



Celebrating 100 Years of

**Changing
the World**

Message from the Board President and CEO



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New adventures. Friendship. Confidence.

With Girl Scouts, all girls have the opportunity to belong, to discover, to connect with others, and take action through service to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouting is one voice and one movement for girls. Parents tell us that their daughters grow in confidence; show greater academic progress; enhance their social, communication, and team work skills; and develop a strong work ethic when they participate in Girl Scouting.

In Girl Scouting, girls learn there are no limits to who they are and what they can achieve.

Thanks to friends like you, we are able to provide a Girl Scout Leadership Experience focused in the areas of healthy living, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), the out of doors, and business entrepreneurship (the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program).

As one voice, in alignment with Girl Scouts of the USA, our 2014-15 council strategy focused on:

- ♦ Serving more girls, from more diverse backgrounds
- ♦ Delivering quality, fun experiences that inspire girls to learn new things

- ♦ Growing the resources for investment in girls; and
- ♦ Retaining and developing quality volunteers who deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through troops, events, series, travel, and outdoor programs.

Year-end data indicates that we are making steady progress toward achieving our goals.

Girls and families matter!

As one movement, our future strategies will include the voice of girls, their families, and caregivers. The board of directors continues to seek input from throughout our region to identify:

- ♦ How families today spend their time;
- ♦ What families want so that their daughters develop character and values while achieving personal and academic success;
- ♦ How the Girl Scout Leadership Experience supports families and girls; and
- ♦ What our council should focus on to provide girls and families what they want and need to thrive in today's world.

Girl Scouting Works!

As a community, your commitment to girls through your volunteer time, advocacy, leadership, networks, mentoring, and financial support ensures that all girls have the opportunity to belong, to serve, and to grow.

With appreciation, Rae and Sue

The Girl Scout Gold Award

“Celebrating 100 Years of Changing the World”

For the last century, millions of Girl Scout alumnae have created, developed, and executed “Take Action” projects that have positively impacted their communities and the world, earning Girl Scouts' highest award.

The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life, a research study by the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI), reaffirms the lifetime benefits award recipients receive pertaining to positive sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership, life success, community service, and civic engagement. Girl Scouts is excited to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scout Gold Award excellence, innovation, and visionary leadership in 2016, and to continue empowering future generations of girls to follow their dreams, discover their passions, and make a global impact.

The GSRI report also highlights that those who have earned Girl Scouts' highest award feel they have had success in their lives (95%), their education (94%), their careers (92%), and their financial life (78%) because of the unique and powerful experiences they had access to through Girl Scouting.

And it's not just Girl Scouts who understand the value of the Gold Award. Many universities and colleges offer scholarships unique to award recipients, and girls who enlist in the U.S. armed forces may receive advanced rank in recognition of their achievements.

About the Girl Scout Gold Award

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable change in their communities and around the world. The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, acknowledges the power behind each recipient's dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others. These young women are courageous leaders and visionary change makers. They are our future, and it looks bright!



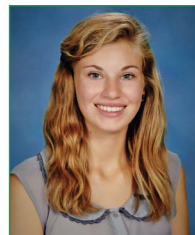
Amanda Aungst



Rachael Barkoot



Cameron Buxton



Rebecca Elsishans



Regine Francois



Samantha Hyatt



Ashlynn Martin

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award that Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors can earn. A project must involve a minimum of 80 hours and include the following steps: identifying an issue, investigating it thoroughly, getting help and building a team, creating a plan, presenting the plan, gathering feedback, taking action, and educating and inspiring others. It is more than just a good service project – it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills.

2015 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients



Miranda Morrison



Sydney Otis



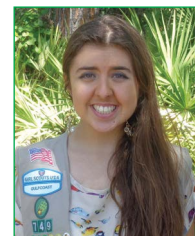
Sydney Ring



Marissa Tanner



Ellie Tsuchiya



Grace Wickerson

Girl Scouts Young Women of Distinction

13

girls earned the
Girl Scout
Gold Award

37

girls earned the
Girl Scout
Silver Award

137

girls earned the
Girl Scout
Bronze Award

18

girls received the
Dr. Elinor Crawford
Girl Scout
College Scholarship

140

girls earned the
Journey
Summit Award

124

girls earned
Religious
Recognition

To learn more about these outstanding young women visit our website at www.gsgcf.org/girls/gold-award

JANUARY

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a rainbow wristband, is smiling and holding a large white paper airplane. The airplane is decorated with various scientific drawings: a purple DNA double helix on the upper wing, a blue heart on the lower wing, and green and blue squiggly lines with small circles and stars on the fuselage. The background shows a clear blue sky, a large tree with green leaves, and a brick building.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 New Year's Day Council offices closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	 8 Pre Orders for Girl Scout Cookies start TODAY!	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Council offices closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16
17  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day National Day of Service	18	19	20	21	22	23 GSGCF Annual Meeting of the Council 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31      						

Did You
Know?

In a recent survey of our council's volunteers, 93% agreed that, in Girl Scouts, they feel like they can make a difference.

January is National
Mentoring Month













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FEBRUARY

"I like learning about money and I like going to booths and selling cookies with my friends. I also like earning money for a good cause."

Girl Scout Junior,
Gulfcoast Florida
Council



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday Lent begins	11	12	13  Girl Scout Cookies arrive!
14  Valentine's Day	15 Gold Luncheon and Fashion Show Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 World Thinking Day	23	24	25	26  National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	27  National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
28  National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	29					



Did You
Know?

Of girls who participated in the 2015 Cookie Program survey, 90% agreed that, while selling cookies, they learned things that can help them in other areas of their life like school, planning projects, or talking to adults.




February is Black
History Month

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MARCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Read Across America Day	3	4	5 Girl Scout Sabbath
6 Girl Scout Sunday	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday GIRL SCOUTS! 
13 Cookie Program Ends Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward)	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday First Day of Spring	21	22 Passover begins	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27  Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31  		



Did You Know?

The Girl Scouts motto is "Be Prepared." "A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed. Willingness to serve is not enough; you must know how to do the job well, even in an emergency" (Girl Scout Handbook, 1947).

March is
National Women's
History Month

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APRIL



“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.” —Erma Bombeck

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Child Abuse Prevention Month	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 National Volunteer Appreciation Week	11	12	13	14	15	16 Friends, Sun & Fun (Big Girls Day at Camp)
17  Patriot's Day	18	19	20	21  Girl Scout Gold Award Celebration	22 Girl Scout Volunteer Day Earth Day Passover begins	23
24	25	26	27	28	29  Arbor Day	30



Did You
Know?

The original "Scouting for Girls" handbook (1920) lists 47 available Merit Badges, including Electrician, Handy Woman, and Motorist.





April is National
Volunteer Month



MAY

“Badges are not medals to wear on your sleeve to show what a smart girl you are.... You wear the badge to let people know that you are prepared and willing to be called upon because you are a Girl Scout.” – Juliette Gordon Low



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 National Teacher Day	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27 Council offices closed in observance of Memorial Day	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				



**Did You
Know?**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award, known previously as the Golden Eaglet of Merit, Golden Eaglet, First Class, and Curved Bar.



May is Military
Appreciation Month



JUNE



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“My daughter has made great friends and been able to participate in a wide variety of activities thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.”

**– Girl Scout Parent,
Gulfcoast Florida Council**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Girl Scout Alumnae & Friends Cruise to the Bahamas DEPARTURE	4
5	6 Girl Scout Alumnae & Friends Cruise to the Bahamas RETURN	7 Ramadan begins	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 First Day of Summer	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Did You
Know?

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida serves
ten counties in an area of nearly 10,000
square miles.



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JULY



"The American flag is the symbol of the one-ness of the nation: when a Girl Scout salutes the flag, therefore, she salutes the whole country."

– Scouting for Girls, 1920

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Council offices closed in observance of Independence Day	2
3	 Independence Day	5	6	7 Eid al-Fitr	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Did You
Know?

A list of colleges and universities that offer scholarships specifically for Girl Scout Gold Award recipients may be found at **girlscouts.org**.



Visit our website
www.gsgcf.org


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AUGUST



The first printed S'mores (or "Some More") recipe appeared in the 1927 Girl Scout handbook, *Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts*.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	 National S'mores Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		 Women's Equality Day	

Notes

Did You Know?

In a recent council survey, 86% of parents rated the quality of their daughter's Girl Scout experience as "very good" or "excellent."






It's back to troop time.
Are you registered?

SEPTEMBER

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a pink shirt and a brown Girl Scout vest, is holding a large, clear glass filled with green liquid and bubbles. She is looking at the glass with a focused expression. In the background, other children in similar uniforms are visible, though out of focus. The overall scene suggests a science or nature-themed activity.

"I really enjoy helping young girls develop into strong, confident women. I have watched the girls in our troop grow and become outstanding young ladies. What a joy to know that I helped them to do that."

– Volunteer Troop Leader, Gulfcoast Florida Council

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Council offices closed in observance of Labor Day	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Grandparent's Day	12	13 Eid al-Adha	14	15	16	17 International Coastal Cleanup Day
18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Girl Scout membership year ends	



Did You Know?

To receive the Golden Eaglet (the original Girl Scout Gold Award), a girl was first required to earn 21 Merit Badges, along with the Medal of Merit, awarded to "the Scout who does her duty exceptionally well."



Renew your Girl Scout membership online.

IT'S EASY!
www.gsgcf.org



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OCTOBER

**"Ours is a circle
of friendships united
by our ideals."**

– Juliette Gordon Low



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Start of a new Girl Scout Year!
2 Rosh Hashanah begins	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11 Yom Kippur begins	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 National Make a Difference Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday Girl Scout Founder's Day Halloween					

NOVEMBER



A 2012 study published by the Girl Scout Research Institute shows that Girl Scout alumnae are more likely to vote than non-alumnae.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back)		Election Day			Veterans Day	ACTION Rally Delegate Training
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Thanksgiving Day Council offices closed	Council offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving	
27	28	29	30			
		Giving Tuesday				

Notes

Did You Know?

In 2015, program scholarships made it possible for nearly 25% percent of girl members in our council to participate in Girl Scouts.

November is National American Indian Heritage month.

DECEMBER

A photograph of four young girls of diverse backgrounds smiling and posing in front of a rustic log cabin. The cabin is constructed from horizontal wooden logs. A large, light blue wooden frame, shaped like a heart or a stylized 'G', is positioned behind the girls. The girl in the foreground is wearing a purple halter top with a colorful geometric pattern. The girl to her left is wearing a yellow shirt and has colorful beaded braids. The girl to her right is wearing a blue and white shirt and has a blue headband. The girl in the background is wearing a green shirt and has colorful beaded braids. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, suggesting a positive community experience.

“My daughter has learned so many valuable life lessons. She has had a huge opportunity to help out in the community and has learned the importance of helping others – not to mention how much fun she has had.”

– Girl Scout Parent, Gulfcoast Florida Council

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			First Day of Winter			Hanukkah begins Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins Council offices closed	Council offices closed	Council offices closed	Council offices closed	Council offices closed	New Year's Eve

Notes

Did You Know?

In a recent survey of our Girl Scout parents, 91% agreed that, through Girl Scouts, their daughter learned skills that help her in school.



The Girl Scout Leadership Experience



Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for all girls in grades K-12. Utilizing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience program, our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of the USA conducted a nationwide survey of girls (both Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts) to assess the level of achievement for each of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience outcomes. In the 2014-15 membership year, our council measured five of the program outcomes, with the following results:

80%

of Girl Scouts
have developed
a strong sense
of self.

(National Baseline 77%)

76%

of Girl Scouts
have developed
positive values.

(National Baseline 66%)

81%

of Girl Scouts
felt empowered to
make a difference
in the world.

(National Baseline 62%)

64%

of Girl Scouts
became resourceful
problem solvers.

(National Baseline 55%)

71%

of Girl Scouts
sought challenges

(National Baseline 61%)

In addition

76% of respondents rated their experience in Girl Scouts as a 5 out of 5

17% of respondents rated their experience in Girl Scouts as 4 out of 5

86% of respondents said they planned to join Girl Scouts again next year

Spring Troop Survey conducted in April-May 2015. The representative sample consisted of 10.8% of all troop members council wide.

Strength of Sisterhood

When a girl or adult volunteer joins Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, they are not only connecting locally as a member of one of the council's 10 counties, they have become a member of the world's largest girl-serving leadership organization. Welcomed by a sisterhood of more than 2.7 million Girl Scouts and 59 million alumni across the United States, USA Girl Scout Overseas, and 10 million Girl Scouts worldwide in 145 countries - they have joined an American institution.

Girl Scouts • 2014-2015

6,487
Girl Members

Girls in grades K - 3 **3,487**

Girls in grades 4 - 8 **2,423**

561

Girl Scout Troops

Girls in grades 9 - 12 **393**

Unreported **184**

88% agree that, because of Girl Scouts, their daughter's confidence has improved*

80% feel that their daughter's Girl Scout experience has helped her be a leader in more activities at home, school, or in the community*

87% say their daughter has become better at expressing herself through Girl Scouts*

GSGCF Adult Volunteers • 2014-2015

2,833
Adult Members

21 Volunteers received local and national awards

10 Volunteers received GSGCF's Green Angel Award

8 Volunteers received GSGCF's Volunteer of Excellence Award

2 Volunteers received the GSUSA Appreciation Pin

1 Volunteer received the GSUSA Thanks Badge



1,004
Girl Scout Leaders

838 Girl Scout adult volunteers participated in a variety of training and certification courses

540 Girl Scout volunteers attended Troop Leadership Trainings / courses

231 Girl Scout volunteers attended Outdoor Leadership Trainings / courses



*Survey of Gulfcoast council parents, conducted summer 2015

Financial Empowerment

Girl Scouts are tomorrow's leaders and philanthropists today! They are eager to positively impact their future and their communities. From planning trips to museums, striving to learn more about governmental processes, giving back to community non-profit organizations, and lending a helping hand at coastal cleanups, girls are motivated to make a difference. Many of these travel, service project, and leadership opportunities are funded through the Girl Scout Product Sales Programs, which teach essential business skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Fall Product
Sale
\$296,958

1,842
Girl Scouts
participated

.5%
Decrease
↓

269
troops
participated

2,349
Items sold for
Troop to Troop

Girl Scout
Cookie Program
\$4,404,446

4,665
Girl Scouts
participated

462
troops
participated

169
COOKIE LEADERS
Girls who sold over
1000 Packages

Introduced two
new Cookies:
**Rah Rah Raisins
& gluten free
Toffee-Tastics**

Participated
in the Digital
Order Card Pilot
Program to sell
cookies online

41,039 packages sold for the Mints for the Military program
\$728,460 Earned by Girl Scouts for their troop
235 Average number of packages sold per Girl Scout
participating (Ranking GSGCF in the top ten out of 112 councils)



How the
Cookie
Crumbled



Cost of Cookies	\$ 1.00
Cost of Sale03
Troop Profit68
Girl Awards16
Service Units02
Operations	2.11
Total Price of Cookies	\$4.00

91,348
Cases Sold

1,096,181
Packages Sold

2.75%
Decrease
↓

To learn more about the Girl Scout Product Sales Programs visit our website • www.gsgcf.org

Investing in Girls

Girl Scouting inspires girls to achieve personal and academic success now while preparing for the careers or life journeys they choose in the future. We believe that all girls should experience the benefits of Girl Scouting, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Last year, nearly 25% of all Girl Scouts in our council received program scholarships. This funding allowed girls from across our ten-county service area to try new things and develop specific skills, from camping and first aid to financial literacy and STEAM.

Your support not only helps provide financial assistance, but program curriculum development, maintenance of camp properties, and low-cost volunteer training, making Girl Scouting accessible to everyone. Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida has earned the Gold level GuideStar Nonprofit Profile, demonstrating commitment to transparency. You can be confident that your donations are going to directly support girls, volunteers, and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience throughout our ten-county region.

Tributes ♦ October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015

In support of Camp Honi Hanta
Phyllis Siskel

In honor of the friendship of Richard
Cyphers on his retirement from Publix

Danielle Fogel
Kristine Beringer
Clifford Passell
Brent Beikman
David Finger

In honor of Dr. Phyllis Elshans
Cathy Berna
John Carson

In recognition of Leonor Richey-Klein
Burkhard Klein

In honor of mother Marge and friend
Jenny for their August birthdays
Penny Miller

In honor of Charlie Ann Sypret
Jennifer Saslaw

In memory of Danyll Rougeux
Frances Robine

For future Girl Scouts
Troop 192

In honor of Kaley Wright of Troop 92
Jerry Bartz

In honor of Linnet Berna
Joan Goveia

In honor of Dr. Elinor Crawford
Anne Miller
Susan Stewart

In honor of Julia Flint
Bonnie Chapman

In honor and support of Girl Scouts who
volunteered at the inaugural event
Sarasota Music Half Marathon

In honor of Melva Martin, my mother
Maurine Martin

In honor of Sue Stewart
Nancy Baldiga
Joseph Rhein
Sharna Rozin

In honor of Tracy Lux
Brad Lux

To support financial assistance for girls

Mary Felker
Ruth Getzen
Elaine Gregg
Isabel Norton
Gayle Salmon
Grace Tyner

To support a girl to attend CIT and
Teen Leadership Weekend
Rose Dalsandro

To support girls in Charlotte County
Dr. Cecelia "Cheech" Hill

To support girls participating
in summer programs
Janet and Robert Hevey

To support girls in Community Troops
Sue Garland

In recognition of Gracie Cosmato
Sonya Gazdik

In appreciation of the Girl Scout
Conference Center
Kenneth Sidlow

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In-Memoriam

October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015

In memory of an amazing experience
as a Girl Scout and a leader
Donna Love

In memory of Betty Ethal
Sandi Stewart
Susan Stewart
Lynda Young

In memory of Dr. Melvyn Joel Katzen
Amy Erez
Angela Ried

In memory of William Mahaney
Patricia Mahaney

In memory of Ardith Mahon, lifetime Girl Scout
Evelyn Turner

In memory of Gerald Mitchell Sr., a generous and
loving husband, father and grandfather
Marilyn Mitchell

In memory of Agnes Tanks
Roberta Walsh

In memory of Henry Wilson
Griselda Wilson

Businesses, Corporation Matching Gifts, Volunteer Hours and Donations

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Amazon Smile Foundation
Amscot Financial
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Cape Coral Community Foundation
Collier County Bar Foundation
Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.
Dart Foundation
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Paul and Anne Finstad Fund of the Community
Foundation of Sarasota County

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Sarasota Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.
Service Club of Manatee County
Suncoast Credit Union Foundation
Swift Family Foundation
Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Limited
The Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation
The Edward E. and Lillian H. Bishop Foundation
The India Benton Lesser Foundation
The Jelks Family Foundation, Inc.
The Patterson Foundation
The Parrish Foundation, Inc.
The Plantation Community Foundation of Venice
The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida
Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club
Vern and Florence Martin Charitable Trust
Weichel Family Fund of the Manatee
Community Foundation
Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation
Wilson-Wood Foundation

Thank You!



Dr. Elinor Crawford

Dr. Elinor Crawford College Scholarship Fund

Anonymous
Reneé Armstrong
Ann Carrasquillo
Richard Cyphers
Beatriz Paniego Béjar
Susan Stewart
Rob Wellbaum

The Girl Scout scholarship fund was established in 1987 by the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. and was named the Dr. Elinor Crawford Girl Scout College Scholarship Fund of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. in honor of its chair, who has served in that position for more than 20 years. Annually, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. has awarded up to \$1,000 to graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors. In May, 18 girls who met rigorous academic, service, and other criteria were recognized at the Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony. To date, a total of 166 young women have benefited from this fund. To learn more about this funding opportunity and make a difference in the life of a future community leader, please contact us at development@gsgcf.org.

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Bayside Balloons, Danielle Rachel
Estate of Frances Newton
Leisure Products
Microsoft Foundation



Girl Scout Leadership Programs Funded By United Ways

United Way of Central Florida (Highlands and Hardee Counties)
United Way of Charlotte County
United Way of Collier County
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties
United Way of South Sarasota County
United Way Suncoast (Sarasota and DeSoto Counties)

Individual Gifts Through United Way Designations

United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
United Way of Central Florida (Highlands and Hardee Counties)
United Way of Collier County
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties
United Way of Manatee County, Inc.
United Way Suncoast

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Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. was independently audited for 2015 by Kerkering Barberio & Co.



Financial statements are available on our website at www.gsgcf.org/about/reports and by request.

Financial Report

Statement of activities for the year ended September 30, 2015

INCOME

United Ways	\$ 132,950
Contributions and Events	197,843
Program Fees	37,769
Facility Rental	31,277
Shop Income	92,098
Investment Income/(Loss)	(26,124)
Product Sales	2,689,943
Other Income	3,131
Total Income	\$ 3,158,887

EXPENSES

Program	\$ 2,913,572
Service to Girls (Indirect)	339,586
Resource Development	242,721
Total Expenses	\$ 3,495,879
Net Results	\$ (336,992)

Note: Gain of \$227,796 before Depreciation of \$443,742 and Investment Realized and Unrealized Loss of (\$121,046).

Council Facilities

- ♦ Searcy G. Koen Regional Girl Scout Campus of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc., Sarasota, including:
 - ✧ Lorraine G. Gunn Council Headquarters
 - ✧ Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
 - ✧ William G. and Marie Selby Wetlands
 - ✧ The Ann and Alfred Goldstein Girl Scout Shop
- ♦ Camp Honi Hanta, Bradenton
- ♦ Camp Caloosa, North Fort Myers
- ♦ Bradenton Girl Scout House
- ♦ Sebring Girl Scout House
- ♦ Venice Girl Scout House
- ♦ Arcadia Girl Scout House
- ♦ Collier Girl Scout House



ESTATE GIFTS

as of January 2016

M. Chester Cole Trust (*)
Vincent and Anna Mae Pasqua Trust (*)

PLANNED GIVING INTENTIONS

as of January 2016

Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder, Lead Gift

Ann Carrasquillo	Tracy Lux
Richard Cyphers	Sue Garland
Barbara Lewis	Linda Getzen
Marilyn Arnall	Elinor Crawford
Tracy Seider	Betty Ethal (*)
Cheech Hill	Esther Mertz (*)
Colleen McGue	Roland Abraham, Jr. ~ In Memory of Emily
Renee Armstrong	Abraham
LaTasha Armstead	Joseph and Janet Rhein Trust
Jessica Macera	Sandi Stewart
Juliana Meek	Christine Jennings
Christine Yekel	Susan R. Stewart

(*) deceased

Thank You!

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Christine Yekel, Second Vice President
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Richard Cyphers, Secretary
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Marilyn Arnall
Carie Call
Stacey Carbone
Lori Denny
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Danielle Gladding
Tracy Lux
Beatriz Paniego-Béjar

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Raven Peters
Noel Turner

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Lori Jackson – South Central Region
Colleen McGue
Beatriz Paniego-Béjar – North Central Region



Girl Scout Mission Statement

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**Members may substitute the word God with the word(s) that accurately reflects their spiritual beliefs.*

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.