



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.

St. Julian Wine & Cookie Pairing



St. Julian Wine & Girl Scout Cookie Pairing



Order a kit today and join us on Thursday, May 19 for our LIVE event on Facebook!



Girl Scout Cookie & St. Julian Wine pairing kits are back & available for purchase today! We've partnered with St. Julian Winery again to match our delicious Girl Scout Cookies—Do-si-dos, Thin Mints, Lemon Ups, and Adventurefuls—with sweet and dry wines.

Purchase a kit to enjoy yourself or invite a few friends over to share and have a fun evening together!

For more information and to order go to our [website!](#)

Women of Distinction Recognition Banquet

Women of Distinction

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Submit a nomination by August 1!



Mark your calendars for October 11, 2023! The Women of Distinction recognition banquet is back!

The Mitten Bay Legacy Council launched the Women of Distinction Banquet in 1995 and held the event annually until our Legacy Councils merged to form Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan in 2008. The Women of Distinction Event is a recognition and fundraising dinner that celebrates and honors outstanding women for their professional accomplishments, service to others, and impact on their community. Honorees are chosen based on professional/community leadership, professional/community service, being a strong role model for girls, and community visibility. These women have distinguished themselves through their leadership, extraordinary contributions to their community, and, most importantly, by exemplifying the Girl Scout mission.

This fun-filled celebration brings together family, friends, and acquaintances to recognize a group of purpose-driven leaders in business, government, education, and philanthropy who, like our girls, are dedicated to service and leadership. While nominees may have been involved in Girl Scouts, being a Girl Scout is not part of the award criteria. The honorees will experience an unforgettable night to remember, and guests will be inspired by their selfless accomplishments.

We encourage you to participate in this inaugural GSHOM event by nominating an outstanding leader in your community and attending this celebration of women leaders. The nomination form and criteria are available on the [website](#).

Please make it a priority to join us on October 11, 2023, in Jackson to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of women in our community.

Amazon to Discontinue AmazonSmile

Earlier this year, 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: Jenna Huetteman



Outdoor Classroom: Where Kids Meet Nature

“For my Gold Award project, I designed an outdoor classroom appropriate for preschool-age children. We cleared a spot in the woods to install benches & signs for an interactive trail. The trail includes a fairy garden, a birdhouse, and spring & wildflowers to be discovered by students for years.”

- Jenna H.



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.

Jenna's Gold Award

Jenna saw how technology is dominating our lives and how children spend less and less time outdoors. Knowing the importance of spending time outdoors and its connection to creativity promotion, Jenna worked with Bemis Farms Preschool and Daycare to design an outdoor classroom appropriate for preschool-age children. With the help of her team, she cleared a section of the woods, built benches, and crafted an interactive trail for the students littered with flowers, fairy gardens, and birdhouses.

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.

Camp O' the Hills 95th Anniversary



This April, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan celebrated the 95th Anniversary of Camp O' the Hills! The camp has been a cornerstone for Girl Scouts for nearly a century and has been the place where girls for several generations have called their home away from home as they build critical life and leadership skills.

Check out the link below to see how beautiful Camp O' the Hills has impacted its attendees—alumnae and current Girl Scouts—like Board Member and Trustee Tricia Cramer, who reminisced about her fond times there in the 70s.

[HIGHLIGHT REEL](#)

Another Way to Support GSHOM

Did you know there are ways to support GSHOM at absolutely no extra cost to you? Here is a simple way 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 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.



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

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