



girl scouts
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mountains to midlands

BOOTS & Pearls

2017

**NOMINATION
PACKET**



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Karen H. Mitchell Women of Distinction Award

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Background

The Karen H. Mitchell Women of Distinction Event is a recognition and fundraising event that celebrates and honors outstanding women from the Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union areas for their professional accomplishments, service to others, and impact on their community. The Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands Inc. is calling upon the public to help identify women who exemplify excellence both through their achievements as well as their community volunteerism. Honorees will be chosen based on the following criteria which aligns with the Girl Scout mission: Building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

One of the highlights of this unique event will be a video presentation in which selected honorees have the opportunity to share the contributions they have made in improving the quality of life in our community. Their achievements and visibility set a powerful example for our 15,000 girls and volunteers involved in Girl Scouting.

Today, Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands, Inc. serves girls ages 5-17 throughout 22 counties of the Midlands and Upstate regions of South Carolina. Girl Scouting exists to transform today's girls into tomorrow's leaders. Girls today face many critical issues including bullying, childhood obesity, teen pregnancy, issues of self-esteem, substance abuse and pressure to perform in school. Participation in Girl Scouting has been proven to make a life-long difference. Our leadership, Board Chair Rebecca Lever and CEO Kim Hutzell, along with a 24-member volunteer Board of Directors, remain committed to being an advocate for every girl, everywhere and building girls of courage, confidence, and character so that they may make the world a better place.

Eligibility

Nominees must reside or work within the Spartanburg Regional Service Area of the Council's service jurisdiction (including Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union counties), but **DO NOT** have to be former Girl Scouts. Once all nominations are submitted, a panel will review each nomination and make selections based on the following criteria:

1. Courage: Bravery, valor and resolution
2. Confidence: Self-assurance, self-confidence, poise, assurance and buoyancy
3. Character: Charm, appeal, charisma, personality, an "Unsung Hero"

Names are removed before nominations are sent to the selection committee to make the process as non-biased as possible.

Karen H. Mitchell

The Boots & Pearls Women of Distinction Award is named in honor of long-time community volunteer and supporter, Karen H. Mitchell. She was the first chair of the Board of Directors of the newly aligned Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands Council in April, 2007. Prior to that, Karen served as a Girl Scout leader and member-at-large on the legacy Girl Scouts of the Piedmont Area Council, which served Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union counties. In fact, she is largely credited with having sustained that council through rough times when resources and stable leadership were lacking. As the epitome of a woman of courage, confidence, and character, and thanks to her tireless efforts, Karen provided the crucial leadership needed during the transition from three legacy councils and three counties from a fourth council, to form today's council spanning 22 counties in the Midlands and Upstate. She is now serving her third term on the Mountains to Midlands Board and is a member of the Development and Legislative Committees. She formerly served as Chair of the Mary Black Foundation Board and on the boards of the University of South Carolina Upstate Foundation, United Way of the Piedmont and League of Women Voters.

Checklist for Nominators

Please note:

Only complete nomination packets can be forwarded to the committee for consideration.

- ◆ Nominator contact information
- ◆ Resume or short biography of the nominee
- ◆ Statement of Nomination
- ◆ Any additional supporting information

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name (Ms./Mrs./Miss/Dr./Rev./Other) _____

Home Address

_____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Address

_____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Title _____

Employer _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

2. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____
_____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to the Nominee _____

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3. RESUME

Please provide a copy of your nominee's resume and/or a short biography.

4. STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

Using the guidelines below, tell us in writing about your nominee and why she should be chosen as one of this year's Women of Distinction. This statement of nomination should be no more than three typed pages.

- Briefly describe the nominee's background and accomplishments.
 - Briefly describe the nominee's volunteer contributions to her community.
 - Identify organizations (professional and/or volunteer) in which nominee has taken a leadership role and briefly describe the work performed by the nominee.
 - Identify how this nominee has demonstrated courage, confidence and character in the community.
 - If applicable, tell us about this nominee's experience or interest in Girl Scouts. How do her traits and accomplishments align with the Girl Scout mission?
 - List any awards/recognitions the nominee has received.
 - Indicate why you feel this candidate is a role model for today's girls, and therefore should be honored as a Woman of Distinction.
 - Is the candidate positioned to network with area businesses and individuals in soliciting support for the programs and initiatives of the Girl Scouts?
 - Please provide any additional information you believe the Women of Distinction Nominating and Selection Committee should consider about the nominee.
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5. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (OPTIONAL, BUT EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE SELECTION PROCESS)

- Up to three letters of support may be submitted. The letters of support should refer to your nominee by name, refer to Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Women of Distinction Award, describe the accomplishments of your nominee and state reasons she is a role model for today's girls and women.
 - Additional materials that further support your responses to the above questions may be included. These can include, but are not limited to, news clippings, video tapes, photos and letters of support.
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**Mail your completed application packet
by August 6, 2017 to:**

Girl Scouts of South Carolina
Mountains to Midlands, Inc.
Spartanburg Service Center
Attn: Women of Distinction Selection Committee
349-A East Blackstock Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Fax to 864-587-7367

Questions?

Women of Distinction Committee
Darlene Evans, Upstate Fund Development Coordinator
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*Thank you for helping us recognize outstanding women
as role models for girls!*