



Be a Voice for Girls

Support and champion girls in reaching their full potential as leaders.

A Message from Vikki

2023 is off and running, literally, from our first-ever community fun walk—the Trefoil Trot—to the Girl Scout Cookie Program and exciting opportunities for girls in the areas of STEM, the outdoors, life skills, and the arts! Voice for Girls is back at the Newport Beach Country Club on May 5, with a consequential topic that impacts us all. You'll find more information below.

Throughout the year, we are dedicated to supporting Girl Scouts as they build lifelong skills and take action on issues that are important to them. As Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low famously said, “The work of today is the history of tomorrow, as we are its makers.” Thanks to our treasured volunteers, board, staff, donors, program providers, members, and community of supporters, together, we are investing in girls who will change the world.

Warmly,

Vikki Shepp
Chief Executive Officer

Voice for Girls



Registration is now open for Voice for Girls 2023 on the morning of Friday, May 5, with keynote Casey Cooper, Ph.D., a renowned psychologist, researcher, educator, and Girl Scout volunteer specializing in treating perfectionism. Our 2023 topic, Women’s Wellness in the Workplace, will explore how we can create workplaces that promote and

inspire mental wellness for women, so that today’s girls grow up to enter workplaces that champion their ability to live their best lives, both within and outside the workplace. We will also host a panel of Gold Award Girl Scouts, who will share sustainable action they have taken in the area of mental wellness. It's a dynamic event you won't want to miss!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Girl Scout Cookie Entrepreneurs



The annual Girl Scout Cookie Program has begun – that sweet time of year when consumers can purchase their favorite cookies and support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs. Did you know that eighty percent of all female entrepreneurs were once Girl Scouts? It makes perfect sense when you consider that the Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led

business in the world and that Girl Scouts in Orange County sell over 2.4 million packages each cookie season.

This year, Girl Scouts are selling a sweet new creation coined Raspberry Rally™—a thin, crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in chocolaty coating! Raspberry Rally joins the portfolio of iconic Girl Scout Cookies sold in OC, including favorites like Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties®, and more.

There are many ways to get your cookie fix and fuel girls' entrepreneurial goals:

- Order in-person or online through your favorite Girl Scout.
- Get connected to a local Girl Scout – enter your info at www.girlscoutsoc.org/findcookies and a local Girl Scout will contact you to complete your order.
- Look for [Girl Scout cookie booths](#) at local retailers like Ralphs, Stater Bros., Walmart, and other retailers beginning February 10.

MORE ABOUT COOKIES

Engineers Week



Girl Scouts across Orange County will be celebrating Engineers Week February 19-25, participating in extraordinary activities to give them a taste of how engineering impacts our world and to inspire their STEM career ambitions. Girl Scout events include a Race Car Design Challenge and welding and coding workshops. The week is made possible by support from the Society of Women Engineers and the Girl Scouts of Orange County STEM Patrol, volunteers dedicated to helping foster STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programming. If you are interested in supporting STEM programming for Girl Scouts, please contact Amanda Moore, STEM Manager, at

2022 Annual Report



The Girl Scouts of Orange County 2022 Annual Report is now available online. Throughout 2022, local Girl Scouts soared to new heights, launching rockets at the Los Alamitos Joint Air Force base and conquering the Tower of Power at Camp Scherman. Along the way, they developed self-confidence, resilience, and decision-making skills that will support them

as they become the leaders our businesses, communities, and world need.

[READ THE REPORT HERE](#)

Donor Spotlight: Darla S. Holland, M.D.



Darla S. Holland, MD, Partner Emeritus SCPMG/ Kaiser Permanente, is a longtime supporter of Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC). She is a member of the Promise Circle, a group of philanthropists who provide vital support for the organization, and Chair of Voice for Girls 2023, GSOC's annual advocacy event taking place on May 5, 2023. As a GSOC Board

member and volunteer, Dr. Holland continues to be a critical liaison between GSOC and Kaiser Permanente, a sponsor for three signature GSOC programs: the Trefoil Trot, Voice for Girls 2023, and the STEM Consortium. Most recently, Dr. Holland could be found

cheering on troops at GSOC's Cookie Mega Delivery, dressed as Darla the Dolphin, the name of GSOC's 2023 Cookie Season mascot.

Trefoil Trot



Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12, 2023 for Girl Scouts of Orange County's first annual Trefoil Trot at Irvine's Wild Rivers! This 5K fun walk is for our entire community! Together, we'll enjoy the outdoors and raise awareness of the lifelong impact the Girl Scout Leadership Program provides girls. Participants will enjoy a post-race expo showcasing Girl Scout

programs, experiences, and community partners. (Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Wendy Weeks, Corporate and Institutional Giving Director, at wweeks@girlscoutsoc.org.)

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Third Annual Challenge Cup



Sunday, August 27, 2023
Newport Dunes

This unique event provides a philanthropic, team building experience for corporate and individual teams, inspired by the time-tested leadership and development journey of Girl Scouts.

Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts join the teams as they compete in an afternoon of exciting challenges. (Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Wendy Weeks,

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Corporate Group Volunteers



Over 500 corporate volunteers contributed more than 1,500 hours of service to Girl Scouts of Orange County last year. Companies, including Edwards LifeSciences, Target, UPS, Disney, Pacific Life, and First American Title, supported one-day events like the Girl Scout Cookie Mega Delivery, STEM Expo, and Volunteer Conference, as well as other critical projects. Along the way, volunteers enjoyed team building outside their typical work settings while dedicating time to a meaningful purpose. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for corporate groups, contact Melissa Rodriguez, Community Volunteer Manager, at mrodriguez@girlscoutsoc.org.

You are receiving this newsletter because Girl Scouts of Orange County recognizes you as a voice for Girls in Orange County (donor, alum, or Voice for Girls event attendee). You may have previously received separate donor, alum, or Voice for Girls newsletters from us. This new streamlined format is sent quarterly and includes inspiring stories and opportunities to be a champion for girls' and women's leadership in Orange County.

Invest in Girls. Change the World.

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Your gift in any amount will support Girl Scouts of Orange County

in bringing life-changing experiences to more OC girls.

Many Ways to Give

Learn more about our Juliette Gordon Low Society for estate gifts, matching gifts program, in-kind donations, and more. Help bring the life-changing leadership development programs only Girl Scouts provides to more girls all across Orange County!

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