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Community honors to be given out at fund-raiser for Girl Scouts

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Several community honors for the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area will be bestowed during “A Toast to Our Friends” event to benefit Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois on Thursday, April 23.

The 6 p.m. event will be at the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, Roy G. Karro Building, 2425 Prairie Meadow Drive, Iowa City. Event chair Lisa Bluder, head coach of the University of Iowa women’s basketball team, will oversee an evening with a silent auction, a tour of the Hall of Fame, heavy hors d’oeuvres and wine tasting by Dimitri Wine & Spirits.

This year’s Growing Strong Award recipients include:

Corporate Honoree - KCRG/Gazette Communications: Chuck Peters and John Phelan will be recognized for their in-kind support of non-profits, including Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois, with their promotion of events, the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and in the past for their backing of a new Girl Scouts office in Cedar Rapids. They are always willing to support women from Girl Scouts to women’s sports. Their leadership serves the community with honesty and character.

Civic and Non-Profit Honoree - Rape Victim Advocacy Program: The organization has always been “on call” for 36 years in serving others, especially women who constitute the overwhelming majority of the victims they serve.

Individual Honoree - Chris Peterson Brus: She’s director of the Women in Science and Engineering Program at the University of Iowa, where she develops, promotes and directs programs that increase the advancement and retention of women into the science, technology, engineering and math workforce.

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Platinum Award Honoree for Leadership During a Crisis - Christine Scheetz: She's president and chief executive officer of United Way of Johnson County and is a leader in the community. Her leadership skills were tested during last June's floods and her resilience and strength helped keep United Way services going strong during a tough period.

Other event committee members include: Bill Bywater, Sue Evans, Sue Freeman, Teri Garrett, Dr. Christine Grant, Lori Lacina, Lindsey Litton, Paul Miller, Kathy Petsche and Tom Walljasper.

Tickets for "A Toast to Our Friends" are \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. To purchase tickets before April 20 or for additional information, call Joyce Vance at 319-752-3639 or send e-mail to JoyceV@GSEIWI.org.

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Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois serves 20,000 girls in 38 counties in Iowa and Illinois.

*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.
Did you know that one in every six girls is a Girl Scout?*