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Randa Williams exemplifies the true spirit of America as a business executive, citizen and dedicated servant to her community.

In the early 1980s, Ms. Williams applied to a local volunteer fire department, but her application was denied because of her gender. She sued the town, village and three fire clubs to allow women to serve as firefighters, and her case became national news. Ms. Williams ultimately prevailed, and her efforts paved the way for other women firefighters.

Ms. Williams has been involved in Girl Scouts for over five decades. During that time, she has shared the value of community service with thousands of girls. She has participated in every aspect of scouting, from Assistant Den Mother to Day Camp Director and Cookie Manager. The Genesee Valley Girl Scouts has recognized her hard work with the Great Scout Award, Green Angel Award, Achievement Award and Honor Award. Ms. Williams is thrilled to be involved and participate with her granddaughter's troop.

In every aspect of her life, Ms. Williams' focus is to serve her community. In the past 10 years, she has rescued many horses from slaughter, and currently owns and cares for five horses that she has saved. She has also served as lead speaker at the Take Back the Night program at SUNY Brockport.

From 1982 to 1995, Ms. Williams owned and operated Sams Auto Parts; she is current owner of MHL Performance, a speed parts company in the Town of Bergen. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from State University of New York Empire and a Master's degree from SUNY Brockport. She has four children – Trisa, Emma, Thomas, and James – and 14 grandchildren.