

Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders

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Today's girls are already thinking like entrepreneurs. With the upcoming Cookie Season quickly approaching, we see all of their amazing skills put to test. Girls will focus on goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics. They possess many traits we know are linked to entrepreneurial success and are socially conscious problem-solvers. How can you support them further?

Helping girls enter the business and entrepreneurial workforce is beneficial for girls and the world. If girls are left out of the entrepreneurial space, they can suffer from long-term financial and career consequences that contribute to the leadership and wage gap between men and women. However, when girls' and women's ideas for how to change the world are put into action, the economy gains revenue and society gains ingenuity.

Our Girls need additional support and encouragement in the entrepreneurial space. They're clear about what they want, more learning opportunities and real-life access to role models. This is where you can help support!



DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to all of our amazing donors who offered a generous match this #GivingTuesday!

- Brandi Borzini
- Mary McCullough
- Art McLoughlin
- Pamela Cain

We appreciate you! Thank you for helping us build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.



Girl Scouts doesn't empower girls, we prepare girls with the skills and experiences they need to empower themselves for life.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Within the last twelve months, we have opened Program Centers in our Northern, Central and Southern regions of our Council. Thank you to everyone who has helped support these amazing centers for our girls, because of these centers, we are able to offer even more programming to our girls. We are also proud to announce that because of generous donors (like you), we are fully up and running our STEM center, in the D'Arrigo Leadership Center, in Castroville.

We are now starting our donor drive to bring that same STEM programming to our Thousand Oaks and San Luis Obispo locations. We are looking to you for your support!



Left: Open Robotics Lab at the D'Arrigo Leadership Center
Bottom: Thousand Oaks Program Center



HIGHEST AWARDS HIGHLIGHT

The Girl Scout highest awards exemplifies Girl Scouts' abilities to make a difference in their communities and the world beyond. We're proud to recognize these girls as they gain new skills and experiences while supporting the issues they care about.



BRONZE AWARD

Troop 10226 from Soquel sought to help abused women and children through their project, "Kids Helping Kids." Working with local nonprofit Monarch Services, the girls put together packages of toiletries, handmade art, and other comfort items to provide to the incoming women and children. By teaching Monarch how they could create their own comfort dolls with children as a part of their therapy, the girl's project will continue to be sustained by the organization.

"We helped give comfort to abused children. They will see the art we created for them, have the packages we started Monarch on, and have a creative outlet through the comfort dolls. We hope this will help them recover more quickly."



SILVER AWARD

Troop 50511 from Santa Maria addressed the overuse of plastic single-use water bottles with, "Project F.L.O.W." (Forever Love Our Water). Inspired by a visit to a national park in Arizona, the girls installed a water refill station at local business and Girl Scout supporter, Mission Linen Supply. By also creating a sign on the detriments of single-use water bottles to the environment, Troop 50511 was able to educate community members with each visit to the refill station.

"I think we made the world a better place by being stewards of the environment and animals. Every time someone uses our water refilling station, that keeps plastic bottles out of our landfills, oceans, waterways, and parks, making the experience of the outdoors enjoyable for everyone."



GOLD AWARD

Lauren Sinopoli from Moorpark created a sports workshop within a free summer day camp to address and raise awareness about the lack of extracurricular activities for children with special needs. To help progress the cognitive and physical development of children through exercise, she led sports-related activities at the camp over the course of three days. Lauren's workshops including soccer, kickball, and water games, which were all designed to cultivate teamwork, confidence, and new friendships. In total, 25 children from her community were able to come and enjoy the experience.

"I learned that every child has a unique personality that deserves an opportunity to be broadcasted through sports and friendships. Overall, I wished to establish a higher motivation for sports camps for special needs children in my community to facilitate their integration into society."

