Every day, we see women breaking records, blazing trails, and opening doors once closed to them. Time after time we learn that these record breakers, trail blazers, and door openers shared a common experience in their childhood. They were Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts has been filling the leadership and entrepreneurial pipeline since our very beginning. It’s no coincidence that in America, the majority of female astronauts and female tech leaders, 76% of current female senators, 52% of women in business, and all female secretaries of State are Girl Scout alumnae. 58% of female representatives elected to the 116th congress are also Girl Scout alums.

We are the premiere girl leadership organization in the world, unleashing the Go-getter, innovator, Risk-taker and Leader (G.I.R.L.) in all girls. For nearly a century, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has built girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Serving Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, we are passionate about providing tools for every girl to explore and reach her full potential and develop into strong female leaders for future generations in an all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment.

**Our mission delivers and the research proves it.** In 2017, Girl Scout Research Institute found that Girl Scouts shine above their non-Girl Scout peers in leadership, academics, career aspirations, and hope for the future. Girl Scouts, unlike their non-Girl Scout peers, exhibit a lift in their sense of self rather than a decline, and an increased desire to solve problems in their communities.

Girl Scouts are empowered to try new things and be successful because our organization is 100% girl-centered. **Girl Scouts is a place where girls are seen as trailblazers, not tagalongs.** Adult mentors and strong female role models, paired with our unparalleled experiences, show them they can be anything they want to be.

Thank you for your support and your commitment to the next generation of female leaders.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Chelsea Wilkerson, MBA
CEO, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida

Peggy Wingard
Chair, Board of Directors
The world's largest leadership organization for girls.

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. It is 100% girl led — designed with, by and for girls. Nationally, we’re 2.5 million strong—1.7 million girl members and 750,000 adult members who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader™) to change the world.

In every residential US zip code and more than 80 countries.

With programs from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

Serving nearly 3,500 girls grades K-12 in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida serves girls in every zip code in Miami-Dade and the Keys. Our service area reaches from the northern border of Miami-Dade County all the way to the southernmost point of the continental United States in Key West.

We are as diverse as our community. With over 60% of girls served from moderate to low income households, our membership mirrors the demographics and socio-economic make-up of Tropical Florida.

What We Do

Girl Scouts prepares girls for lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place designed for and by girls.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—a collection of engaging, challenging, and fun activities—girls are able to earn badges, go on awesome trips, have their own business, explore science, get outdoors, and do community service projects. Girls gain important skills in four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience:

- Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)
- Outdoors
- Life Skills
- Entrepreneurship
Girl Scouts is the place where girls grow into G.I.R.L.s – Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker and Leaders.

It’s where they build confidence. It’s a place where they learn to be comfortable in their own skin. A place where they learn to take smart risks — and stand up for themselves and others. Your support of Girl Scouts makes this possible. Funding to Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida gives girls unique experiences that they can’t get anywhere else — and offers them in an environment that is girl-led, hands-on, and collaborative.
2019 Membership

5,700 Total Members
Girl – 3,385
Adult – 1,986
Lifetime – 329

21% DAISIES
GRADES K-1
7% AMBASSADORS
GRADES 11-12
24% BROWNIES
GRADES 2-3
6% SENIORS
GRADES 9-10
20% CADETTES
GRADES 6-8
22% JUNIORS
GRADES 4-5

HOUSEHOLD INCOME (MEAN CENSUS DATA)

8% $0-$34,999
39% $35,000-$49,999
16% $50,000-$74,999
12% $75,000-$99,999
25% < $100,000
### Statement of Financial Position 2019

**ASSETS**
- Cash and equivalents: $302,765
- Receivable: 40,601
- Inventories: 30,913
- Investments: 716,557
- Other Assets: 220,097
- Property equipment, net: 358,639

**TOTAL ASSETS**: 1,669,572

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: 130,353
- Refundable advances: 8,699
- Deposits and other liabilities: 8,472
- Differed revenues: 55,148

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**: 202,672

**NET ASSETS**
- Without donor restriction: 1,210,916
- With donor restriction: 255,984

**TOTAL NET ASSETS**: 1,466,900

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**: 1,669,572

### Statement of Activities 2019

**PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUE AND GAINS**
- Cookie and products sales: $1,838,285
- Contributions and grants: 407,997
- Retail Operations: 123,046
- Program and council service fees: 178,486
- Other income: 41,918
- Change in beneficial interest in trust: (11,953)

**TOTAL REVENUE**: 2,577,779

**EXPENSES**
- Cost of Goods Sold: 910,722
- Functional expenses: 1,395,632
- Program services: 403,394
- Management and General: 242,068
- Fundraising: 242,068

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: 2,951,616

**Net Income (loss) from Operating**: (373,837)

**Non-Operating Income**: 101,047

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**: (272,790)
Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida Community Troops address the need for proven, high-quality educational and leadership development opportunities for girls ages 5-17 who reside in low income communities and affordable housing developments in Miami-Dade County.

Who we serve

The program serves approximately 300 girls in 11 communities across Miami-Dade County during the school year, offering weekly after school/evening programs and weekend activities. All girls in the program come from low-income households. With additional financial support, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has committed to doubling the size of this program in 2020 from 300 to 600 girls.

How we implement Girl Scout Community Troops

Our Girl Scout Community Troops program is led by volunteers and Girl Scout staff through both weekly after-school meetings at community centers, parks or schools and also weekend activities. Girls engage in all parts of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Benefits for girls who participate

Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida believes that all girls deserve the opportunity to develop into tomorrow’s leaders. When girls participate in Girl Scouts, they benefit in five important ways:

• They develop a strong sense of self
• They display positive values
• They seek challenges and learn from setbacks
• They form and maintain healthy relationships
• They learn to identify and solve problems in their community

Community Troops are supported by:
2019 COOKIE PROGRAM

Inside: Delicious cookies for you
Outside: Amazing experiences for girls

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is narrowing the entrepreneurship gap between women and men by nurturing that go-getter spirit early on and equipping her with the confidence and know-how to dream big and do bigger.

The cookie program helps the next generation of young female entrepreneurs get an important taste of what it takes to be successful—teamwork, planning, and a positive outlook.

Because proceeds from the cookie program stay local, your purchases help the young entrepreneurs who sell Girl Scout Cookies in your community power new experiences for themselves and their troop.

FAMILY

$553

Average annual cost to serve each Girl Scout

$292,716

Total troop proceeds 2019 Cookie Program

$125,000+

Funding for Community Troops annually

417,698

Boxes sold in 2019 Cookie Program

$43,360

Cost of 2019 girl and troop rewards ($0.10/box)

5 SKILLS

The world’s largest girl-led business teaches goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics

How our Cookie Crumbles

Troop Proceeds 17%
Rewards 2%
Cost of Cookies 28%

Involvement supported by 13 new Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins

CAMPING

$248,800

Yearly operating costs of GSTF’s 4 camp properties

COOKIE COSTS ABSORBED

$41,062

Increased cookie costs absorbed (not passed on to girls or customers) by GSTF since last retail increase in 2011

VOLUNTEERS

$1,400,000

Funding for Community Troops annually

2,354

Girls participated in 2019 Cookie Program

$1,000

Cost of 2019 volunteer rewards

INSIDE: Delicious cookies for you

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Outside: Amazing experiences for girls
Regina knew that she wanted to address an issue in her own community. After meeting with a local city councilwoman, she decided to focus on traffic safety for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. She chose to address this problem by educating the children of the city’s highly diverse population through a comic book. Regina enlisted help from city officials, fellow student artists, the Editor-in-Chief of the local newspaper, and learning services staff from Miami Dade College. Regina presented her completed comic book to city officials at a City Council meeting and they agreed to post the electronic version to the city website and print 200 copies, which were distributed to elementary school libraries. Regina also made presentations at local elementary schools and was named Ambassador of the city’s traffic safety campaign.

Hoping to create a more period-positive environment in her school and provide accessible feminine hygiene products for those who may not be able to afford them, Isabel implemented a bi-annual collection drive for products and a Go Flow Ambassador program. Collected products fill Go Flow boxes placed in participating classrooms throughout the school. As Go Flow Ambassadors, fellow students wear pins on their backpacks to indicate that they carry hygiene products for anyone who needs them. Go Flow is sustained by the school and Isabel also created a website — www.go-flow.org — to promote the program and enable others to easily implement it in their own schools.

Madeleine noticed the construction in the downtown business district of her city and thought it would be a great opportunity to propose that the city install solar powered cell phone charging stations. She contacted a city commissioner and presented her idea. She then dedicated herself to researching solar energy, assembled a team of advisors, identified vendors and possible sources of funding, and created a presentation to promote her initiative. She presented her idea to the city’s Sustainability Board and before the full City Commission meeting. Because of Madeleine’s efforts, the city unanimously agreed to fund a pilot program to install cellular charging stations at a local park. The benches were installed in February 2019.
Lilian Walby, Girl Scout for more than 56 years, received Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida’s 2019 Judge Edith Atkinson award for her ongoing dedication to the Girl Scout mission. Lilian has served as a member of the World Foundation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the umbrella organization of WAGGGS and GSUSA.

Lilian’s journey with Girl Scouts began as a child in Denmark where she served as a Girl Guide. After moving to Miami in 1973, she connected with Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida and has been a dedicated volunteer and Girl Scouts advocate ever since. Always passionate about international travel and opening up the world to girls, she has designed numerous trips for girls and volunteers to the Girl Scout World Centers including leading month long trips to world centers in India, Switzerland, England, and Mexico.

Lilian was also instrumental in helping to fundraise and rebuild Camp Edith Macy, a Girl Scout training facility in New York where thousands of Girl Scout volunteers and staff gather every year.

“Girl scouting has always been a part of my life and will continue to be. It has taught me many things which have become an integral part of my personality. So much of who I am has come from the various ideals of the Girl Scout movement.”

Lilian’s commitment to making the world a better place extends beyond Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida. She has served in various volunteer positions with organizations such as The Barnacle Society, Dade Heritage Trust, New Neighbors, Pan Am Historical Foundation, United Way, Villagers, Inc., and World Wings International.
2019 Girl Experience Highlights

95
Total GIRL programs produced

2 summer Camp locations
9 weeks total serving over 500 girls

Total new badges released in 2019
45

High Awards
9 Gold Award Girl Scouts
57 Silver Award Girl Scouts

Programs produced by pillar
STEM – 25%
OUTDOOR – 35%
LIFE SKILLS – 25%
ENTREPRENEURSHIP – 15%

10 adult training programs
96 adult volunteers at Summer Summit

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(October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019)

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