manager in many ways. She's held product sale positions as well. Recently when the service unit needed someone to step into the service unit manager role, Missy did, willingly. She worked hard to keep Girl Scouting strong in her community and provide support to the volunteers who were working directly with girls. We are fortunate to have Missy as a Girl Scout volunteer.

*(PHELPS SERVICE CENTER)*

**Cindy Mather** has been involved in GS for many years as a troop leader and service team member. After Cindy's youngest daughter graduated from high school several years ago, she not only continued in her role as service unit treasurer, but also began mentoring new troops in her area and became a valuable part of our awards committee which reviews proposals several times each year. She is always there to lend a helping hand and moral support whenever anyone needs her.

*(CICERO SERVICE CENTER)*

**Marie Owens** is the Registrar/Recruiter for the Valley Hills Service Unit. The service unit is in the process of rebuilding it's team, and Marie has stepped up to help CDMs by attending the first team meeting, helping with banking issues, helping volunteers with eBiz and setting up the first service unit meeting of the year. Thank you Marie for helping us at this challenging time. You are helping Girl Scouting grow in the Valley Hills area.

**Wendy Page** has been a volunteer with Girl Scouts for many years! She began as a new leader moving to our area from out of state. As a new leader, she brought along great ideas, thoughts, training and knowledge from her former council area. She has had great success with her daughter's troops and has worked with them to earn higher awards. Wendy has a great relationship with the girls, parents and all leaders in service unit 240. She has been doing all product sales over the past several years and has been a co-service unit manager until this year. When her co-SUM stepped down this past year, Wendy has taken the lead to pull the unit together and re-organize. This was a challenge as SU240 is a large unit covering New Hartford, Whitesboro, Yorkville, New York Mills and Utica! We are working on getting more volunteers to help with the service unit, but know they are going in a great direction because of Wendy's leadership! Thank you Wendy for all you do with the service unit, product sales and for our volunteers and girls!!!

*(NEW HARTFORD SERVICE CENTER)*

**Lin Perry** is not only the leader of a Cadette troop with 20 girls, she is both the fall product and cookie volunteer for her service unit. Her smile and positive energy are so contagious! Lin makes being a Girl Scout fun! We appreciate all you do, Lin, making a difference in the lives of young women and the support you provide your fellow leaders.

*(JOHNSON CITY SERVICE CENTER)*

**Vera Rasmussen** is a valuable resource to the Girl Scouts of the Indian Trails Service Unit and one of our most experienced volunteers. The Indian Trails Service Unit, consisting of Fort Drum and the surrounding communities, is a growing Girl Scout unit. The growth we have experienced in the past three years is directly attributed to the volunteers that have been with the unit for many years, as Vera has been. Vera's husband is retired military, and when the Rasmussen family chose to stay in the Fort Drum area, Vera dedicated much of her time to Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc. She provides the stability necessary to the unit, which has a very high rate of volunteer turnover. Vera is a GSNYPENN trainer, ensuring that the constantly changing troop leaders are uniformly and consistently trained in the Girl Scout leadership model.

*(WATERTOWN SERVICE CENTER)*

*Council staff will be choosing a volunteer from each service center's area each month. Volunteers may also submit nominations for Volunteer of the Month by contacting your council representative.*