

Thursday January 11, 2018

RE: Nomination for Mary Luna-Duffy

Mary Luna-Duffy in addition to her career accomplishments, has also made a large impact on our community as a Girl Scout leader. Mary has been a troop leader for a group of 12 to as many as 16 girls, for the past 6 years. She has put countless hours into teaching our girls kindness, acceptance, problem-solving and how to become young leaders.

Mary's work within the Girl Scouts was first rewarded 3 years ago, when she received the Volunteer of Excellence award. The award recognized Mary for her outstanding service working directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience as well as her success at delivering the council's mission to both girl and adult members.

Most recently Mary's troop has taken on the challenge of earning the Bronze Award which is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The girls landed on the idea of improving their community by making improvements at their elementary school. The project includes playground improvements, outdoor storage, planting trees, building a little free library for the front entrance, adding plant signage to the butterfly garden along with other improvements. Mary has taught the girls about the planning and cost estimating process. She also worked with the girls on creating a display and presentation for the project. The girls themselves under her leadership have presented their project to school administrators, city council, the elementary PTA and other community organizations in order to raise money for the project. What an invaluable experience for these young girls! Mary understands the importance of civic duty and I'm thrilled that she's passing that on to our girls, so that they may become future leaders and take community betterment to the next level.

Please consider Mary to be an excellent and very deserving candidate of the Forty Under 40 award.

Thank you,
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