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Annual Report October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023



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At Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, we're committed to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place! We serve more than 12,000 members from Monmouth and Ocean counties with the resources to become tomorrow's leaders.

Locations:

Ocean Service Center 1405 Old Freehold Road Toms River, New Jersey 08753

Amity Acres Day Camp 133 Jones Road Barnegat, NJ 08005

Monmouth Service Center 242 Adelphia Road Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 **Sacajawea Day Camp** 242 Adelphia Road Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

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Dear Girl Scout Family,

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore has a critical role to play in offering girls a space where they may engage, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a lifetime of leadership. Instilled with courage, confidence, and character, Girl Scouts are poised to take on the world's greatest challenges—equity, sustainability, mental health, and more.

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore is an inclusive network of over 12,500 girls and volunteers united by a sisterhood of shared values and actions. Our volunteers, board members, staff, lifetime members, alumnae, and supporters, power the opportunities for every girl to conquer their fears and pursue their dreams.

In this Annual Report, we outline our commitments, actions, and achievements, as well as our next steps in building and strengthening our Movement.

We are very proud of the progress we have made. Our mission inspires us, and it is your engagement, your dedication, and your support that encourages us. We know there is more work to be done to inspire girls to seek out new ideas and learn about the world around them, to empower them to stand up for what they believe in, and to support them in their quest to discover who they are and who they want to be. Together, we will continue to

champion girls' ambition, invest in their dreams, cheer them on, and show them what's possible.

Yours in Girl Scouting, Heather & Teri



2022-2023 Highlights



We served **8,214** Girl Scouts with help from **3,929** wonderful volunteers



230 girls earned their Mental Wellness Patch



254 Gold, Silver, & Bronze Award Girl Scouts



Hosted the Young Women's Leadership Summit for **75** girls





As part of the GSUSA Tree Promise Patch Initiative, Girl Scouts have pledged to plant **5 million trees** in 5 years.



529 Girls in low or no cost troops in **17** schools in Monmouth and Ocean counties



940 Campers attended our summer camps





Membership

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore values diversity and inclusiveness, reaching out to girls in every neighborhood and every zip code throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties.







2,048 Juniors (

1,682 Cadettes

428 Seniors

299 Ambassadors

During the 2022-2023 membership year, Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore served **12.143 members**

Brownies

Our Girl Scouts belonged to **840 troops**

In underserved communities, 529 girls joined 17 troops, discovering leadership skills

discovering leadership skills that will help them make their dreams become a reality.



Cookie Sales: 6,034 Girl Scouts participated in the 2023 Cookie Program

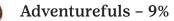
Total Boxes of Cookies Sold 980,254

Cookies by type:

Thin Mints - 26%

Samoas - 18%

Tagalongs – 15%



Trefoils – 9%

Do-Si-Dos - 8%

S'mores – 7%

Lemon-Ups - 6%

Toffee-tastic – 3%

Raspberry Rally – 1%

The Girl Scout Cookie Program

What started as a bake sale in 1917, has grown into the largest girl-led entrepreneurial business. The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls learn and develop real world skills and learn to think like entrepreneurs.

Top 10 Cookie Participants: Heather W, Olivia E, McKenna L, Evelyn E, Sierra O, Taylor B, Lily C, Elora W, Holly R, Ava P



Amazing Women

Every month, we celebrated a different iconic amazing woman! Girl Scouts learned about groundbreaking women and their accomplishments, found inspiration, and earned monthly patches.

200 Girl Scouts from across the country participated.



Featured Programs



Georgian Court University

Girls in Science & Technology Program

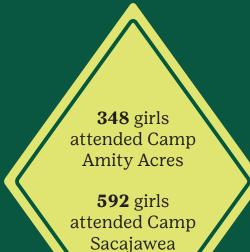
30 girls served

Earning 5 STEM badges

Young Women's Leadership Summit 75 Girl Scouts attended



Outdoors/Camp



Camp Amity Acres in Waretown and Camp Sacajawea in Farmingdale

offer girls extraordinary outdoor experiences and have become a fundamental part of the Girl Scout experience. When girls spend quality time outdoors, they thrive physically, emotionally, and intellectually, while creating friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

Lead U camp Takeover 180 campers for 1 week

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Jersey Shore River Runners



Higher Awards

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts have addressed issues they're passionate about by planning and implementing a project to make a difference in their community and the greater world.

Total Kiefer Stevens Scholarships Awarded: **10**

Total support provided: **\$12,500**

Going for the Gold

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take "make the world a better place" to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable proof that not only *can* she make a difference, but that she already has. Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond.

Gold Award Scholarship: Vivianna Onofrietti Better with Books.

Vivianna led a team to build book stations made from wood, holding over 1,250 multi-level donated books, for children of homeless and domestic violence shelters. Her project aimed to alleviate the lack of available books for children in shelters and the impact of this on their declining interest in reading. Through hard work and determination, Vivianna collected over 1,000 books. She cleaned and sorted the books by age and reading levels. She then nailed, drilled, glued, painted, and personalized book stations. The shelters have agreed to continue collecting books from the community so that the bookcases will be filled for years to come.

"I am an advocate of the life gifts that Girl Scouts brings of teaching greater confidence and serving others to make the world a better place. One of my greatest passions is reading. I believe reading truly enhances a person's life, as well as research showing it improves brain function and memory. This is exactly why I completed my Gold Award project on providing multi-level books for children in family shelters,

and domestic violence shelters. because I couldn't imagine denying child the benefits а of reading. I am truly honored to have received a gold award national scholarship for my dedication and intense work for these children who deserve the same opportunities as us all," Vivianna Onofrietti.



A Community Supporting Girls





March 8, 2023 | Asbury Lanes Raised: \$30,950



April 19, 2023

Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club

Raised: \$110,930









September 20, 2023 GSJS Program Activity Center **Raised: \$58,305**

Financials

Revenue:

- Product Program (Sales)
 \$3,362,413
- Contributions, Bequests, Grants & Events (includes private and public funding) \$482,671
- Merchandise \$63,304
- Program \$121,170
- Camp \$904,166
- Investment, Rental, Misc. \$907,900
- PPP Loan Forgiveness \$597,189

Total Revenue \$6,227,942 **Total Expenses** \$5,437,171

Expenses:

- Programs Services, including camp \$4,807,704
- General & Administration \$436,427
- Fundraising \$193,040
- Surplus/Deficit \$790,771

For the year ending Sept 30, 2023

Thank you

for investing in girls who will change the world!

Your financial investments enable us to offer more girls the skills and opportunities they need to excel and lead. A very special thank you to everyone who generously supported Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore in 2022-2023.

We gratefully acknowledge all our generous donors.

\$25,000 - \$50,000

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In Honor of Jacki Mullis' Birthday Beth Mortenson

In Honor of Lynnette & Kristin Ramsay Cing-Yuen Wong

In Honor of Carrie White's Birthday Melinda Leone & Carrie White

The Juliette Gordon Low Society

The Juliette Gordon Low Society was established to honor individuals who have included Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore in their estate plans.

We are grateful for this powerful gesture and for these members' dedication to our mission.

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Our Mission

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.

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.

*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.



