

October 2022

Fund Development Newsletter

Invest in Girls. Change the world. It really is that simple.



Happy New Year!

It's a new fiscal year for Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana, which is always a time that I reflect on the previous year and the impact that each donor made within the movement. This past year, you empowered 66 girls earn their Highest Awards—Gold, Silver, or Bronze, championed 270 girls to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in 12 different Title I schools, helped host 12 different camping experiences for 465 girls, and ensured over 1,200 girls continue to be an entrepreneur in our cookie program.

That is a HUGE impact!

On behalf of Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and over 4,000 local girl members, thank you for your generous donations! We can not do it without you, but there is still a lot of work to be done this year, and we are going to need your help!

Together, we can champion the changemakers of today—and tomorrow.

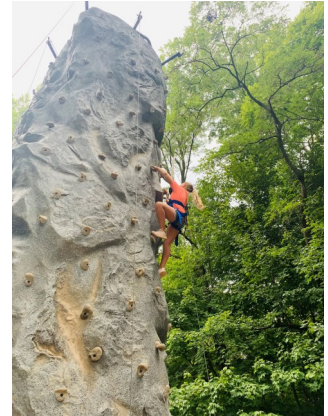
Sincerely,

Mary Fee
Director of Fund Development & Partnerships

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Donor Impact Goals

- \$70,000 to financial assistance to families in need
- \$60,000 to community impact programs in Title I Schools
- \$20,000 to environmental stewardship programs
- \$15,000 to financial literacy programs
- \$10,000 to STEM programs
- \$6,000 to AERO space day camp
- \$5,000 to mental health programs
- \$5,000 to outdoor programs at Camp Koch
- \$5,000 to Highest Awards projects and events
- \$5,000 to girl travel experiences
- \$1,000 to an astronomy club for girls grades 6-12



We still have a lot of work to do! Will you help us empower the next generation of girls?

Scan the QR code to make a donation to GSSI or go to girlscouts-gssi.org



Caroline Bossman
Fidget Mats for Local Elementary School



Gold Award Girl Scout
Katelyn Barnett
Caring for Community Cats

Donor Spotlight!

Donna Decker: Gold Award Scholarship

Thank you, Donna Decker, for your sponsorships to our Gold Award Girl Scouts that are graduating high school! Donna created the **Donna Decker Gold Award Scholarship** where she pledges to give Gold Award graduating seniors a \$1,000 scholarship every year!

Thank you, Donna! We appreciate you!



Our campaign goal is to raise \$50,000 by 2023 to renovate the shelter house, create a firepit, and build four furnished cabins at the Trailblazer campsite at Camp Koch.



Total Amount Raised to Date:
\$37,247

Amount Needed to Reach Goal:
\$12,753



Trailblazer Update

We are very excited to announce that we are moving forward with the plans to build cabins in Trailblazer at Camp Koch. Thanks to our generous donors, our cabins have been completely sponsored! In September, we celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony at the Camp Koch Staff 80th Reunion. We had over 70 people who love Camp Koch in attendance.

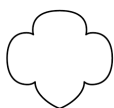
There is still more to be done. We haven't reached our overall goal yet. The plan is to do so this year, but we will need your help! Please watch in upcoming newsletters and donor emails for news on how you can make an impact for the girls at Camp Koch.

A huge thank you to our Trailblazer donors: Anonymous, Jamie Buecler, Gina Cannon, Barbara Carver, Kathleen Church, Jim Efinger, Dena Embrey, Stephanie Flowers, Melinda Garman, Nancy Habig, Hafer Design, Janet Johnson, Katie Koewler, James & Kristin Loveless, Meagan McKain, Crista Miller-Owens, Angela Erwin Mulzer, Mulzer Foundation, Lillie Owens, Carl Schofield, Frank Spangler, and Aimee Stachura.



Trailblazer ground breaking ceremony at the Camp Koch 80th Staff Reunion

Ways to Give



Giving Societies: Personal gifts can benefit the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana now and in the future. A gift of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or \$10,000 offers ways you may support Girl Scouting and make a difference in the lives of girls.



Juliette Gordon Low Society: Members of the Juliette Gordon Low Society believe that the lasting benefits of Girl Scouting should be preserved. By including Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana in your estate and financial plans, you support girls throughout the council for years to come.



Family Giving Partnership: The Family Giving Partnership is an opportunity for families and friends of Girl Scouts to make a financial contribution to directly benefit girls. As a member of our Girl Scout family, you know how important Girl Scouting is to girls, their families, and the community. A \$25 or greater gift will get your Family Giving patch!



I Love Camp Koch Club: Camping is a staple Girl Scout tradition. Girls who have regular outdoor experiences are more likely to seek out challenges and have better problem-solving skills. Contribute to ensure the continuation of high-quality outdoor experiences for girls. A \$50 or greater gift will get your I Love Camp Koch Club patch!



Save the Date

- **Giving Tuesday:** *Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Giving Tuesday unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. It's a special day to make an impact for the girls of Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana.

- **Women of Distinction:** *Friday, April 14, 2023 @ Venue 812*

Women of Distinction is a community wide annual celebration of successful female leaders all over southern Indiana. All proceeds go to fund the Girl Scout Leadership Program, which in turn helps future Girl Scouts grow into the female leaders of tomorrow.

- **The Great GlampOut!:** *August 19-20, 2023 @ Camp Koch*

The Great GlampOut! is a night out for women (21 and older) to get together to make new friends, taste locally sourced food, have hands-on adventures, participate in themed activities, and drinks.

For questions or more information, contact Mary Fee at mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org or call 812.421.4970.