



Welcome!



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

Amazon to Discontinue AmazonSmile

Earlier this month, we were notified that Amazon is discontinuing their AmazonSmile program. This program allowed Amazon shoppers to choose a non-profit close to their hearts that would receive a portion of the profits made from their purchase. With the loss of this charitable program, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is losing out on precious resources that allow us to provide life-changing programming for girls. If you're interested in supporting Girl Scouts on a regular basis as we make up for the loss of AmazonSmile contributions, check out our monthly giving option! At the link below, select "recurring gift" and then "monthly" frequency.

[Monthly Giving Options »](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Madeline B.



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.

Madeline's Gold Award

In most public school systems, there are at least a few kids who are disadvantaged that start the school year without the proper school supplies necessary to do well in school. This is the case with Williamston Community Schools. Madeline started a school supply drive at Williamston Free Methodist Church and used the donations to fill backpacks full of school supplies by grade and gender. The secretaries at each school have agreed to hand out the backpacks as needed and the church has agreed to continue the school supply drive as well.

NEW Girl Scout Alumnae Networking Social



You're invited to a Girl Scout alumnae & supporters networking event on Wednesday, March 8 from 7:30 - 9:30 AM at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Road) in Midland! Start your morning with your fellow Girl Scout alumnae and supporters, coffee, and baked goods. Save your spot by purchasing your ticket for \$10. Bring a friend (or two!). We can't think of a better way to start the day than with Girl Scout sisters!

Get your ticket today!

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 upon your death. State laws will not include any charity as a beneficiary.

Consider naming Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as a beneficiary in your 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 for more information, reach out to Lyah Vansickle, Chief Development Officer, via email at lvansickle@gshom.org or by phone at 517-742-4707.

2023 Girl Scout Cookie Bake Off Event



The Girl Scout Cookie Bake Off Benefit is right around the corner on February 22, 2023 - and we are officially SOLD OUT of tickets! We can't wait to see you on

February 22 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo.

Did you miss out on buying your ticket this year, or can't make it on the 22nd? Good news! You can support from afar by bidding on our online auction. You can simply head to our website, check out the auction items, set up your account, and get ready to bid! Your support will ensure our Community Outreach Program in Kalamazoo has continued success. The Community Outreach Program provides a safe place, and various resources, to girls in underserved communities. Together, we can bring the benefits of Girl Scouting to all girls in the Kalamazoo Region!

If you have any questions about supporting the silent auction, please reach out to our Help Desk team at helpdesk@gshom.org or by calling 1-800-497-2688.

CHECK OUT OUR AUCTION ITEMS

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!

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 Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. In 2021 we raised \$623.45 with Kroger Community Rewards! Lets get that number to \$1000 for 2022.

Direct Your Dollar: 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.

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