



**Welcome!**



Welcome to the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM) Donor Newsletter! We know how important it is for you to stay up to date on what is going on in GSHOM. By reading our quarterly newsletter, you will hear stories from local girls, and see how your support is making an impact on girls throughout Michigan.

## **Gold Award Spotlight: Samantha M.**

A banner for the Gold Award Girl Scout spotlight. It features a yellow background with a pattern of small yellow dots at the top. On the left is a circular photo of a girl with a dog, surrounded by the text "GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT". In the center is a large yellow sunburst logo with a trefoil in the middle. On the right is a quote in yellow text, followed by the name "- Grace.N" in a larger yellow font.

**GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT**

**“For my Gold Award, I worked with the nuns of Holy Redeemer Church in downtown Detroit to renovate areas of their convent. I created a safe workout space in the basement by cleaning, repainting the basement, and providing treadmills, stationary bikes, & workout equipment.”**

**- Grace.N**

Did you earn your Gold Award? If so, please let us know! The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Once achieved, it shows colleges, employers, and your community that girls are out there changing the world! Gold Award Girl Scouts plan and execute incredible projects that have sustainable impacts on their communities.

### Grace's Gold Award

Grace worked with the nuns of Holy Redeemer Church in downtown Detroit to renovate their basement and create gardens in front of their convent. Grace created a safe workout space in the basement by cleaning, repainting it, and providing treadmills, stationary bikes, and workout equipment. The sisters of Holy Redeemer Church will be able to use the equipment safely in their basement instead of exercising outside in an area of Detroit that sometimes can be unsafe. Grace also dug two large gardens and planted shrubs, annuals, and perennials in the front of the convent. The gardens create a nicer appearance in the front of the convent, which in the long run will cause less trash to be left in the sisters' yard. Grace raised money through a can drive and received donations of used exercise equipment.

## **Dr. Miriam Daly - Girl Scout Alumna**



Dr. Miriam Daly -- a lifelong Girl Scout, doctor, and now author -- is an inspiration for anyone! Miriam began her Girl Scout journey at 12 years old when a friend invited her to a troop meeting near her home in West Baltimore, and she never looked back. She fell in love with Girl Scouting, and took the pledge very seriously. Miriam held two of the Girl Scout laws especially close to heart -- "A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted" and "A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others." Those laws guided her for a lifetime and shaped her into the incredible woman she is today. One of Miriam's favorite part of Girl Scouts was camp! When she was at camp, she was in heaven. Miriam loved living in a tent, campfires, swimming, hiking, songs, and everything that came along with being out at camp.

Miriam Abbott Shamer Daly, MD, graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1950, at a time when women's admission to the medical profession was limited by the quota system. She interned at Lutheran Hospital in Baltimore, and then practiced pediatrics and obstetrics in Albion, Michigan, for 39 years. In that time, she delivered thousands of babies, raised four children, and traveled the world. Dr. Daly is retired and lives in Chelsea, Michigan. Learn more

about Dr. Daly's life in her new book, "Doctor Miriam," which can be purchased on Amazon!

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## Planned Giving

Is it time to consider having a will or trust set up? You bet! Remember, if you do not have something set up, state laws will determine who will inherit your assets at your death. State laws will not include any charity as a beneficiary.

Consider naming Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of the estate if designated heirs are deceased.

To participate in planned giving, or to get more details, reach out to Lyah Vansickle, Chief Development Officer at [lvansickle@gshom.org](mailto:lvansickle@gshom.org) or 517-742-4707.

## St. Julian Wine & Girl Scout Treat Pairing

### *St. Julian Wine & Girl Scout Cookie Pairing*



We know you know all about Girl Scout Cookies, but what about Girl Scout Treats? Not only do Girl Scouts sell cookies, but they also sell Treats & Reads! The Treats & Reads program features fun items that make great gifts, like cans of delicious cashews, chocolate-covered raisins, fruit slices, and trail mix! You can also renew or start a new annual magazine subscription at a great price. With magazines from Parent's Choice, National Geographic, HGTV, and Reader's Digest, these subscriptions are a great and important resource and source of



enjoyment for everyone.

If you loved the St. Julian Wine & Girl Scout Cookie Pairing, you're going to love our next fun event! We will be partnering with St. Julian Winery again this fall to present a curated wine and Girl Scout treat pairing. Along with the pairing, you will be able to enjoy an online auction to help local girls build courage, confidence, and character. Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 18, and stay tuned to purchase your kit!

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## Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Benefit Update



WOW, what a turn out for our first Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Benefit back in person! We cannot thank our supporters enough for believing in the Girl Scout mission and showing up for local girls. It is with the help of our sponsors, guests, and donors that we were able to raise a record-breaking \$50,000 to support Community Troops in the Kalamazoo Region! This is such an accomplishment after having to cancel in-person events due to COVID-19, and we are beyond appreciative.

We want to give a huge thank you to our 2022 sponsors:

- Bell's Brewery
- Brink, Key, & Chludzinski
- Derek Lietzau Insurance Group - Farm Bureau Insurance



- Honor Credit Union
- Kalamazoo Safari Company
- Kreis, Enderle, Hudgins, & Borsos, P.C.
- Lounsbury Excavating
- Matt Semelbaur - Edward Jones
- Modern Woodmen - Marty Dodge
- Moxie Magazine
- Southern Michigan Bank & Trust
- The Barton Group

## Other Ways to Support GSHOM

Did you know there are ways to support GSHOM at absolutely no extra cost to you? Here are a few simple ways to support GSHOM by just doing your day-to-day shopping!

**AmazonSmile:** AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support GSHOM every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. Simply log into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan! Amazon will, in return, donate 0.5% of the purchase price from customers' eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organizations they select. In 2021, we raised \$958.64 with the AmazonSmile program! Help us raise that number to \$2,000 for 2022.

**Kroger Community Rewards:** Kroger Community Rewards is another simple way to give back to GSHOM! Simply create a digital account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and search GSHOM. Once you choose your cause to give back to, link your Shopper's Card to your account so all transactions apply towards GSHOM. In 2021, we raised \$623.45 with Kroger Community Rewards! Let's get that number to \$1,000 for 2022.

**NEW! Direct Your Dollars Program:** Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is partnering with SpartanNash to participate in the Direct Your Dollars Program! Save your D&W Fresh, Family Fare, VG's, and Martin's Super Market receipts! Every dollar raised helps us move our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place, forward. Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local D&W Fresh, Family Fare, VG's, and Martin's Super Market store, save your receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for GSHOM!

To reach our goal of \$150,000 in receipts, we'll be collecting eligible receipts in each of our Regional Centers. Please make sure you drop off the original receipt – that's how we earn

our \$1,000 check. If you aren't able to drop your receipts off in person, you can also mail them to 601 W. Maple St. Kalamazoo, MI 49008.



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
**Contact us for more information.**