

**Patti Garibay**  
**National Executive Director**  
**American Heritage Girls, Inc.**

Patti Garibay is founder and Executive Director of the national scouting organization, the American Heritage Girls. Educated at the Ohio State University with a major in secondary education and French, Patti shares a love of history and youth. She enjoyed several roles in theatre productions throughout her high school and college years and served as the Senior Class President of her all-girls High School.

Patti and her husband Pat, of twenty-nine years, are blessed with four grown children, three girls and a boy and one grandson with two grandkids on the way. Together they enjoy membership at Springdale Church of the Nazarene where they have served in a variety of volunteer roles including interim Children's Pastors.

While a stay at home mom, raising her children, Patti served in a variety of capacities as a volunteer. Church, school and scouts were the outlets for Patti's volunteer service. As a Girl Scout volunteer for over twelve years in both the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council (Cincinnati) and the Nation's Capital Girl Scout Council (Washington, DC), she served as Council Delegate, Troop Organizer for her community, Special Events coordinator, Day Camp Director, Day Camp Unit Leader, Service Unit Team Member and Troop Leader. While in the Girl Scouts, she received numerous recognitions for outstanding performance as a recruiter and troop leader.

Patti and her four siblings were raised by a disabled father, who lived with MS for forty years before his death in 2004. His encouraging attitude of "Why curse the darkness when you can light a candle?" inspired Patti as she founded the faith-based alternative to the Girl Scouts, the American Heritage Girls in 1995. She served the organization as its first volunteer President and Executive Director for five years before becoming a paid staff member. She also served as a Unit Leader for AHG for nine years.

Her volunteer experience with youth, church and civic organizations spans twenty years. In 2004 she was honored as a Woman of Excellence by her local Chamber of Commerce. Patti has interviewed for hundreds of media outlets during her tenure as National Executive Director and enjoys public speaking. It is her distinct pleasure to serve as the director of the God-appointed ministry of the American Heritage Girls.