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**Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Announces 2023 Leading Women Honorees**  
*The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Leading Women Awards will be held on  
March 23, 2023 at the Sheraton Copley Boston*

**Waltham, Mass.**– [Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts \(GSEMA\)](#), the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and 9<sup>th</sup> largest Girl Scout council in the United States, will honor five remarkable women who serve as exemplary role models for today’s Girl Scouts. As one of Boston’s premier leadership recognition event for women, the Leading Women Awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of women in eastern Massachusetts.

**Beth Chandler**, President & CEO, YW Boston, **Melodie Knowlton**, Senior Director of Community Affairs & Global Head of STEAM Education, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, **Amy Latimer**, President, TD Garden, **Isis Ortiz-Belton**, Vice President, Eastern Bank and President, ALPFA Boston and **Jane Steinmetz**, Boston Office Managing Principal, EY will all be honored at the Leading Women Awards celebration on March 23, 2023 at Sheraton Copley Boston. These five women have set outstanding examples on the tenacity of women’s courage, confidence, and character.

In addition, GSEMA will recognize **P&G Gillette** with its Corporate Change Maker Award, which is given to corporations that demonstrate a significant dedication to female leadership development through financial support and service to the organization. Since 2020, P&G Gillette has partnered with GSEMA on an array of initiatives from virtual programming during the pandemic on how they engineered face shields for doctors to being annual sponsors and participants of our STEM Conference and Golf for Girl Scouts tournament.

“This year, we celebrate a milestone year for our Leading Women Awards. For 30 years, we have honored women who are making differences in their communities and serving as amazing role models for our Girl Scouts,” said Barbara Fortier, CEO, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. “Each one of these women represents the diversity of leadership in the community and beyond, and promote inclusion and opportunity for girls and women. Our Girl Scouts need women like them to look up to and I am excited to hear from them at our event.”

The event features a fireside chat moderated by NECN Commentator Sue O’Connell. Additionally, our Leading Women will be joined by five accomplished Girl Scouts, to discuss how their experiences helped them leverage tools to create independence, find the courage to fail and keep trying, and use their power to do good.

To learn more about the Leading Women Awards and/or to sponsorship/purchase tickets, please visit [www.gsema.org/leadingwomen](http://www.gsema.org/leadingwomen).

For more information on Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please visit their website, [www.gsema.org](http://www.gsema.org), or follow their social media channels, [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#), for the latest updates on the organization.

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**About Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts**

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) is 30,000 strong, with 20,000 girls and 10,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts, building girl scouts of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEMA is the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Girl Scout council in the United States. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit [gsema.org](http://gsema.org).

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