

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Donor Newsletter



Welcome to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's (GSHOM) Donor Newsletter! Here's a quick snapshot of what we're up to right now. Keep an eye out for your newsletter each quarter.

- Our Membership Team is gearing up for the 2021-2022 Membership Year by attending open houses and recruitment events.
- Our Adult Education Team is training volunteers and new troop leaders.
- Our Outdoor Program Team is wrapping up summer camp, and beginning to plan fall and winter outdoor programming.
- We are all planning Girl Scouts' 110th Anniversary celebrations. The Jubilee Event will kick off our celebrations in November!
- The Program Team is preparing for our fall and winter Source Programs.
- The Fund Development Team is gearing up for the Bell's Brewery and Girl Scout Treats Event September 15th 2021. Don't forget! Last call for purchasing your kit is August 18!
- Our Communications Team is working on the next fiscal year's marketing plans.
- Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is beginning to welcome staff back full time as we wrap up the Workshare Program. We cannot thank our staff enough for their commitment to Girl Scouts and for helping us navigate COVID-19.

Gold Award Spotlight

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. It shows colleges, employers, and communities that girls are dedicated, determined, and accountable for changing the world! These girls are planning and executing incredible projects that have sustainable impacts on their communities.



Rachel's Gold Award improved trail accessibility, nature education, and wildlife habitats within Oak Ridge Park. Making a section of the trail accessible year-round, she designed and constructed a 58 foot, ADA-accessible boardwalk with a floating observation dock. She organized a sawmill demonstration at the local teen center where teens learned how a fallen tree from the park was turned into usable lumber for the construction of the boardwalk. Educating the public about local flora and fauna, Rachel installed 20 tree identification signs and conducted tree walks teaching community members about local trees. She placed a multi-stage geocache educating visitors about local animals. Rachel constructed two small mammal homes and installed two bat boxes ensuring small mammals have habitats to thrive.

LG Energy Solutions Visits Day Camp!

"Spending the day with four other Women Engineers from ESMI was a joyous occasion; we promoted working in the Engineering field to little girls. We practiced making cookies simulating our battery process. The most fun was having the girls dress up in proper PPE gear." – Patricia Wright, QA Engineer



Carol Grosvenor - Girl Scout Alumnae Story

I am the oldest of four children and we all had good experiences as Girl Scouts (my two sisters and me) and Boy Scouts (my brother). I know that my mother's experience in Girl Scouts was a motivating factor for all of us to be involved in Scouting.

My first experience as a Brownie involved learning craft skills to make a Mother's Day present. I learned from my Brownie friends how to use colored inks on cotton towels to make a beautiful hand towel that my mother used every day.

As I moved along the Girl Scout ladder of experience, I gained new knowledge and skills and earned a sash full of badges. I also had a two-week camp experience at Camp Deer Trails. I loved the outdoors, the camp fires and songs. I learned flag etiquette and how to stay on a greased watermelon in the water.

During the summer when I was in high school, I was a camp counselor at Wacousta. I led hikes around the area and taught basic camping skills involving cooking over a camp fire and how to pitch a small tent.

Adult leaders were important part of providing the Girl Scout learning environment, so my mother became our troop leader when I was a Senior Girl Scout. The ultimate trip of our Girl Scout troop was a visit to the White House in Washington, D.C.



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Bell's Brewery Partnering with Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan - Event & Auction



Join us for a lively event! Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is partnering with Bell's Brewery on September 15, 2021 to bring you a fun-filled night at home! This event will feature Girl Scout Treats and some of your favorite Bell's brews. Visit the link below to purchase your treats and follow the prompts to complete your kit purchase! The live event will be aired on Facebook Live on September 15, at 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.gshom.org/special-events>

We will also be hosting an online auction from Wednesday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. to September 21 at 11:45 p.m. Items are being continuously added to the auction website, so make sure to check back periodically! By participating in this event and auction, you will support moving the Girl Scout mission forward, girl by girl!

<https://events.readysetauction.com/girlscoutsheartmichigan/gshomandbellsevent>



Planned Giving

Remember, if you don't have a will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your assets at your death. State laws will not include any charity as a beneficiary. Will you 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 learn more, reach out to Lyah Vansickle – Fund Development Manager: lvansickle@gshom.org | 517-742-4707

Monthly Giving

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is excited to have rolled out our new Monthly Giving Program! A monthly gift allows supporters to spread the financial impact of their giving across the entire year, and makes the commitment more manageable for their budget. These monthly gifts are specified amounts that are automatically paid each month.

Thank you to the following individuals who are participating in our Monthly Giving Program:

Tricia Cramer | Larry Halman | Barbara Henton | Tom Kuslikis | Kate Lefevre
Merry Hannah Sink | Melody Stirk | Susan and Mark Thorman

Will you join these supporters and give to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan year round? Visit - <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GSHOM> to sign up to be a monthly giver!

Other Ways to Give

- **AmazonSmile** is a simple way for you to support Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan every time you shop. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. Simply log into smile.amazon.com and select Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan - Grand Ledge, MI. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from customers' eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organizations they select.
 - **\$436.07 raised so far in 2021**
- **Kroger Community Rewards** is another simple way to give back to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan! Simply create a digital account at kroger.com and search Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan - Grand Ledge, MI. Once you choose your cause, link your shopper's card to your account so all transactions apply towards Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.
 - **\$293.13 raised so far in 2021**