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MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA -

I am pleased to offer this report from Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council (GSSGC) to members of the communities we serve in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In a collaborative effort with businesses, foundations, schools and individuals, GSSGC raises girls up to become the courageous leaders of high character that our world so desperately needs. We cannot create positive outcomes for girls and young women without this support,

nor should we try to do so. The task of securing successful futures for our girls belongs to everyone and needs everyone's participation. It is my hope that others will see the great work being done by so many of our community partners and be inspired to join us in this life-changing work.

Girl Scouts learn by doing and I think you will be impressed by the programs we call the G.I.R.L. Experience: Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk Taker, Leader. These are the character traits girls develop when they participate in Girl Scouts. The experiences and activities highlighted in this report are only one part of the Girl Scout story. In over 1,000 troops throughout GSSGC's 27,000 square mile territory, girls are learning by doing. They earn badges, explore their world, pursue camp and outdoor activities, travel throughout California, the nation and the world, participate in community service projects and as a result of these activities, they acquire valuable life skills. Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

If you are one of our partners, I encourage you to tell your business associates and friends about the important work we are doing together. If you have not yet partnered with Girl Scouts, I invite you to join us in this vital endeavor to help girls earn their rightful places as equal participants in all phases of life.

> Cynthia H. Breunig, President & CEO

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DAISY SOCIETY FOUNDING MEMBERS

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN GORGONIO COUNCIL COLLABORATES WITH SCORES OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT THE G.I.R.L. EXPERIENCE IN RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES. MEET A FEW OF THEM.



MEET... ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND

Founding Chair for Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council's Daisy Society

"I am the Founding Chair of the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council Daisy Society, committed to building girls of

courage, confidence and character. The Daisy Society was founded as an expression of the generosity I've experienced from both women and men in leadership throughout my career. I want nothing less than to offer an avenue for today's leaders to give back, so today's girls have the same or even greater opportunities than we have been given."



MEET... VICTORIA MIMS

DAISY SOCIETY MEMBER "As a Girl Scout mom and leader, nothing means more to me than showing my daughters how to

stand up and support causes that are special to our hearts and wonderful for the public good. Girl Scouts is that for us and joining the Daisy Society means other girls and families can also join in and experience all that scouting has to offer. I am proud to be a Daisy Society member!"

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN GORGONIO DAISY SOCIETY FOUNDING MEMBERS \$1,000 OR MORE

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EMPLOYEE GIVING

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN GORGONIO COUNCIL HAS 60 EMPLOYEES AND CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN. THIS PAST YEAR EMPLOYEES DONATED ALMOST \$25,000 THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND CASH DONATIONS.



GSSGC, DIRECTOR OF PROPERTIES

"As the father of two young women, I am a firm believer that every girl should have the opportunity to learn how to become a strong leader for the future in a supportive environment. GSSGC, through its many programs, affords girls these opportunities.

FOUNDATION AND UNITED WAY FUNDERS **MEET...** THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION

The Annenberg Foundation supports Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council's commitment to provide Girl Scouting to all girls in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Their generous funding provides operating support for Girl Scouts to participate in a wide variety of activities such as; career discovery, environmental education, STEM programs and much more. These experiences allow girls to create lifelong friendships while becoming future leaders.

THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION ARROWHEAD UNITED WAY THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION H.N. AND FRANCES C. BERGER FOUNDATION IRENE W. AND GUY L. ANDERSON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION S.L. GIMBEL FOUNDATION ADVISED FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THE COETA AND DONALD BARKER FOUNDATION VERA R. CAMPBELL FOUNDATION

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CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY FUNDERS MEET... ANDEAVOR

Andeavor and Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council (GSSGC) are collaborating to expand hands-on learning opportunities for girls in the Inland Empire region. Andeavor presented GSSGC with a check in the amount of \$75,000 to enable the Girl Scout Council to offer additional STEM and Classroom to Career opportunities.

"Andeavor Foundation is happy to provide this funding for the girls in the Inland Empire. As an employer, STEM is very important to us and we are investing in educational opportunities that encourage more girls and women to pursue the STEM fields." Tiffany Rau, Public & Government Relations Manager, Andeavor.

Andeavor Foundation and the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council are dedicated to improving lives and outcomes for all Inland Region residents by making the world a better place, one Girl Scout at a time.

Andeavor

Applied Medical Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc. **BBVA Compass BNSF Railway Foundation Burgess Moving & Storage Charter Communications City of Riverside College of the Desert Comerica Bank** ConvergeOne **County of Riverside, First District County of Riverside, Third District Edison International Employees Community Fund of Boeing** Girl Scouts of the USA Goldenvoice HDR Inc.

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IN-KIND DONATIONS



MEET... TIM BURGESS

BURGESS MOVING AND STORAGE

Tim provides staffing and extra parking lot space to ensure Girl Scout Mega Drop and "cupboards" for cookies and fall product execute flawlessly. During cookie season, while girls are running the largest girl lead entrepreneurial business in the world, Tim is helping them promote their business on a Burgess Moving and Storage bob-tail truck.

In addition to providing significant in-kind gifts, Tim is a leadership

donor to Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio. His financial gifts make it possible to bring Girl Scouting to girls in outlying areas of our council.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW SOCIETY

JULIETTE GORDON LOW SOCIETY IS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF GIRL SCOUTING BY INCLUDING THE COUNCIL IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS.



MEET... REITA DYKES

1928 - 2014

Reita Dykes was a Girl Scout for over 75 years, and she inspired generations of girls in the Inland Empire to be courageous and confident through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Reita was also well known for her love of camp, and she would frequently attend Camp Azalea Trails and Camp Tautona.

Reita was the first Girl Scouts San Gorgonio Council alumna to join the Juliette Gordon Low Society. Because of Reita's commitment to providing leadership opportunities to girls within the Inland Empire, her generous legacy is being used for programming at Camp Skyland Ranch. The San Gorgonio Council expresses its deepest gratitude for Reita's unwavering commitment and dedication to upholding the Girl Scouts mission by ensuring her legacy will live on in the generations of Girl Scouts to come.

RICHARD G. AQUINO RHESA ASHBACHER ANDREW AVERY DEBBIE BARRERA CYNTHIA H. BREUNIG CRAIG BURDETTE MARCY BURDETTE LINDA DOMINGUEZ DEBRA DONNELL MELINDA DOUGHERTY REITA M. DYKES* SALLY GOSE DEBRA GRADIAS STACEY GRANT KNEA HAWLEY RENEE HILL JOYCE KNOLL ELIZABETH LOCKE-THOMAS KIT MAC NEE CHUCK MACKINNON BEATRICE M. MARTIN* SANDRA L. MAYO WADE MAYO DAWN MEADE THERESA MOLKO SYLVIA MORRISON DONNA PARKER MS. CYNTHIA PAULO NANCY PERDUE CARRIE RALEIGH DIANA ROBINSON BOB SCHUMACHER TINA SCHUMACHER GAIL A. SEEKINS KRISTINA SEWELL BARBARA P. SIRVIS EDNA L. STEINMAN* D. SCOTT THOMPSON PAM VERHAEGEN

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CLASSROOM TO CAREER



MEET... RHESA ASHBACHER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LtCol Ashbacher is one of over 4,000 Girl Scout alumni in San Bernardino and Riverside counties who are volunteering their time to make a difference for today's generation of girls.

"I joined Girl Scouts in high school and worked as a camp counselor all through college. The camp counseling experience honed skills of leadership,

teamwork and perseverance. I also learned to love outdoor adventures and never let fear of failure hold me back from learning new skills. The character trait of perseverance I found a necessary asset in law school, and the entire camp counseling experience seemed to set me up for a career in the Marine Corps--certainly a nontraditional career choice for a woman. What I appreciate about the Classroom to Career events is that they expose the girls to non-traditional career fields that they may not otherwise consider exploring or have the opportunity to explore."

Two of the primary areas of focus in GSSGC's 2013 Strategic Plan were retaining middle school girls in Girl Scouts, and offering more opportunities for low-income and high-poverty girls. The Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Alumni Association and committed community members came together to create Classroom to Career; Developing Tomorrow's Female Leaders. The initiative is a STEM-based collaborative effort, launched in 2013, targeting low-income Inland Empire girls and girls of diverse backgrounds, ages 11 - 18. GSSGC partners with local businesses to help girls become better prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century workplace. Schools are selected based on the percentage of students who qualify for the free and reduced price school meals. Throughout the school-year girls visit a variety of worksites, college and university campuses, where they participate in hands-on learning activities. Classroom to Career offers the girls opportunities to interact with many female professionals who are there to lead and inspire them. Many of these female leaders were Girl Scouts themselves!

To join the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council Alumni Association email Knea Hawley at *Khawley@gssgc.org*

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

 ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

87.5%

BARSTOW
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

77.8%

BEAUMONT
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

56.5%

COLTON
 JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

80.7%

 HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

70.2%

PALM SPRINGS
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

87.6%

REDLANDS
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

57.9%

RIALTO
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

79.4%

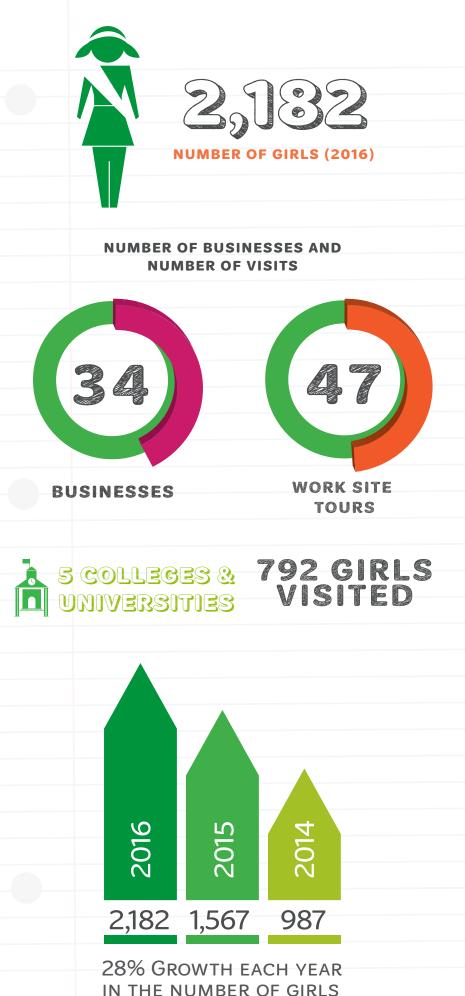
RIVERSIDE
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

63.5%

 YUCAIPA-CALIMESA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



CLASSROOM TO CAREER CONTINUED



MEET... CATHY BARTTELBORT

CONTROLLER, STRONGHOLD ENGINEERING .INC



"In 2016, our CEO, Beverly Bailey, casually asked me if I had ever been a Girl Scout. When I said yes, she challenged me to host the girls from Liberty Elementary for a Classroom to Career visit. This meant public speaking and event planning, neither of which come naturally for me and are definitely outside of my comfort zone. I'll forever be grateful for Beverly's challenge, as the event in 2016 was certainly one of the best days of my entire career. The activity I chose was a Goal Setting worksheet for the girls – listing three goals and corresponding action items to reach those goals. As each girl stood to share her goal, we clapped and encouraged each and every one. I was overwhelmed with the girls' goals – one in particular touched me deeply. She stood up and simply stated that her goal was to be more confident. I thought to myself, BRAVO young lady, you've just accomplished your goal!"

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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- WELLS FARGO
- WESTERN MUNICIPAL
- WATER DISTRICT
- YAKULT
- YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



STRONGHOLD ENGINEERING:

"The girls were willing to share their career goals and business cards they created today. Their interest in each of the departments as we toured the building were definite highlights."

REDLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

"I enjoyed Interacting with the young ladies and hearing their responses to questions they asked about a career in Forensics."

INLAND EMPIRE WATERKEEPER:

"I enjoyed sharing our work with young girls interested in alternative careers in science, as well as being able to answer any questions girls had pertaining to future careers."

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT:

"It was good to share with the girls that there are STEM related fields at the Water District."

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NURSING PROGRAM:

"The student nurses felt great satisfaction in mentoring the girls."

CLASSROOM TO CAREER CONTINUED

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERS: 792 GIRLS

GIRL SCOUTS BELIEVES THAT GIRLS MUST BE EXPOSED TO DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES TO IMAGINE DIFFERENT THINGS FOR THEIR FUTURE. THESE TOURS GIVE EXPOSURE TO A RANGE OF SCHOOLS, EDUCATION ON EVALUATING COLLEGES, EMPOWERS GIRLS TO CONFIDENTLY ACCESS AND ASSESS A COLLEGE, AND IT GETS THE GIRLS EXCITED ABOUT POST-SECONDARY PROSPECTS.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE:

270 girls participated in four STEM activity days. Activities included: Introduction to Binary with Dr. Roger Powell, Hour of Code led by SBVC Computer Science Club students, and STEM career aptitude activity with the SBVC STEM counselors.

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE:

192 girls participated in Public Safety and Allied Health Day. Girls learned about career pathways, such as Firefighter, EMT, Search and Rescue, Respiratory Therapist and Medical Assistant.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION SCIENCES:

40 participants toured the runway and discovered many types of airplanes. They learned how to fly and land airplanes on a flight simulator.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO:

250 girls attended a one-week Cybersecurity day camp. Activities included: flying drones, solving cybercrime, assembling Raspberry Pi computers, learning to code and much more.

40 girls attended the CSUSB Nursing Program, where they learned about the many career paths in nursing. They participated in learning activities, such as taking vital signs on robots.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE:

20 girls participated in Engineering Day, where they worked with female engineering students. Participants worked with circuits, designed paper bridges and learned about the variety of career options within engineering.

THE MOST HELPFUL ADVICE I RECEIVED:

- I should consider attending college because it will help me pursue my career.
- Getting a higher degree helps in getting a good job that pays well.
- Females can do anything a male can do, like being an engineer or a pilot. (Cal Baptist Aviation)
- The most helpful advice I got was the path to take to become an engineer.
- Your choices reflect on what you do later in life.
- Stay focused on your goal.





S.T.E.M.

IMPORTANCE OF STEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS:

Although actual performance measures show high school girls and boys perform equally well in math and science, girls start losing interest in math and science during middle school - coinciding with a time when girls become more aware of female/STEM biases (US Department Education: Condition of Education). Classroom to Career intervenes at this critical time by exposing girls to STEM in ways that encourage girl learning. Consequently, they are prepared for better high school experiences at Linked Learning schools or schools aligned with the San Bernardino County Cradle to Career Roadmap. Classroom to Career also benefits teachers who are called upon more and more to teach increasingly complex skills to their students and to assure that an exceptionally diverse population of students learn such skills equally well.

PARTICIPANTS HAD THIS TO SAY:

- The most helpful advice I received was that a girl can do anything if she puts her mind to it and works hard like Dr. White. (Riverside County Office of Education)
- Just because we are girls doesn't mean we can't accomplish our dreams.
- To believe in yourself.
- The most helpful advice I got today is to go for anything that you want.

- Women can work in any job even if it is a male dominated job.
- I received advice that showed me women can do male jobs like operating airplanes.
- Girls can be pilots too.
- That even if you are a girl you can work as anything you want.
- Even girls can be engineers.



ALL PARTICIPANTS IN GENCYBER WERE PROVIDED A RASPBERRY PI MICROCOMPUTER TO ASSEMBLE AND TAKE HOME AT THE END OF THE WEEK IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED CYBER HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

BANK OF AMERICA

- NORTHROP GRUMMAN
- CONVERGEONE
- FACEBOOK
- CISCO
- CRYROP

(COLTON-REDLANDS-YUCAIPA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM)

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- DEPARTMENT OF
 HOMELAND SECURITY
- DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
- MITRE
- CSUSB CYBER SECURITY CENTER
- •CSUSB INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
- CSUSB INFOSEC CLUB

MEET... GENCYBER

Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council and California State University, San Bernardino collaborate for 250 Girl Scouts to experience a week of cybersecurity on the university's campus. More than 4,000 hours were donated by staff and industry partners, and over \$200,000 raised to provide girls living in the Inland Empire region with this opportunity. The program funders include: National Science Foundation, National Security Agency, California State University San Bernardino, Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council, San Bernardino Community College District-Doing What Matters and Staples Foundation.

During the first week of GenCyber, 200 middle school girls headed to the California State University, San Bernardino campus to learn about cybersecurity. Participants learned cyber principles and participated in interactive experiences with cyber industry professionals. Activities during the week included flying drones, learning to code with Scratch, participating in a cyber-forensics simulation, developing team building skills on the Challenge course, and learning online safety. CSUSB cybersecurity students and GSSGC camp staff worked together as team leaders for the participants.

The second week of GenCyber targets high school girls who previously participated in GenCyber, Cyber Patriot, or any other cyber related programs. This ensures that GenCyber meets the needs of participants and prepares girls for a pathway to cyber education and careers. Girls worked on projects applying the skills previously learned and staff provided girls with guidance on steps they could take to plan ahead for a college and career pathway in cybersecurity.

Alina Aragon participated in GenCyber two years ago and found she enjoyed what she learned. She never saw college as something that she would ever attend. After attending GenCyber she applied and

received a scholarship to attend CSUSB's cybersecurity program. Now, after her second year at Cal State she helped in the planning and facilitation of the GenCyber program. She was recently offered a position as an intern and will spend the summer in Washington D.C. working in the field of cybersecurity.



"This camp excels at team building and enthusiasm for all things Cyber. An enthusiastic university staff coupled with the experience of the Girl Scouts' leadership makes for a great experience for all involved. It is also the definition of the intent and purpose of GenCyber and powerfully introduces it to a huge group of young women who otherwise would likely never learn about the potential futures they have in cybersecurity."

S.T.E.M. CONTINUED



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

Dr. Tony Coulson, Professor and Director of CyberSecurity Center, and Dr. Vincent Nestler, Professor Information Decision Sciences, and the entire cybersecurity team from California State University, San Bernardino provide GenCyber Day Camp at no cost to Title I girls or Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council. The grant-funded program allows girls to experience all things cybersecurity.





In August 2016, SciGirls presented a STEM workshop for Girl Scout Leaders. SciGirls is a PBS program focused on introducing pre-teen girls to STEM through a television show and associated curriculum. The SciGirls program was provided through grant funding from the Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.

SciGirls facilitators spent the day with a group of leaders and volunteers teaching the participants how to engage their girls in STEM activities and highlighted best practices SciGirls have developed through their research. Participants previewed clips from the SciGirls show, tried out a variety of STEM activities and learned ways to inspire their girls through STEM activities.

"The SciGirls program is diverse and adaptable for all ages and level of Scouts. I like their programing format offering a variety of experiments, information, pictures, and videos of their different topics. All the resource material including websites were helpful especially for my older Cadette and Senior troop. My girls want to solve the problem themselves. They enjoyed exploring the SciGirls site, CD rom, and activity booklets. Many of the experiments were done at our meetings and a couple at local events. The hands-on approach SciGirls offers inspired my troop to try more STEM activities and greatly improved their problem solving skills." GSSGC Troop Leader, Melissa.



MEET... BOURNS ENGINEERING

Girl Scouts visited Bourns Engineering in conjunction with the Classroom to Career Year-End Celebration. CEO Gordon Bourns welcomed the girls and encouraged them to pursue a degree in engineering. Mr. Bourns spent the morning demonstrating the mechanics behind how a gas tank lever determines how much fuel is in a gas tank and how a cell phone charger works. The girls created Brush Bots, flew drones, and experienced life with the green screen.



MEET... APPLIED MEDICAL

Classroom to Career participants had the opportunity to visit Applied Medical where they practiced using high-tech surgical instruments. Sapphire Lopez, Lead Engineer in Polymer Processing Development led the girls on a behind the scenes look at the Applied Medical facilities. Girls were encouraged to ask questions as they interacted with many female role models and they learned about the educational requirements for each of their positions.





MEET... STRONGHOLD ENGINEERING

Girl Scouts were welcomed to Stronghold Engineering by President and CEO Beverly Bailey. Cathy Barttelbort, Controller, provided a tour of the facility where girls were able to interact with women from a variety of professions. Girls created their own business cards, and one of the girls wanted to work at Stronghold and created a Stronghold business card for herself.

GIRL PROGRAMS



MEET... GIRL REPORTER PROGRAM

Girl Scouts' Girl Reporter Program provides girls with hands-on opportunities to write, edit and report about their experiences. Girls immerse themselves in the fields of media, journalism, broadcasting and communications by learning how to conduct interviews, take photos and videos at events, and write reports. Our girl reporters have learned how to create podcasts, trailers and video resumes that they can use when applying for various organizations and colleges.

Their work is published on GSSGC's Girl Scouts Now! blog, the GSSGC website and Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Food for Thought Magazine. Local press and media outlets sometimes pick up their stories as well. Our program has gained nationwide attention with Girl Scout Councils like New York creating similar programs.

The Girl Reporter program collaborated with CSUSB and Local Matters News. Girls were able to produce, shoot, anchor, and edit for the professional news program. They worked side by side with professionals and college students from CSUSB's Communications Department.

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"This program has introduced me to the hard and rewarding world of an interviewer and people in media – I'm excited to pursue a career in journalism." Jillian B., Girl Reporter





МЕЕТ... соисн то 5к

For the second year, Girl Scouts and volunteers joined together for the Couch to 5K program. Couch to 5K focused on encouraging healthy lifestyles and participating in the culminating 5K run. There was no cost to participants, who received running shoes, coaching, and learned teamwork leading up to the 5K. In addition to physical activity, participants learned about healthy eating by trying new foods and learning recipes. Seventy percent of Couch to 5K participants felt more confident after participating in this program. Additional participant survey comments are below:

BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM, MY LIFE CHANGED IN THIS WAY ...

- My life has changed because it has provided additional healthy recipes into our normal daily choices and encouraged a love for running!
- I feel more confident about running and know more about nutrition and breathing.
- Our entire family has begun eating healthier and we have been running/walking more as a family.

SUM UP IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR FEELING ABOUT THE COUCH TO 5K PROGRAM.

- I love everything about this program.
- An extremely rewarding and exciting opportunity to help girls grow athletically, in fitness, invest in their well-being and be introduced to nutrition education.
- I am grateful for this program because it has helped me stay healthy and I think it would help others who join.
- It felt good to see how I could run longer over time.
- I liked getting together with other girls to run. It made exercise more fun!



MEET... STAGECOACH FESTIVAL

The sister event to Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, is an outdoor country music festival held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, CA, that hosts approximately 65,000 people each day. GSSGC has organized and provided the volunteer oversight at the Half-Pint Hootenanny for the past ten years. The Hootenanny enables parents to leave their children, at no additional cost, in the care of responsible older girls and adults while they enjoy the music festival. High school

Girl Scouts are responsible for organizing the booth that features jewelry making, arts & crafts, games, face painting, hair décor, fun tattoos, western competitions, singing and dancing, whip cracking, rope play, and live music.

"Having volunteered at Stagecoach was my most memorable experience. It gave me a chance to interact with people in ways I wouldn't usually have met them. I was also able to meet and work with other Girl Scouts from different troops. Stagecoach itself was amazing and incredible as I was able to enjoy music which I don't usually listen to. Through Girl Scouts I was not only able to learn more about the people around me, but also more about myself."

MEET... GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS

GSSGC serves girls from every part of the community. Our Girl Scouts Beyond Bars (GSBB) program works with girls whose mothers are incarcerated. The program provides girls and their mothers the tools they'll need to succeed, while also strengthening the mother/daughter bond through regular visits. Girl Scouts of the USA's 2012 National Evaluation of the program found that 84 percent of girls agree that they have a better relationship with their mother since participating in Girls Scouts Beyond Bars.

THE PRISON CHAPLAIN SHARED THIS STORY:

One inmate from Central California Women's Facility heard about the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program. She was thrilled to learn she would have the opportunity to spend quality time with her daughter. The mom shared that she had been contemplating suicide because she was unable to see her daughter. The Girl Scouts Beyond Bars gave her the hope and purpose to continue.



MEET... CAMPERSHIPS

Girl Scouts has been a trailblazer in outdoor experiences for over 100 years. We know that the camp experience promotes healthy living and lifestyles through getting girls outdoors and interacting with nature through fun and creative expression. Girl Scouts focuses on developing leaders in an all-girl environment, while promoting teamwork and positive communication skills. Camperships give us the ability to send girls to camp that may not have the financial means to do so. Each year over 75 girls are able to sleep under the stars, enjoy a hike through the mountains, experience the thrill of building a robot all through camperships.

This year, our Council received funding from Supervisor Chuck Washington of Riverside County, Third District to help the girls in foster care have the camp experience.

EACH REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID IS REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY NEED ASSISTANCE. BELOW ARE SOME OF THEIR STORIES:

- I am a single father who has been raising three girls for 11 years now. I was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia and I am disabled. My daughter is a great helper for me with my health issues and helps with her sisters. She went to camp with her sister last year and it made her understand the idealism of camp. Her sisters went to camp last year as Counselors in Training (CIT) and they said it was a blast. It demonstrated to both of them the benefit of getting out of their shell and participating in more events.
- As a single mother of two children living on our own, there are a lot of expenses. I work two-part time jobs and go to school full time as well as volunteer. Having two kids to take care of it doesn't leave many funds left over each month. I want to provide the best opportunities for my children anytime I can. This is an opportunity to immerse my daughter into the Girl Scout world and give her a little adventure this summer that I normally wouldn't be able to provide for her. Girl Scouts is a wonderful organization that provides a lot of knowledge, wonderful experiences, friendships, and plenty of great future opportunities for her. That to me is priceless, and with having only one childhood I want her to enjoy it and have these memories forever.
- My husband Harvey and I have raised Bella since she was a baby. He passed away just a little over a year ago. Bella and I are now on our own. I am 82 years old and on a limited income. Any help you can give would be very much appreciated. I thank you in advance for your help in this matter.





MEET... SKYLAND RANCH

Purchased just a year and one-half ago by Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio, Skyland Ranch has been transformed from a moribund, lightly-used camp in the San Jacinto Mountains to a vibrant destination for Girls Scouts from throughout Southern California. At a time when many of our nation's 112 Girl Scouts councils are divesting themselves of camp properties, GSSGC has made the bold commitment to give this 192-acre property new life as a Girl Scout camp and center of excellence for leadership training and outdoor education.

Several million dollars is being raised to renovate and expand the remarkable and historic property. In a remarkably short time, Skyland Ranch has hosted scores of camp sessions, including a full equestrian program. In the coming years, Skyland Ranch's overnight accommodations will grow to five times its current capacity. A Leadership Center, art spaces, and native gardens and hiking trails will be built. To date nearly \$2,000,000 has been raised to restore Skyland Ranch.

Today's girls deserve the life-altering outdoor experiences so much more readily available to past generations. As GSSGC's President and CEO, Cynthia H. Breunig, observes: "Camping has taught me self-reliance. It has taught me the value of listening to nature, to others, to the rhythms of life. It has taught me about collaboration and teamwork, by participating in groups and sometimes even struggling together to meet a challenge."

To learn more or to arrange a tour of Skyland Ranch, please contact Chuck MacKinnon at 310-567-9318 or at *cmackinnon@gssgc.org.*

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