

From the Desk of Loretta Graham, CEO  
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Dear Parent,

My daughter called me from college the other week. She had just received a good grade on a difficult exam. As I listened to her, I was filled with pride, thinking about the joy she has brought to my life. I was in awe of her ... managing her daily tasks, maturing and succeeding in a very competitive world.

And I recall the years that brought her to this point. I think of times I wondered, "Am I doing the right thing?" I remember wanting to give her opportunities so she would feel capable enough to touch the stars and make her dreams come true.

**I commend you as a parent** for encouraging your daughter in Girl Scouting. Chances are she does not realize the awesome gift you are giving her. Someday, she will.

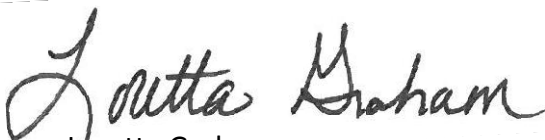
**And, I thank you, for entrusting the Girl Scout organization to assist you in developing your daughter to achieve her hopes and dreams.** As your partner, we support you in raising a competent, fun-filled and spirited young person.

We also partner with adults in your community who serve as Girl Scout leaders and Service Area chairs. These outstanding women and men participate in Girl Scout training programs at very little cost to them, and are a positive role model for your daughter. Trained leaders help guide your daughter safely through her formative years.

I invite you to partner with us financially this year. You already support your daughter at the troop level and with product sales. This contribution primarily supports programs for your daughter and training programs.

A gift of whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated. Join us as we continue to help girls in your community develop courage, confidence and character! An investment in your daughter ... can you think of a better gift?

Partners in Girl Scouting,



Loretta Graham  
Chief Executive Officer

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