

2019 Annual Report



THE GIRL SCOUT MISSION

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

THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

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.

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and 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.

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Dear Friends.

Looking back, 2019 was an exciting year for participation by 75%... which has helped We find ourselves in an unprecedented time GSEP. We maintained a keen focus on the significantly as we moved to a virtual for social and economic challenges during five goals outlined in our three-year Strategic community environment. the COVID-19 pandemic. In what seemed like Plan: Leadership for the Future, and are While there is still much to do, we are an instant, we moved from gathering in proud of key outcomes including but not person to our current "normal" of social confident that we have the resources and limited to: distancing and remote communications. team to continue to reach more girls, • Awarded 1.400 Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, provide wonderful leadership development Our council leadership was guick to mobilize and Gold Awards to girls who tackled programs for girls virtually and in person, and develop Girl Scouts at Home, a full offer our volunteers an excellent experience complement of girl programming at every relevant community issues to make their with onboarding, training, leadership world a better place through sustainable age level, and volunteer resources, with the development and additional support, and aim of bringing our community together in leadership projects. meaningful ways virtually. Girl Scouts of run a high functioning fiscally sound council Increased summer camp registrations to Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP), our volunteers Girl Scouts is and remains the best girl an all-time high, with more than 4,635 and most importantly the girls have leadership experience in the world. girls attending GSEP resident and dayembraced how we are now coming together, camps in 2019. We are pleased to share this annual report and have shown our Movement's shared with you. What we do together is of great · Reorganized our Volunteer Training and value of service through projects to help first consequence and we thank you for being a Volunteer Support departments to responders, offering unique programs, and valued part of this important organization become more efficient and offer crucial finding comfort in our virtual hangouts and and look forward to your continued support support to our nearly 15,000 volunteers. resources for social and emotional support. in the upcoming year. · Activated a contingency plan for our With everything in flux, what hasn't changed budget process after a challenging cookie is our commitment to bring the Girl Scout Yours in Girl Scouting, season which delivered an essentially Leadership Experience to all girls in our ninebalanced budget with a modest surplus county footprint. We invite you to visit for fiscal year 2019. www.GSEP.org to familiarize yourself with · Created resources and tools to share all the amazing programs, activities, and Deborah Hassan program specific information and increase Kim E. Fraites-Dow opportunities to connect that are available Chair, Board of Directors Chief Executive Officer traffic to our website and Social Media at Girl Scouts@Home.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (GSLE) IN ACTION:

50% OF FEMALE CEO'S **80%** OF FEMALE TECH LEADERS **76%** OF WOMEN IN THE U.S. SENATE **53%** OF WOMEN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND EVERY FEMALE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ARE GIRL SCOUT ALUMS



close to 40,000 girls, with the help of more than 15,000 adult members.

In FY2019, GSEP was in the final year of a threefive goals:





STRATEGIC PLAN: LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE



Build a learning and growing culture that enhances the contributions of the GSEP staff and leadership.

2. COMMUNICATIONS:

Advance a clear message and build community around GSEP programs, experiences, and impacts.

3. GIRL EXPERIENCE:

Position GSEP as the premier organization for girls to build leadership, confidence, independence, and community.

4. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Position GSEP as a rewarding and sought-after volunteer experience.

5. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND REVENUE ENHANCEMENT: Optimize revenue sources and uses.

This narrative details GSEP's achievements for FY2019 as they relate to measures outlined in the Strategic Plan, which include seven guiding principles: Leadership, Community, Service, Inclusion, Respect, Integrity, and Innovation. Our vision is to be known as the premier leadership organization for girls that is driven by an engaged community of volunteers, members, alumnae, partners, and staff, and supported by an organizational culture of service, learning, and growth.







The organization came together to create definitions for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which included our girl, general membership, volunteer, board, and partner organization populations. The goal was to create a definition for how we include, value, and respect all communities and their participation in Girl Scouts. In addition to the definitions, we conducted general research using census and GSUSA data. This research revealed that our staff, volunteer, and girl populations need more representation from African-American, Latina, and Asian communities. Additionally, we implemented Leadership Inclusion training for volunteers, including informational resources for specific special needs to encourage an empowered and comfortable environment for all our members.

To promote a culture that is inspiring, cohesive, and supportive of the Girl Scouts mission, GSEP reinvented several of its regional spaces, which are available to

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staff, members, and visitors. G.I.R.L. panels were hung over the meeting space in the main room in Lehigh Valley. And a new Friendship Corner (quiet room) was added for staff and volunteer use, and the lobby and main hallway leading to the multi-purpose room were painted was unveiled at Valley Forge. In addition, the Valley Forge Shop/Front Desk Area, was redesigned and renovated.

Investments in staff development included standardizing staff recognitions at all-council events, piloting an in-house mentorship program, and continuing to provide comprehensive manager training to all staff with supervisory responsibilities. The employee handbook and employee assessment process were updated to incorporate the council's strategic goals and to reflect current HR best practices. In addition, all staff received Volunteer Essentials training to ensure alignment with the most up-to-date

policies and safety standards required of Girl Scouts volunteers. To improve cross-team collaboration, staff were trained on a project management matrix and provided with new procedures for planning events. Teams now have a better understanding of how and when various projects/events overlap, and when they should begin working together in the planning process to implement changes or collaborate around shared goals.

Providing ongoing leadership development for the Board of Directors was also a goal. Board members were engaged to provide guidance on competitive marketplace challenges, and they participated in a half-day Board Retreat. Every Board Meeting agenda included a presentation by a Gold Award Girl Scout and a Board engagement topic to provide opportunities for ideas, feedback, education, and relationship building.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Advance a clear message and build community around GSEP programs, experiences, and impacts.

> In 2019, our two major publications, Spark/ Family Guide, which mails to our full membership each August and Camp/Cookie Guide, which delivers to the same audience in December were redesigned and updated. Both reach approximately 55,000 households and have been designed as usable resources for all programs and activities. An additional emphasis was placed on data driven marketing tools to reach targeted audiences through audience relatable outlets. SPARK and the Camp Guide were designed to provide pertinent information in a more user-friendly manner. This included new and consistent action items directing inquiries to the GSEP website where members had access to the full realm of information and assets.

> We then designed county-specific marketing tools (flyers, brochures) for Service Units to use to market programs to their demographic audience. The overall goal was to engage as well as inform our girls and their families of programs, camp offerings, volunteer opportunities, and other activities.



other stakeholders to tell the Girl Scouts story.

Renewal and Product Program Top Sellers . The results included a menu of renewal incentives that In FV19 we also activated Media Girls, a group of 10

were well received by volunteers and parents, and older girls with a passion for communication, and a Cookie Boss and 500 Club experience that was developed a targeted plan for the older Girl Scouts, including a newsletter and special communications

3. GIRL EXPERIENCE

Surveys, focus groups, and program data informed the continual improvement of the Girl Experience and helped drive programmatic decision-making. By engaging with older Girl Scout members (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors) who are among the most involved, we feel that we can best impact our ability to provide the full Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to all girls, as well as positively impact our membership goals by retaining girls through listening and implementing. Additional departments at GSEP met with the Program Steering Committee to get feedback, including Member Engagement, MarComm and Retail. The Girl & Volunteer Experience Committee of the Board of Directors supported the addition of the Girl Track (for girls in grades 9-12) to the 2020 Women's Leadership Summit.

GSEP engaged more than 12,447 girls in GSLE programs focused on the following priority areas: Adventure & Water, Health & Wellness, Environment, Arts & Culture, and STEM. Summer camp registrations reached an alltime high, with more than 4,635 girls attending GSEP resident and day-camps in 2019.

The Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program (GSBB), a program for girls whos mothers are or have been incarcerated, continued to meet weekly, with every other week visits to the Riverside Correctional facility for motherdaughter visits for those who were able. In 2019, GSBB girls gathered items and books to pack 200 bags to donate to mothers and their children in Recovery House. Additionally, donations of non-perishable food items were donated to Philabundance from the GSBB program.

Position GSEP as the premier organization for girls to build leadership, confidence, independence, & community.

During the 2019 Cookie Program, 20,839 girls participated, selling an average of 192 packages of cookies per girl. Our Cookie Boss Class of 2019 consisted of 437 girls, a distinction celebrating girls who sold 1,000 packages of cookies or more. New for 2019, the Sister Benefits (for sister Girl Scouts to participate in the Cookie Program, share and achieve a cookie goal together) benefitted 186 girls who were added to the Cookie Boss Class of 2019 and 350 girls to the 500 Club.

GSEP continued to explore and develop partnerships made a difference for them during the school year with schools and community organizations for joint and by helping them feel more comfortable meeting complementary programming. A partnership with Girls new people, working with others and adapting to on the Run and Philly Girls in Motion extended the different personalities, and feeling more confident traditional Girl Scout model and provided a unique in taking charge. opportunity to engage with girls at Philadelphia Community Schools. This successful program will be 94% of girls surveyed said they would expanded and can be used as a model for other recommend camp to a friend. partnerships. Additionally, GSEP cultivated a growing 92% of campers said they would like to come to relationship with Philadelphia Parks & Rec, resulting in camp next year. more neighborhood recreation centers starting and hosting Girl Scout troops and summer outreach Leader programs. The School District of Philadelphia's Office of **Highest Awards** Strategic Engagement also highlighted Girl Scouts as a model partnership, where we serve girls through In 2019, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania honored: middle school. 63 Gold Award Girl Scouts 220 Silver Award Girl Scouts

Go-getter

Through planning and determination these girls confronted important community issues in a way that The 2019 Cookie Program was a memorable year as was both meaningful and sustainable to make the it was the largest PGA (per girl average) increase in world and their community a better place. council's history (from 176 to 192 packages per girl).

Innovator

Science and engineering

Toyota 2019: 1,143 girl participants STEM series, Outreach: 1,383 girl participants Liberty High School, Bethlehem Northwest Middle School, Reading Southwest Middle School, Reading Belmont Hills, Benesalem STEM-related SPARK programs: 1,427 girls registered

Risk-taker Camp

summer camp: 4,635 girl participants served resident camp: 3027 girl participants day camp: 1,608 girl participants

Parents and guardians of campers in 2019 most frequently identified increased confidence and independence as an impact of camp on their campers. Girls themselves noted that camp has

1.128 Bronze Award Girl Scouts

Leadership Programs at camp

CIT I: 41 girl participants CIT II: 6 girl participants Program Aide: 123 girl participants Day Camp Intern: 33 girl participants Take Charge: 22 girl participants

24 Girl Scout presenters, emcees, and campership leads participated in Take the Lead, developing public speaking, networking, and leadership skills.

GSEP-led programs on the weekends and at camp continued to receive high praise, and a special focus was made to provide more opportunities to use GSEP properties. GSEP remains focused on the troop experience for girls, where most inconsistencies exist. Ongoing trainings and refreshers are being developed to ensure that all volunteers receive current and consistent information to best serve girls. A new survey will also provide a mechanism for GSEP to address any targeted issues regarding leader training.

"My favorite thing about camp is that I tried thing: that I was not going to be perfect at, and I found a confidence inside of me that I want to share with others."

Camp Wood Haven resident camp

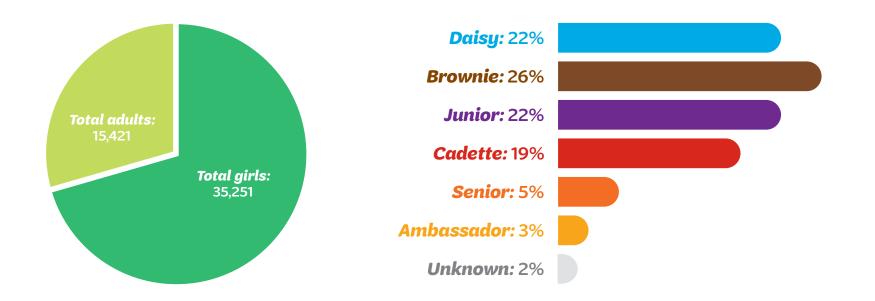
Camp Valley Forge parent

Completing the Rockwall after a couple of tries was really invigorating and made me feel confident

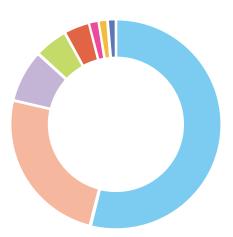
Camp Shelly Ridge day camp



Membership



Girl Race/Ethnicity



White: 55% (19,443)

Hispanic: 6% (2,074)

Asian American: 2% (764)

American Indian: <1% (53)

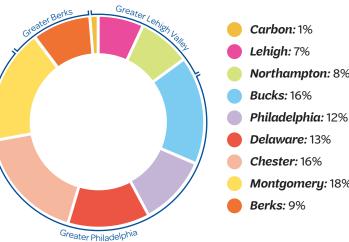
Choose not to share/Not reported: 28% (9,762)

Black/African American: 9% (3,099)

Multiple & Other Races: 7% (2,107)

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: <1% (19)

Girl Membership by Region



Northampton: 8% Montgomery: 18%



Volunteer Training team to be the primary support for GSEP's Volunteer Support Team provided relationship management and support to Service Unit Managers new leaders in 2020. and troop leaders. In addition to providing consistent In 2019 GSEP launched the Looker reporting platform counties and demographics. We also increased incommunications in the form of monthly digital which provided concise, organized reports made person trainings recognizing that everyone learns roundtable meetings and weekly email newsletters, available to Service Unit Team volunteers. We also differently, and new troop leaders in particular should GSEP revised several resources for volunteers, often in created the Service Unit Administrative Volunteer role have in-person and online options available to them . A partnership with updated resources from GSUSA. The to enable Service Unit volunteers to access reports New Leader Start-Up training was created to allow for result was updated versions of the Leader's Guide for directly from Looker data. Training was provided to all steps to be completed in one day with staff and/or Success, Volunteer Essentials (which included several these volunteers, and they signed a user agreement facilitators. programmatic improvements and a searchable web before having access to Looker. version), Volunteer Toolkit Guide, the Family Guide for The number of GSEP Learning Facilitators increased by new families, Product Program Manuals, and 12% in 2019. This is the result of an effort to recruit a regionalized Spark Program Guides. Internally, GSEP more diverse group of facilitators who represent all improved its New Leader Process and empowered the

4. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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5. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

& REVENUE ENHANCEMENT



Optimize revenue sources and uses.

The Finance Team worked collaboratively with Girl Experience and Volunteer Support to effectively communicate the critical relationship between membership, revenue and programming. Continuing Education and Training were available to all GSEP staff members around budget planning, forecasting and financial performance.

GSEP provided dedicated resources to maximize Facility Rentals from Service Units, Troops and outside groups, resulting in a 53% increase in utilization over prior year.

To enhance new models and approaches for Product Program, GSEP implemented several initiatives for the 2019 Cookie Program. For the second year in a row, Cookie Kick-Off celebrations were held in four locations (Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Delaware County and Berks County), and 2018 Cookie Bosses were on-site at each location. Cookie Month in Manayunk engaged female business owners as well as other retail shops and restaurants to support the Cookie Program. Local businesses supported an entrepreneurial speaker series with Girl Scouts, hosted cookie booths, and restaurants created recipes and drinks themed around Girl Scout cookies.

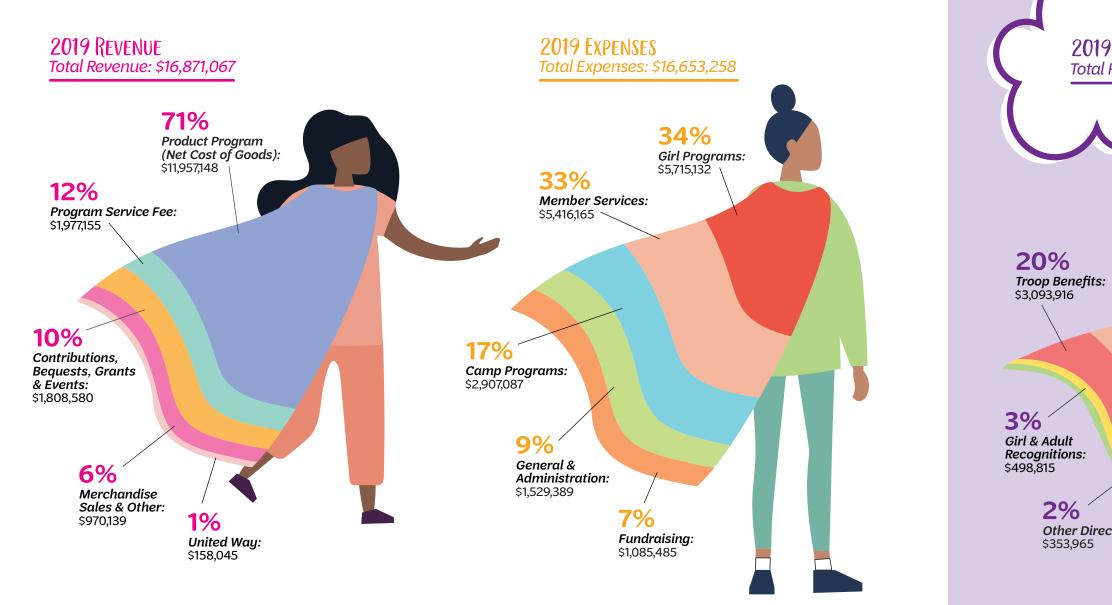
Functional expense ratios for Girl Scout programs over the past five years has positively moved from 72% in FY2015 to 84% in FY2019. GSEP continues to evaluate expense line items for ongoing operational necessity, efficiency, and alignment to mission..





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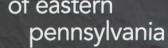


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