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METALS INDUSTRY RAISES \$535,000 FOR LOCAL SCOUTING [VIEW PHOTOS HERE](#)

CHICAGO – On Thursday, May 18, 2017, the Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council hosted the largest social gathering of welding professionals in North America, known as the Metals Industry Dinner at the Hilton Chicago.

This year's dinner connected 1,020 metals industry professionals across the country and raised \$535,000, making it one of the year's largest financial contributions to the Pathway to Adventure Council. The funds will benefit Scouts pursuing their Welding Merit Badge as well as programs such as STEM Scouts.

During the event, three young men from the Welding Exploring Post 9228 surprised Executive Committee member James Garbett with the Good Scout award for his 30-year commitment to scouting. During his time on the committee, Mr. Garbett raised over \$2 million dollars which helped fund career development programs that have impacted the lives of many Scouts, particularly those in Welding Exploring Post 9228.

The Executive Committee for the 2017 Metals Industry Dinner was led by Co-Chairs Jon Romanovich (Nelsen Steel Company) and Catherine DiGiacinto (Nucor Sheet Mill Group.) Other committee members included Jack Biegalski and Jim Garbett (ArcelorMittal USA), Kyle Bingham (Cargill), Paul Ioriatti (Earle M. Jorgensen Company), Jill Loeser (Gerdau Special Steel North America), Ryan Murphy (Leeco Steel LLC), Tamela Olt (SSAB Americas), Lori Hahn (Steel Dynamics Sales North America, Inc.), Brad Sterlin (United Scrap Metal), and John Clifford (United States Steel Corporation.)

Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation's foremost youth program for character development and values-based leadership training to more than 23,500 youth from kindergarten through high school in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. More than 8,000 adult volunteer leaders deliver Scouting's impactful programs to help young people be "Prepared. For Life." Programs include: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, co-ed Venturing, co-ed Sea Scouts, co-ed career Exploring, and co-ed STEM Scouts. To learn more, visit www.PathwayToAdventure.org.

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