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# 2023 Donor Thanks Publication

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# A Special Thanks from GSSI's Board Chair

Thank you for your financial support of Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana! Since 1912, Girl Scouts has provided a safe space for every girl to discover who they are, connect with other girls, and realize their inner potential. By supporting GSSI, you are helping to further our commitment to the girls in our community by giving them opportunities they may not otherwise have.

As Board Chair, I see firsthand how contributions affect the ability to serve these girls and how we can update our current assets to increase their experiences. Thanks to many generous contributions, new cabins are being built at Camp Koch. These cabins, along with other new areas for adventure, will allow GSSI to give Girl Scouts great outdoor adventures for many years to come. I was a troop leader for my daughter, who is now an adult, and Camp Koch was her favorite place to spend time. She was a camper, then a teen aide, and is now a camp volunteer every year.

As a Volunteer Troop Co-Leader, I see how Girl Scouts has enabled my teenage troop to try new things, learn life skills not taught in the classroom, and expand their circles of relationships. Recently, I traveled to the Girl Scout National Convention with a group of girls and volunteers. Seeing them meet and interact with other Girl Scouts and experience new things reinforced the importance of Girl Scouts.

At the National Council Session this year, we saw a proposal passed which amends our bylaws to show our commitment to every girl: "Girl Scouts advance diversity, pluralism, and anti-racism and actively identify and oppose racism by removing systemic barriers to participation in our Movement and the communities in which we live."

I contribute financially because I see the difference GSSI has made in the lives of many Girl Scouts. By giving, I know that GSSI will continue recruiting quality volunteers and serving girls in our community to improve the world. I invite you to contribute and make this a Year of Wonder!

Sincerely,



Kelly Birkhead



**Kelly Birkhead**  
*GSSI Board Chair*

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**Thank you** for investing in Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and supporting over 4,000 local girl members.

**Together**, we are helping girls make the world a better place for all of us.

### Who We Serve

4,000 girls  
1,200 volunteers  
11 counties



### Our Supporters

**299**

Individual Donors

**55**

Corporate & Event Donors

**13**

Strategic Partners

### Giving Societies



**Daisy Donors**-Gifts of \$250+  
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**Pearl Society**-Gifts of \$500+  
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**President's Club**-Gifts of \$1000+  
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**Emerald Circle**-Gifts of \$10,000+  
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## Your Investment Impact in 2023

**197 girls at 12 Title I schools** participated in Girl Scout afterschool programming.



**39 Girl Scouts earned Highest Awards**, including 9 Gold Awards, 7 Silver Awards, and 23 Bronze Awards.



**482 girls experienced camp & the outdoors** at 9 Day Camps, 2 Overnight Camps, & 1 Camporee.



**1,302 girls gained valuable entrepreneurial skills** through the Girl Scout Cookie Program.



# Creating Lasting Impacts for Girls

## The McKinney Family is Building a Legacy of Support for Girl Scouts

The McKinney family has been involved in Girl Scouts for three generations, beginning with Margaret McKinney and continuing with her daughter-in-law and son Valerie and Jim McKinney, as well as their daughter Ellen Vandeloo. They have supported the Girl Scout mission by volunteering their time and talents and donating financially through the McKinney Fund for Girl Scouts.

The McKinney family recognizes that financial barriers can prevent some girls and families from participating in Girl Scouts. Since its inception in 2014, the McKinney Fund for Girl Scouts has helped nearly 20,000 girls and volunteers.

In 2023, the McKinneys expanded their commitment to eliminate financial and demographic barriers. They added support for Title I school programs, volunteer training and education, outdoor skill-building, and Gold Award scholarships. By ensuring continued annual support and planned gifts in the future, the McKinney Family is living out the Girl Scout Law and creating a more equitable community for all.



*Ellen showing her grandmother Margaret and her mother Valerie her Gold Award pin, which she earned in 2008.*



**In 2023, The McKinney Fund, the Duncan Trust, and local United Ways provided financial assistance to help reduce or cover membership costs, uniforms, and camp programs for 1,984 girls in need.**





# Creating Lasting Impacts for Girls

## GSUSA Honorary Trustee Dianne Belk Honors New Members of the Juliette Gordon Low Society

The Juliette Gordon Low Society was established to honor and thank friends of Girl Scouting who have included Girl Scouts in their estate plans as part of their legacies. These donors are crucial in ensuring that our Council can provide future generations of Girl Scouts with opportunities to reach their full potential.

In May, GSSI hosted an afternoon tea party at the Evansville Country Club for the Juliette Gordon Low Society. Diane Belk, the National Founding Chair of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, presented a keynote speech about planned giving and held a pinning ceremony for eight new society members: Lauren Baker, Whitney Bowman, Shawnetta Compton, Jessica Cottone, Mary Fee, Kelsey Hillenbrand, Donna Marvel, and Lori Sutton. We are grateful to these new society members, whose legacy gifts will continue to serve girls for generations.



## Juliette Gordon Low Society Members

**Members Erik & Eva Anderson, *Girl Scout Movement-wide Challenge Planned Gift***

**Dianne Belk & Lawrence Calder, *Girl Scout Movement-wide Challenge Planned Gift***

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Women of Distinction is an annual celebration of successful female leaders from our communities. All proceeds fund the Girl Scout Leadership Program, which helps Girl Scouts grow into the female leaders of tomorrow.

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*Special thanks to Just Rennie's for donating dessert.*



## Glamp Out at Camp Koch

The Glamp Out at Camp Koch was an event for women 21 years old or older to get together to spend some time outdoors while doing archery, hatchets & knives, hiking to Blue Wells, exploring the Fairy Garden, Hammock Hideaway, and Butterfly Garden, float on the lake, canoe, paddleboard, and sing traditional campfire songs with s'mores.

Fee Construction  
John & Sara Stachura  
Perry County Memorial Hospital

*Special thanks to Camp Koch volunteers for assisting with the weekend's activities.*

## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Fall Event

GSSI's annual fall event is for all girls in grades K-12 and their families. The event features various hands-on STEM, arts, and environmental activities from local community partners. The 2023 event was hosted at Wesselman Woods.

Alcoa Foundation  
Toyota Indiana

*Special thanks to Jersey Mike's for donating lunch.*



# Giving Societies

## Daisy Donors

Daisy Donors are passionate, dedicated individuals who are committed to the leadership development of young women. They honor Girl Scouts' beautiful past and ensure support for the future by making an annual contribution of \$250 or more. This club is named after our amazing founder, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low.

Martha Alldredge  
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Pearl Society members are champions for the next generation of leaders by making an annual contribution of \$500 or more. Their gifts will ensure the continuation of the valuable Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

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# Giving Societies

## President's Club

President's Club members passionately support the leadership development of young women by making an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more. Their gifts will change the lives of girls in our area for generations to come.

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## Emerald Circle

Emerald Circle members are the stakeholders within the Girl Scout community. They make an enormous difference in the lives of thousands of girls. These members commit their unwavering support to Girl Scouts by making a pledge of \$10,000 to be completed over one, two, or three years.

Donna Decker  
Angela Mulzer Erwin  
Nancy Habig

Valerie McKinney  
Crista Miller-Owens



# Camp Koch Supporters

## Trailblazer Capital CAMPaign

GSSI's Trailblazer CAMPaign is to transform Camp Koch's Trailblazer unit by building four (4) new, furnished cabins, renovating the shelter house, and creating a fire pit.

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Past Camp Koch Staff in Honor  
of Mr. Jim & Joyce Efinger



The **Trailblazer CAMPaign** will fund upgrades to the Trailblazer campsite at Camp Koch. **Thanks to 68 individual donors and 3 corporate donors, we have raised over \$65,000 and funded 4 fully-furnished cabins!**



*Council leadership, camp staff, and former Ranger Jim Efinger broke ground on the cabin construction in May 2023.*



# Camp Koch Supporters

## I Love Camp Koch Club

The I Love Camp Koch Club ensures the continuation of high-quality outdoor experiences for girls. 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.

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## 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 the girls. As members of the Girl Scout family, you know how important Girl Scouting is to girls, their families, and the community.

Ryan Grossman  
Kara Messersmith  
Katie Shonk  
Lori Sutton

Vivian Taylor  
Jennifer Verkamp  
Kiersten Waggoner

## GivingTuesday

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. This social media fundraiser gives back to Girl Scouts, giving them the courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place.

Special thanks to Schultheis Insurance for matching donations.

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