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2025 Making an Impact Breakfast

Digital Journal

Igniting Tomorrow's Changemakers

Friday, March 7th, 2025

Stonebridge Country Club, Smithtown, NY





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At Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is centered on four pillars-STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship, and is designed to build confidence in every girl, regardless of background or ability. Guided by supportive adults and peers, girls develop their leadership potential through age-appropriate activities that enable them to discover the world around them.

Today's Girl Scouts are tomorrow's world changers, and at Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, we are committed to helping every girl build a foundation for success.





Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: To serve God* and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

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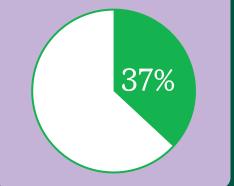


Girl Scout Alum Facts*

The Girl Scout alum community is over 50 million strong.

Based on current U.S. government population estimates, there are approximately 143 million adult women in the United States.

More than 1 in 3 women in the United States were Girl Scouts at some point in their lives.





Compared to other women, Girl Scout alums embody higher levels of:

• <u>Courage</u>—they show resilience when learning from failure and setbacks, take on challenges, are ambitious, and aren't afraid to take risks (46% compared to 36%).

• <u>Confidence</u>—they accomplish what they set out to do and are assured in their abilities (66% compared to 53%).

• <u>Character</u>—they lead purposeful and meaningful lives, are honest and trustworthy, stand up for their beliefs and values, and actively contribute to others' well-being (74% compared to 62% showed positive values and 61% compared to 48% showed positive self-image).

Dear Friends,

Each year, in honor of International Women's Day, our Making an Impact Breakfast brings together a dynamic panel of women to share stories of empowerment and strength as they inspire us all.

At Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place is a part of everything we do.

We celebrate our 5th Annual Making an Impact Breakfast with a renewed commitment to ensuring every Girl Scout, regardless of background or ability, has a safe space to lead, thrive, and be unapologetically themselves.



The Girl Scout Leadership Experience centers on four

pillars: STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. Your support allows us to provide unique and memorable experiences that build confidence and help level the playing field in our ever-changing world. Your engagement and generosity allow Girl Scouts to rise to new challenges by giving them the resources they need to realize their dreams.

Our 2025 Making an Impact Panelists, Linda Armyn, Dr. Sylvia Diaz, Gina Farese, and Michelle Martin, along with our moderators and co-chairs of the event committee, Jennifer Friedman and Krupa Panchal-Lauricella, share in our vision for the future of girls. Today's Girl Scouts are the changemakers of tomorrow, and with you in their corner, they can do anything.

Thank you for making an impact.

Warmly,



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Tammy Severino President & CEO



Donna Smeland *Chair of the Board*



Make a Bigger **Impact For Girls!**

Your support doesn't have to stop here let's create even more opportunities for the next generation of leaders!

Corporate Opportunities

Does your company offer internships, mentorships, or programs that empower young women? Partner with the Girl Scouts to provide transformative experiences that inspire future success.

Additional Donations

Every dollar helps us deliver programs that build courage, confidence, and character in girls across Suffolk County.



Scan the OR code to let us know how you'd like to get involved!



Together, we can shape brighter futures for our Girl Scouts. Thank you for your continued commitment to making a difference!

Questions? Email Angela Perrone, Fund Development Manager, at aperrone@gssc.us or (631) 543-6622 x245

Special Guests



Linda Armyn President & CEO. FourLeaf Federal Credit Union



Gina Farese CEO, Marcor Construction, Marcor Solar, & MGM Construction Services



Jennifer Friedman *Executive Director of Sisters of St. Dominic* of Amityville & 2nd Vice Chair of GSSC's Board of Director





Dr. Sylvia A. Diaz Deputy County Executive for Health, Human Services, & Education



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How Girl Scouts Can Support Mental Health*



"Because of Girl Scouts, I've had a community and a safe place to be myself."

2/3rdsof girls feel like being in Girl Scouts supports their mental health.



Girls say Girl Scouts provides... 🤳

- ✓ A safe space
- ✓ A program that teaches leadership, courage, confidence, & character
- ✓ Social support & friendships
- ✓ Supportive adult relationships
- ✓ Consistency & comfort in a time of change

"Girl Scouts has taught me to be self-confident, which is very good for my mental health. I have learned to be brave when trying new things, which reduces anxiety I might have had when put in new or uncomfortable situations. I have learned to be adaptable. Girl Scouts' encouragement of always trying new things has led me to pursue activities that make me happy."

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Thank You!



We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors for their generous donations and unwavering support of the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Your contributions are essential in ensuring that girls from all backgrounds have the opportunity to pursue their dreams.

Together, we are empowering the changemakers of tomorrow. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

-The Committee

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"Girl Scouts is more than a program and an organization. I've never been in a group of people that I felt so welcomed, supported, and want to see me succeed. I've found a home in Girl Scouts of Suffolk County."

Olivia P., Girl Scout Ambassador

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"Girl Scouts has made me a leader. I've been a leader in many different situations and this has taken a big role in my life."

Addision I., Girl Scout Cadette





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"We are not just girls selling Girl Scout cookies...we're girls changing the world!" Angelina T., Girl Scout Cadette





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So far, we have brought the Girl Scout Experience to over 2,800 girls across diverse communities, with over 50 programs, in over 40 schools and 7 family shelters.



We want the Girl Scout experience for all girls. Because all girls, despite background or ability, deserve educational and enriching opportunities that help them discover their strengths and passions.

*Compared to non-Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts are more likely to...

- Develop a Strong Sense of Self: They have confidence in themselves and their abilities, and are happy with who they are as a person.
- Display Postive Values: They act ethically, honestly, and responsibly, and show concern for others.
- Seek Challenges: They take appropriate risks, try things even if they might fail, and learn from mistakes.
- Form Healthy Relationships: They develop and maintain healthy relationships by communicating their feelings directly and resolving conflicts constructively.
- Be Community Problem-Solvers: They desire to contribute to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways, learn how to identify problems in the community, and create "action plans" to solve them.

*The Girl Scout Impact Study, GSRI, 2017

Making a Difference

As we add more programs and schools to the upcoming year with up to 90% of these Girl Scouts in need of scholarships, it's more important then ever to ensure we can give them access and help them become the next generation of leaders.

Join our team of strategic partners who enhance our Community Programs by adding other special workshops on financial literacy and budgeting, STEM activities, and special guest speakers.



For more information, contact *customercare@gssc.us* or call (631) 543-6622

Community Programs

Bringing the Girl Scout Experience to Every Girl!

Academy Charter Elementary School K-6	Ма
Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School	Ма
Anthony Alfano Elementary School	No
Aquebogue Elementary School	No
Bay Shore Middle School	No
Belmont Elementary School	No
Charles E. Walters Elementary School K-1	Oal
Charles E. Walters Elementary School 2-4	Par
Community Housing Innovations Medford	Par
Community Housing Innovations Moreland	Par
Community Housing Innovations Smithtown	Pin
Coram Elementary School K-1	Pro
Coram Elementary School 2-4	Ou
Cordello Avenue Elementary School	Pul
Cutchogue East Elementary School	Rh
Edmund W. Miles Middle School	Rh
Edward Bosti Elementary School	Rid
Family Service League Brentwood	Rid
Family Service League, Riverhead	Rile
Fifth Avenue Elementary	RJ
Fort Salonga Elementary School	Roa
Frank J. Cannon Southeast Elementary School	Soι
Gardiner Manor Elementary School	Sti
Hemlock Park Elementary School	We
Huntington Tri-CYA	We
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"Girl Scouts allows me to work with people for change. And this can be something as small as picking up trash at the beach, working with people at a senior center, or basically just anything to help out my community."

Joannie T., Girl Scout Senior





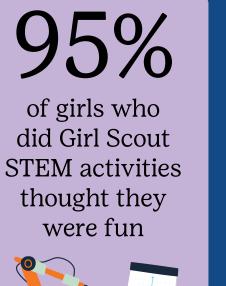
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What do Girl Scouts think about the STEM program?*

Two-thirds of Girl Scouts (67%) are doing STEM programs—and the majority are doing multiple activities.





"I liked Backyard Science Night with the telescopes because seeing the moon through the telescope was cool." (Daisy)

"Observing the chemical reactions in candy making was very hands-on and left me with a good taste in my mouth." (Ambassador)



tried activities they have never done before

> want to do more STEM activities

*The Impact of Girl Scout STEM Programming, GSRI, 2022

"As Juliette Gordon Low once said, "Right is right, even if no one else is doing it." Whether it be, advocating for people with disabilities, for animal rights, or even something small at school, I have the power to make change."

Camdyn G., Girl Scout Ambassador





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- Lasting Impact: Strengthen bonds and leave with renewed energy and collaboration.

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- Unleash creativity and strengthen connections with arts & crafts.
- Build trust, foster communication, and boost morale with team-building games.



Your Promise is the connection to a sisterhood 50 million strong.





Join the GSSC Alum Association Today!



Questions? Contact Angela at aperrone@gssc.us or call (631) 543-6622 ext.245

You've Made An Impact For **Girl Scouts of Suffolk County!**

Thank you to our wonderful panelists, amazing moderators, media Girl Scouts, and to all our donors for being a part of our Making an Impact Breakfast. We hope you'll join us next year!



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Over the past few years, lifetime members have helped provide more than 30,000 memberships to Girl Scouts across the country whose families would otherwise not have been able to afford it.



Support Girl Scouts for years to come by joining as a lifetime member. Your onetime membership fee ensures ALL Girl Scouts can unapologetically be themselves. Plus, you'll be signing up for a lifetime of watching them discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges.

When you join as a lifetime member, \$25 of your membership fee will fund a year of Girl Scouting for a member in your local community.

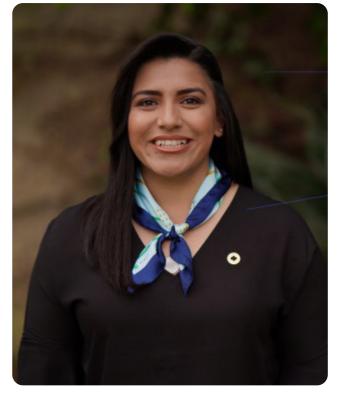
Any individual who accepts the principles and beliefs of the Girl Scout Movement and is at least 18 years old can purchase a lifetime membership.

A Girl Scout lifetime membership is a one-time purchase and costs \$400. Alums under 30 or volunteers with ten or more years of service can purchase a lifetime membership for \$200. Your lifetime membership donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Ready to join? Become a lifetime member at www.gssc.us/lifetime

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As Dominican nuns, we know a thing or two about being a "sister". A sister is someone who chooses to make an impact in the world through education, service, community and faith -because it's the right thing to do!

We know we share these values with all those involved in Girl Scouts Suffolk County (GSSC), including Jennifer Friedman, member of the GSSC Board of Directors and Executive Director of our Motherhouse Complex, as well as panelist Michelle Martin, who is also an associate member of our congregation.

We are proud of both of these women and are honored to support GSSC in empowering young women to be the changemakers of tomorrow.



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In the Girl Scout Law it states, "Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout."

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Engrave Your Legacy



Walk of Memories & Milestones at Camp Edey

Imagine your name, troop, or a special message forever engraved on our beautiful boardwalk at Camp Edey—a place where friendships bloom, nature inspires, and lifelong memories are made. Whether you're honoring a loved one, celebrating a milestone, or simply sharing your love for camp, this unique opportunity lets you become part of its story.

Each boardwalk plank is handmade right here at Camp Edey, ensuring that every detail reflects the love and connection this special place inspires. Your custom engraving is created with precision and care, making your board a true part of Camp Edey's story. Planks will be prominently placed in one of three iconic locations at Camp Edey. Choose from one of the following locations to engrave your name, troop, or message:

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- 5 foot-long planks available at \$350 each.
- 2. Mae K Lodge to Juliette Low Friendship Center A vital connection leading to the heart of camp life, where friendships and memories are made.
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Questions? Contact Amy Keyes, Director of Operations at akeyes@gssc.us or call (631) 543-6622 x222

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