

Girl Scout fund established

NORTHFIELD—An endowment fund for Girl Scout driven environmental research, restoration, and preservation programs within the Cannon River Watershed Region — Rice, Goodhue, Dakota, Steele, LeSueur, and Waseca Counties — has been established by C. Lynn Vincent, former chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Cannon Valley which recently merged with four other councils to become Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys (River Valleys). The purpose of the fund is to increase the interest and participation of girls in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields of education and careers.

The American Association of University Women reported that girls lag behind boys in taking physics and advanced math courses, and they are significantly less likely to envision themselves

in a science-related career at the end of high school.

Vincent challenges the community to join her by making donations to the endowment fund, which is held at the Minnesota Community Foundation. Endowment donations leave a legacy; they work year after year for the future of Girl Scouting. At least five percent of the interest will be earned each year. People can contribute to the fund by sending their donations to Lynn's Fund, Minnesota Community Foundation, 55 Fifth Street East – Suite 600, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1797.

For more information about the Cannon River Watershed Region endowment fund or other ways to support Girl Scouts, call 800-845-0787 or visit www.girlscoutsrv.org or www.girlscout-srv.org.

