

Resilient Creative Strong



Message from the Board President and CEO

Resilient, Creative, Strong – that's our Girl Scout community

After a robust start to our Girl Scout year in the Fall of 2019, we certainly couldn't predict the challenges we would face in 2020. At Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, we focus on building community and sisterhood, on appreciating everyone's unique value, and on supporting one another through tough times. This remarkable year put us to the test, but never did we doubt that our girls of courage, confidence, and character would shine through with the help of our Girl Scout community.

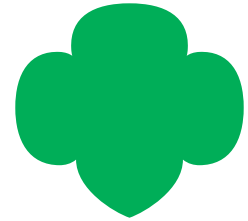
Resilient describes our tireless volunteers, the change-makers who make it all possible. They lead the sisterhood that provides comfort and inspiration in trying moments—giving girls the tools to solve problems and bounce back when faced with life's challenges.

Creative captures the ingenuity, enthusiasm, and adaptability of our council staff, who not only keep our wheels turning seamlessly, but also engage our Girl Scouts with exciting programming.

Strong defines our supportive parents and guardians, our agile board, and our dynamic community supporters who never hesitate to support the next generation of leaders.



*Richard Cyphers, Board President
Mary Anne Servian, CEO*



We had some remarkable achievements:

- Thanks to our generous donors, we met the William G. & Marie Selby Foundation challenge grant to repair and replace our aging boardwalk. We can't wait until our Sarasota campus opens again and we can all enjoy our phenomenal wetlands once again.
- With the generosity of other grantors, we were able to make significant improvements to our two camp properties, Camp Honi Hanta in Bradenton, and Camp Caloosa in North Fort Myers.
- Our program staff created dynamic virtual learning experiences for our girls, including activities that delivered STEM in a fun way, civics programs, and health and fitness activities.
- Pandemic lockdown restrictions hit just as we approached our last weekend of cookie sales, which shut down cookie booth sales across the council. This unplanned event left girls with unsold cookies and no solution at hand. Our council's Board of Directors voted to have the council cover the cost of these unsold cookies, which our Girl Scouts then donated to food banks and our Hometown Heroes—healthcare workers, firefighters, EMS providers, and police. Cookies donated through Mints for the Military were also sent cookies to active duty military. Thank you to our board and our many donors who ensured that Girl Scouts were able to support their community service projects, troop trips, and other activities despite the year's unique challenges.
- In place of our yearly in-person Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, we celebrated our phenomenal 14 Gold Award Girl Scouts and other awardees with a rousing virtual party on YouTube. We were moved by the snapshots our Girl Scouts shared that showed their joy and pride in their accomplishments. It was a very special way to remember and recognize these remarkable girls and young women.



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What a year it was! Our council experienced a big challenge this year, and through the resiliency, creativity, and strength of all who support us, we made it. **THANK YOU!**

2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts

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. We are proud to recognize the 2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts.



Jordyn Chiodo

You've Got Mail

[Watch Jordyn's Gold Award Video](#)



Caroline Cicotte

Girls Take a Stand

[Watch Caroline's Gold Award Video](#)



Madison Craumer

We Garden, Dine, and Grow Together

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Savannah Duff

Music for Memory

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Abriel Gable

#PlasticAwareness101

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Melissa Gonzalez

There's No Excuse

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Kaylee Kirchberger

Bat Houses

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Brooke Martin

Promoting Mental Health through Movement

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Emery Muller

Bright Beginnings Video Project

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Alyssa Papol

A Walk for a Healthy Mind

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Lily Potter

Vamos Mustangos!

[Watch Lily's Gold Award Video](#)



Isabella Ramirez

Family Cycle Day

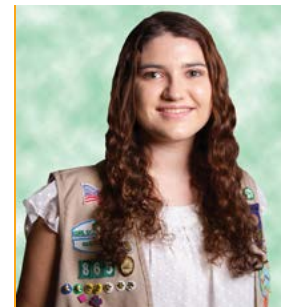
[Watch Isabella's Gold Award Video](#)



Shavonne Schrickel

The Mind of a Quadriplegic

[Watch Shavonne's Gold Award Video](#)



Kaitlyn Shehorn

#WhatIsLove

[Watch Kaitlyn's Gold Award Video](#)

2020 Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony

It's the most exciting event of the year! This annual celebration highlights the accomplishments of girls from across the council. On July 12, 2020, we held a virtual ceremony and recognized a combined total of 862 awards and recognitions, including 14 who earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, Product Program entrepreneurs, and awards listed below. You can view the full Young Women of Distinction Ceremony [HERE](#).

43 girls earned the Girl Scout Silver Award

When Girl Scout Cadettes focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, they gain the confidence and skills that will catapult them to lifelong success. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.



15 girls earned the Dr. Elinor Crawford Girl Scout College Scholarship

1 girl earned the Lyndi Cyphers Memorial College Scholarship

178 girls earned the Journey Summit Award

159 girls earned Religious Recognitions

Our Membership

What started as a single troop in Savannah, Georgia, has blossomed into the largest girl-serving organization in the world. This vast sisterhood includes 2.5 million Girl Scout members across the United States and overseas, and 10 million Girl Guides in 146 countries. From girl members to adult volunteers to proud Girl Scout alum, together we embody the strength of sisterhood.

2019-2020 Membership Year

5,133

girl members



2,754

adult members



353

troop leaders



560

co-leaders



7,887

total active members



Financial Report

~ INCOME ~	
United Ways	\$ 33,859
Contributions & Events	\$ 367,534
Government Grants (PPP & CARES)	\$ 352,500
Program Fees	\$ 37,216
Facility Rental	\$ 19,121
Shop Income	\$ 49,977
Investment Income/(Loss)	\$ 229,353
Product Sales	\$ 3,252,189
Other Income	\$ 799,293
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,141,042

~ EXPENSES ~	
Program	\$ 2,892,940
Service to Girls (Indirect)	\$ 379,420
Resource Development	\$ 164,406
Expenses	\$ 3,436,766
Net Results Before Depreciation and Pension Arrearage	\$ 1,704,276
Depreciation	\$ (370,487)
Pension Arrearage	\$ (148,948)
FINAL NET RESULTS	\$ 1,184,841

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. was independently audited for 2020 by Kerkerling Barberio & Co.
Financial statements are available on our website at www.gsgcf.org and by request.

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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 (Closed October 30, 2020)
- Camp Honi Hanta, Bradenton
- Camp Caloosa, North Fort Myers
- Arcadia Girl Scout House
- Collier Girl Scout House



Entrepreneurship = Financial Empowerment

From the youngest Daisies to seasoned Ambassadors, Girl Scouts get a jump start on financial literacy through the Mags & Munchies Fall Product Program and Girl Scout Cookie Program. It's not just about earning money to support their troop activities, community service projects, and sister Girl Scouts. Girls also develop five essential skills for a lifetime of leadership: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

2020 Girl Scout Cookie Program

3,635	Girl Scouts participated
344	troops participated
278	average number of packages sold per Girl Scout participating
183	Cookie Leaders (girls who sold over 1,000 packages)
\$791,195	troop proceeds
\$6,079	service unit proceeds
\$167,002	girl rewards
\$15,177	redeemed cookie credits
67,771	packages sold for the Mints for the Military/hometown heroes program
1,013,335	packages sold



2019 Fall Product Program

1,601	Girl Scouts participated
15	Fall Product Program Leaders (girls who sold over \$1,000)
\$38,120	earned by Girl Scout troops
\$10,460	girl rewards
2,441	items sold for military donation program
250,684	nuts/candy sold
47,449	magazines sold



Your Dollars Make a Difference!

Juliette Gordon Low Society Planned Giving Donors

As of September 30, 2020

Erik and Eva Andersen Girl Scout
Movement-wide Challenge Planned Gift

LaTasha Armstead

Renee Armstrong

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Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder

Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder Girl Scout
Movement-wide Challenge Planned Gift

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Grants and Foundation Supporters

Received October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the following foundations and civic and community organizations for directly supporting girls through program scholarships, fully funded troops, volunteer trainings, and other needs focused on the delivery of a quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience.



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Ned Foulds
Foundation**


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Client Foundation**




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Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Inc.
Suncoast Credit Union Foundation
Swift Family Foundation, Inc.
Vern and Florence Martin Charitable Trust
Walmart Foundation
Wonderful Giving



United Way Allocation Grants
Received October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades
and Okeechobee Counties
United Way of South Sarasota County, Inc.
United Way Suncoast

2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is composed of community members with a variety of skills and perspectives. Members represent a range of ages and reflect the racial, ethnic, religious, and other diverse demographics present within the council's geographic area. These individuals do not act as advocates for a particular constituency group, but are responsible for making decisions that will best serve the needs of the total council.

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LinkedIn

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Links to articles about the Girl Scout Movement and topics related to the health, development, and support of girls.

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[gsgcf](#)

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Council and GSUSA videos.

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take the lead to change the world!**

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