



# 2014 Annual Report

  
girl scouts  
of southeastern  
new england

THANK YOU



# What's in a Name?

We listened to our many dedicated volunteers, donors, and board members who wanted to have our name reflect all of the communities within our council. On May 1, 2014, delegates from The Girl Scouts of Rhode Island voted to officially change our name to The Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England by an overwhelming vote at our annual meeting. This change went into effect on June 21, 2014. Our new name more accurately represents the communities which we serve. These communities include not only all of the cities and towns in Rhode Island, but also thirteen communities in Massachusetts, as well as Pawcatuck, CT.

The 2014 Annual Meeting was also a time to recognize retiring board members and the installation of new members. Board Chair Kathy Gann, Treasurer Maureen Sawyer, and Member at Large Judy Clare were honored as retiring board members. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of them for all of their hard work and dedication to our organization!

The energy and excitement that our new headquarters and the Girl Leadership Experience Center has given us is reflected in the program offerings that we are able to deliver to our members. In September, GSSNE, in partnership with the Stem Center at Rhode Island College, hosted an event called In Her Shoes. This event featured a panel of highly accomplished women who shared their experiences with girl and adult members both here and at a satellite location at RIC. What a unique opportunity that we have here at our headquarters and this was the first of many events planned for the Center!

The Girl Scouts is an organization that has stood the test of time and welcomes all girls from rural, urban, and suburban communities as we build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We are grateful to the many individuals who help make our dreams a reality and we look forward to writing to you again next year as our vision continues to unfold.

Sincerely,

*Lisa M. DeCubellis*

Lisa M. DeCubellis  
Chair of the Board

*Neil M. Stamps*

Neil M. Stamps  
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# YEAR in highlights

October 1, 2013–September 30, 2014

## SUMMER CAMP

Exciting new programs were offered at camp this summer. Girls had the opportunity to ride a wave in Surf Camp at Narragansett Beach, hit a bulls eye in the Catch Fire archery program and test their ability and zip-line through the trees of Camp Hoffman on the challenge course.



## BOARD CHAIR

The 2013 annual meeting brought the tenure of Board of Directors Chair, **Kathy L. Gann, PhD.** to a close and welcomed **Lisa M. DeCubellis** as her successor. Dr. Gann was an essential asset to the GSSNE Board having served since 2003; she was first elected as Chair of the Board in 2008.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BREAKFAST

A breakfast was held in August to promote the Capital Campaign and Girl Leadership Experience Center. Miriam Dash, Gold Award recipient, alumnae and lifetime member, spoke of her involvement as a Girl Scout and how the organization has shaped her future.

## LINGER

In August some young at heart Girl Scouts attended “Linger”. This program was geared towards adult members who were up for an overnight at Camp Hoffman. The ladies enjoyed all that Hoffman has to offer. They cherished their time reconnecting with fellow Girl Scouts by reminiscing and enjoying what makes scouting and camp so special.



## FALL PRODUCT SALE

Girls throughout the council participated in the 2013 fall product sale. Girls sold 28,533 candy and nut products and 5,200 magazine subscriptions. Troops earned **over \$41,000** in proceeds to help fund their various activities and projects. They also donated 1,123 candy and nut products and 564 magazine subscriptions to the military as a part of this program.

## JULIETTE LOW SOCIETY LUNCHEON

On November 21st, friends, alumnae and donors gathered at beautiful Camp Hoffman for the Juliette Low Society Luncheon. Guests enjoyed a gorgeous fall afternoon and CEO Neil M. Stamps shared our exciting plans for the new Girl Leadership Experience Center. Everyone also had the great pleasure to hear from **Harley Mitchell**, a 2011 Gold Award Recipient, about what Girl Scouting has meant to her.

## COOKIES

In spite of the snowy weather, girls sold an amazing **61,719 packages of cookies** in the 2014 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program, resulting in over \$387,000 in proceeds and over \$50,000 given back to girls for camp credits. The sale kicked off at the Dunkin Donuts Center on January 5th with lots of fun activities for over 750 girls and their families before the Providence Bruins game. Danielle North, the morning news anchor from WPRI-channel 12, who is a former Girl



Scout and cookie mom for her daughter’s troop, served as the Honorary Cookie Chair. Congratulations to all of the girls who participated in the sale and hats off to **Caitlyn Tiodor** from East Providence, who was the top cookie seller for the entire council. The Matty Fund was the beneficiary of the Cookie Sale Community Service Project and troops collectively donated \$5,978.00 to the fund, which improves the lives of children and families living with epilepsy.

## DOVE

GSSNE was the proud recipient of an \$18,000 grant through Dove and the World Associate of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) program Free Being Me. This worldwide badge



focused on helping girls better understand global definitions of beauty by defining beauty for themselves and boosting their self-confidence. The grant allowed GSSNE to offer

various self-esteem programs which were offered within the Girl Leadership Experience Center, amongst urban troops and during summer camp, along with the annual Cookie Kick-off.

## BIKE TRIP

Eight girls and three adults took in the sights of Newport during the May Bike Trip, over 18 miles of sights to be exact. The trip included checking out Fort Adams, the Cliff Walk, Salve Regina University, a tour of the Elms, Gooseberry Beach, and of course shopping along Thames Street. The group even witnessed



a remote controlled sailboat regatta off of the point by Fort Adams. This was a great way to take in all that our beautiful state has to offer and get in some exercise to boot.

## HIGHER AWARDS

Twenty-four Girl Scout Gold Award recipients were honored on May 31st at a luncheon and ceremony at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, RI. The Young Women of Distinction scholarship honorees who created Gold Award projects which stood out in the areas of creativity, impact and sustainability



were Melissa Mirza, who received the \$1,000 scholarship while Haley Wohlever and Angela Paoletta were awarded \$500 scholarships respectively.

## FROZEN

Although the weather was warm in June, 92 Pro FM sponsored a Frozen themed recruitment event in the Girl Leadership Experience Center for non-registered girls. Elsa and Anna



were happy to spend the day with their fellow princesses, while Pinkberry offered up deliciously chilly treats and stylists from Toni and Guy came with sparkles and braiding techniques in tow. This successful event was a great way to meet new girls and team up with the radio station.



### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

The first GSSNE Volunteer Appreciation Event was held at Camp Hoffman on June 21st. Volunteers and their families were able to spend the day playing games, enjoying the waterfront, having a cookout, taking part in an exciting basket raffle and most importantly, relaxing. It was the least we could do for those of you who tirelessly support our organization and our girls. Thank you for all that you do.



### TOP COOKIE SELLER

Caitlyn Tiodor of Troop 490 in East Providence worked tirelessly to become the 2014 Cookie Sale–Top Cookie Seller. She sold 3,145 boxes in total and was awarded for her efforts at the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Great job, Caitlyn!

### NAME CHANGE

June 21st, was a momentous occasion for our council as we went from being known as the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island to the Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England. This change was important considering the area our council covers. The opportunity to showcase not only Rhode Island, but the thirteen Massachusetts service units and Pawcatuck, CT in our council name is more welcoming and inclusive.



### AMICA DONATION

In early September, Amica Companies Foundation presented GSSNE with a donation of \$75,000. The generous gift will help establish the Girl Leadership Experience Center, a girl-led hub of creativity, connectivity, exploration and inspiration located at the headquarters. The center will offer programming in six key areas: making a difference, life skills, travel/adventure, camping/outdoor skills, global citizenship and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math). The funding will allow the center to become a place where girls of courage, confidence and character can grow and excel.

### IN HER SHOES

On September 14th, GSSNE hosted the inaugural In Her Shoes panel where influential business women in Rhode Island came to share their journeys with older girls. The panel consisted of Navyn Salem, CEO of Edesia, Nancy Carriuolo, President of Rhode Island College, Marcia Coné, Executive Founder of the Women's Fund of RI, Rogeriee Thompson, Federal Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and a former Rhode Island Superior Court justice and Iris Carlomusto, Vice President of Marketing for Alex & Ani.



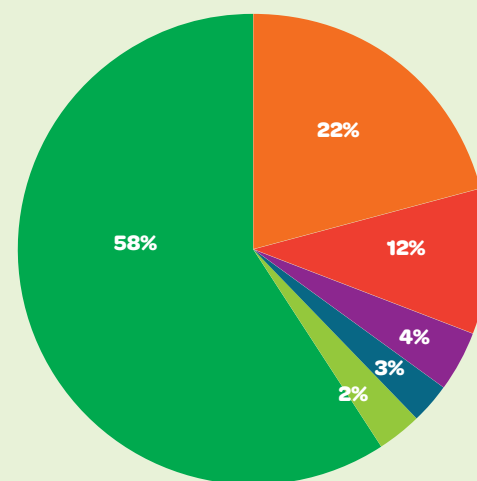
### all funds INCOME

Product Sales	\$ 1,892,109
Camp & Program Fees	\$ 711,832
Philanthropy	\$ 395,513
Interest & Dividends	\$ 124,116
Girl Scout Shops	\$ 91,915
Other	\$ 52,040

**SUBTOTAL \$ 3,267,525**

Realized & Unrealized Gain on Investment Transactions	\$ 434,644
Increase in Value of Trust Assets	\$ 34,000
Gain on Disposition of Property & Equipment	\$ 273,691

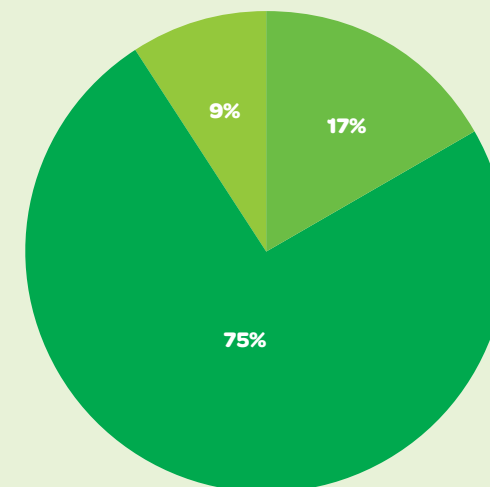
**TOTAL \$ 4,009,860**



### all funds EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 3,140,329
Management & General	\$ 696,639
Fundraising	\$ 359,889

**TOTAL \$ 4,196,857 \***



\*Expenses include \$407,160 in depreciation

### MEMBERSHIP statistics

<b>Number of girls served</b>	<b>7,700</b>
<b>Number of adults served</b>	<b>2,600</b>
<b>Cost of providing a year of Girl Scouting to one girl</b>	<b>\$469</b>

## In memory of

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals who made a donation in memory of someone they have lost.

in memory of Anthony Lisa  
*Angela Lisa*

in memory of her daughter,  
Deborah Lynne McMaster Tate  
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### Milestones of Membership

Joan Breen, Providence  
70 Years

Alice Furtado, Pawtucket  
50 Years

Virginia Moss-Newhall, Middletown  
50 Years

## In honor of

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals who made a donation to honor a family member or friend.

in honor of all of my Girl Scout  
leaders: my mother Mrs. Yvette  
Doiron, Mrs. Arel, Mrs. Charon and  
Mrs. Froment  
*Jeanne M. Rogers*

in honor of Anne K. Meeker  
*Jean and Howard Milkman*

in honor of Barbara Smith  
*Rusty and Frank Merrill*

in honor of Barrington Troop #799  
*Stephanie Widman*

in honor of  
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in honor of Girl Scouts of Rhode  
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in honor of my sister, Jan Feyler  
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*Anna Maria Bertorelli*

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in honor of the great work that  
GSSNE does  
*Roxana and Bruce W. Thomas*

in honor of our daughter,  
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*Roxana and Bruce W. Thomas*



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Monica Boss, Chariho

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Kathryn L. Gann, PhD, Providence

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### Mira Hoffman Award

Ginger Lallo, East Greenwich



### Volunteer Years of Service

Arlene Harnett, Somerset  
35 Years

Carole Ann Young, Pawtucket  
35 Years

Robert Young, Pawtucket  
30 Years

Debbie Barandiaran, Portsmouth  
15 Years

Renee Cardinal, Somerset  
15 Years

Nina Dash, Providence  
15 Years

Christine Stevens, North Kingstown  
15 Years



## The Girl Leadership Experience Center

In 2014, GSSNE launched a campaign to fund the Girl Leadership Experience Center. The Center is 10,000 square feet of space dedicated to delivering innovative new programs solely for girls and is conveniently located at the Council Headquarters in Warwick. Thanks to generous support from Amica Insurance and Washington Trust as well as individual gifts from Board members, GSSNE Staff, dedicated volunteers and other supporters, we have been able to expand our program offerings and look forward to continued partnerships with local universities and corporations. It is our goal to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to all girls across our council- in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

The campaign will carry on through 2015 as we continue to expand and develop new programs using cutting-edge technology and with support from our local and national partners.



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# Gold Award Recipients

Our heartfelt congratulations to the following girls who were honored for their hard work and dedication which allowed them to earn their Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive. The ceremony, which was held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, RI on May 31st, 2014, was a wonderful example of the courage, confidence and character which Girl Scouting instills.

**Kasey Cardin**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Community Blend"

**Jane Carney**

Troop 926, Bristol  
"Out Loud: A Reader's Theater Workshop"

**Morgan Colvin**

Troop 744, North Scituate  
"Community Reporposing Project"

**Kerry Connolly**

Troop 437, Cumberland  
"Franklin Farm 5K"

**Elizabeth Cox**

Troop 462, Warren  
"Clothing Exchange"

**Alexa Darche**

Troop 55, North Scituate  
"Museum Conservation"

**Monique Desrochers**

Troop 772, North Attleboro  
"Pet Care and Adoption of Shelter Animals"

**Gianna Desrochers**

Troop 727, North Attleboro  
"North Attleboro Animal Shelter Memorial Garden"

**Sarah Dolan**

Troop 437, Cumberland  
"Garden Painting"

**Rebecca Fruggiero**

Troop 106, Cranston  
"Playground Improvement"

**Elisabeth Iacono**

Troop 229, Bristol  
"Music Matters"

**Alison Izzi**

Troop 529, Greenville  
"Outdoor Classroom"

**Kimberly Kelly**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Reading For All: Designing and Assembling a Library Area for Interim House"

**Suzanne Kunitz**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Creativity in the Key Program"

**Melissa Mirza**

Troop 772, North Attleboro  
"Don't Label Us As Crazy"

**Rachel Nunes**

Troop 959, Richmond  
"The Golden Eagle Nature Walk"

**Amelia O'Rourke**

Troop 47, Providence  
"Celebrating All Abilities"

**Angela Paoletta**

Troop 162, Hope  
"Overcoming Obstacles"

**Janelle Platt**

Troop 888, Cumberland  
"Get Fit and Have Fun! Education Program"

**Helen Prates**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Life Skills Classes"

**Isoke Samuel**

Troop 229, Bristol  
"From Trash to Treasure"

**Olivia Thornton**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Community Children's Garden"

**Amanda Way**

Troop 28, Cranston  
"Waiting without Worry"

**Haley Wohlever**

Troop 426, Barrington  
"Blazing the Way: Hiking Trail Design and Implementation Plan"

Our third annual Young Women of Distinction Awards were presented to three Gold Award recipients who implemented Gold Award Projects which stood out from the others in the areas of creativity, sustainability and impact. Congratulations to the two runners up: Haley Wohlever from Barrington and Angela Paoletta from Hope. The winner of the 2014's Young Women of Distinction Award was Melissa Mirza from North Attleboro.



# 2014 Donors

The following is a list of donors who made a gift of cash, securities, a gift-in-kind and/or made a pledge between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. In order to minimize printing costs, we have chosen to display only donors of \$20 or more.

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

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On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

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## **THE GIRL SCOUT LAW**

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong,  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

