girl scouts of suffolk county

Annual Report 2024 Year of Possibilities



Our Mission

To build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is one of the largest youth-serving agencies on Long Island. Our programming helps Girl Scouts take on new challenges and explore their strengths regardless of background or ability.

Supported by adult volunteers and mentors right here in our community, as well as millions of alums around the globe, Girl Scouts lead the way as the world-changers of tomorrow.

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Dear Girl Scout Family,

When girls have access to incredible experiences, they can redefine what's possible.

We want the best for our girls, and our commitment to our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and



character is a part of everything we do. This year, we expanded our programming to give girls more opportunities to try new things or advance their knowledge on the things they love.

By breaking down barriers to access, we were able to give the power of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to more girls. We know that Girl Scouts is more than just an activity. It's a way of life dedicated to showing girls the possibilities in new experiences, friendships that last a lifetime, and skills they need to succeed- now and in the future.

Our Girl Scouts have found new ways to impact their communities. From food and coat drives and beach cleanups to renovating safe spaces in shelters and creating websites on the importance of environmental advocacy, the Girl Scouts in Suffolk County are changing the world.

Our mission is only achievable through our dedicated volunteers and community supporters who invest their time and resources for our Girl Scouts. We are so thankful they share our vision for what girls can achieve when given the chance to learn, grow, and pursue their dreams without limits. This annual report measures our fiscal year of October 2023 through September 2024. You can find accompanying stories and documentation on our website at www.gssc.us/report

Thank you for all you do for Girl Scouts!



Tammy Severino President & CEO



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Girl Scouts is For Every Girl

We know how transformative the Girl Scout Leadership Experience can be, so we've expanded our recruitment efforts and resources to reach more girls where they are.

Plus, we streamlined the process for volunteers with new assets, training, and support.





Mission Delivery





The Community Program Initiative brings the Girl Scout leadership experience to underserved communities through staff-led school-based programming.

• Participation up 95% from last year.

Volunteers Shape the Girl Scout Experience

Troop Leader Expo

Our troop leaders can walk through our new annual expo to learn about resources and experiences, ask questions, and gain first-hand knowledge from our Council, fellow troop leaders, and community partners to assist them in their role.

Girl Scout Experience Boxes

Complimentary themed boxes for NEW Girl Scout Daisy troop leaders filled with step-by-step instructions, ready-to-go supplies, and thoughtful suggestions from Girl Scouts of the USA.

• The Carol Keil Rising Star Award

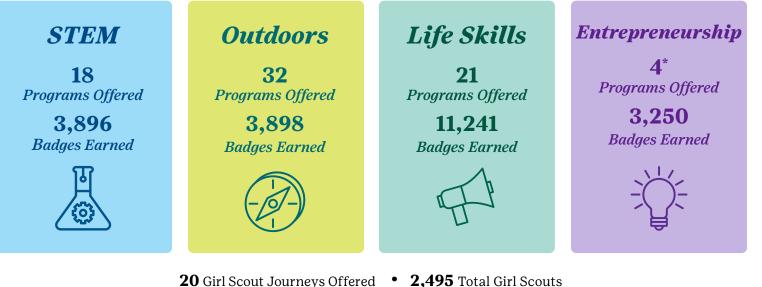
This Volunteer recognition award recognizes an exceptional volunteer during their first 3-years of their journey and for outstanding service to their troop, service unit, and community. This was created to honor our long-time volunteer Carol Keil, who has dedicated 50 years of service for the Girl Scout movement.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Each badge is a world of possibilities.

Our Girl Scouts found hundreds of ways to spark wonder, discover something new, or level up their skills with GSSC badges, events, and programs. From archery to coding to a new series on mental wellness, each badge tells a story and shows the world her accomplishments.

• 22,225 Total Badges Earned



*Through the Girl Scout Cookie and Munchies & More programs, girls develop skills to earn badges.

Product Programs

Unbox The Future

Online sales numbers continued to climb as more Girl Scouts used the Digital Cookie app to expand their entrepreneurial skills and reach more customers. Up 13% and climbing. Booth sales continue to reign in GSSC with special patch weekends. New offerings like Booth Bingo help girls achieved their goals as they found new ways to own their magic!

- 968,368 Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies
- 7,007 Girl Scouts Participated
- **376,219** Boxes via Digital Cookie
- **305** Cookie All-Stars (Sold 500+ boxes)

More Than Just Munchies

Mags & Munchies became Munchies & More with a new array of product choices! Tumblers and fun finds from Barkbox helped Girl Scout goal-setters reach for the top!

- 3,104 Girl Scouts Participated
- **2,670** units donated for Care to Share
- **37** Fall Super-Sellers (Sold 150+ units)







Highest Awards

Girl Scouts shine brightest when they are changing the world. As girls earn the Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards, they build a better today -and tomorrow.



2024 **Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship**

Morgan Bissell earned the GSUSA scholarship for her Gold Award project, Sayville Crisis Outreach, an ongoing mental health educational program and resource access through the Sayville community, schools, and library.

girls earned the highest **Girl Scout awards**

273 Bronze Award Girl Scouts

164 Silver Award Girl Scouts

49 Gold Award **Girl Scouts**

44 Earned all three awards

988

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Outdoors & Partnerships

Summer Camp

Girl Scouts are forces of nature. And they were meant for outdoor adventures.

This year, we focused on creating a screen-free environment that encourages exploration and adventure, allowing girls to connect with nature and with one another. We continued our partnerships with special guests and added a NEW GaGa Ball Court, to double the fun of our campers' favorite sport.

- Ninja Course (An obstacle course designed to inspire our campers to run, jump and climb.)
- Think Wellness NY (Mindful Art & Nature Projects)
- DEC Environmental Series
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Mad Science
- Magic of Alexo

*Through the Girl Scout Cookie and Munchies & More programs, girls can earn weeks of Summer Camp as a reward.



Building Community in Fund Development

An investment in Girl Scouts is an investment in making our community better, stronger, and brighter.

By strengthening our community partnerships and building on our legacy events like the Making an Impact Breakfast and Golf Classic, we were able to provide scholarships to ensure no girl is ever turned away from Girl Scouting due to financial burden. The Holiday Light Show became an Enchanted Forest at Southaven County Park and welcomed almost 10,000 attendees!

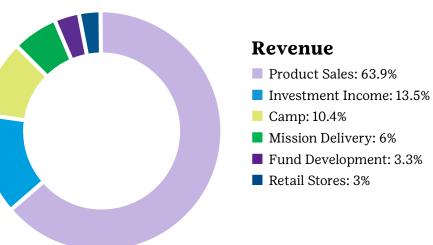
- · Making an Impact Breakfast: Featuring Dr. Uschi Chantal Auguste MD, Lucie Kwon, Liz Popwell, & Hon. Gail Prudenti
- <u>Golf Classic</u>: Honoring Jeffrey Berkman

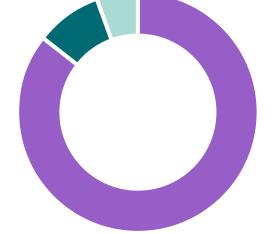


Partnering with the Community

M&T Bank offered our Council staff financial literacy training on Banking Basics & Retirement and Budgeting & Home Ownership.

Fiscal year budget reflects October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.





Expenses

Mission Delivery: 85.8% Management & General: 8.9% Supporting Services: 5.3%

Capital Expenditures	Invest
Renovation of Commack Office Program Area	\$4
New Single-story for Cupboard for Camp Edey	\$2
Additional GaGa Ball Court, Reno of Lakeview Lodge, Expanded Long House capacity for sleepaway	\$2
New Girl Scout designed displays for Holiday Light Sho	w\$
Total	\$104,

Financials



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Community Partners

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Community Partners

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Bronze Level

Easy Rider Service Center Empire Automotive Group Pipich Real Estate LLC Swim King Pools

