

# Why is Family Partnership So Important?

**Q. What is Family Partnership?**

**A.** Family Partnership (FP) is an **organized, GSGLA-wide request for financial contributions from our Girl Scout families** to help underwrite the cost of providing the Girl Scout Program to every girl member in GSGLA. It is a way parents and adult Girl Scouts can tangibly express their belief in the value of Girl Scouting and make a difference in the lives of young women.

**Q. What does my contribution to FP support?**

**A.** FP contributions help to **provide necessary services and programs for girls**. These contributions help provide volunteer recruitment and support services, troop organization, camp operation and maintenance, volunteer training and recourses, development of exciting new activities for girls, financial assistance, and much more!

**Q. I have more than one girl participating in Girl Scouting. How is my gift credited?**

**A.** Great news! Your gift may be distributed in any way that you choose. You can have your contribution credited to one troop or have your gift divided between your daughters' troops in a single payment. Please **specify your request** on your contribution form.

**Q. Why doesn't GSGLA keep part of the National Membership dues?**

**A.** GSGLA cannot retain National Membership dues. Membership dues go directly to GSUSA to cover activity insurance for all girl and adult members, program development, and training models.

**Q. My company has a Matching Gifts fund. Will that help?**

**A.** **Yes! A Matching Gift is an excellent way to double** or even triple your contribution to the FP. Contact your employer's personnel office to see if the Girl Scouts qualify for a company match. If they do, return your completed matching gifts form to our office.

**Q. Do you actively seek contributions from foundations and corporations?**

**A.** Our development staff spends a great deal of time developing and submitting proposals to numerous foundations and corporations. Often one of the things they ask is whether GSGLA has financial support from our members. *Your FP contribution is an important link!* In the average year, businesses and foundations in our area donate significant funds to help sustain the GSGLA's work with girls.

**Q. I already gave my time as a Troop Leader. Why should I give to FP?**

**A.** Your gift of volunteer time is Girl Scouting's most valuable asset. Your additional support through FP will ensure that the program is financially secure and continues to be there for every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout for years to come.

**Q. We spend our time helping our daughter sell cookies. Why isn't that enough to help the GSGLA with expenses?**

**A.** Although the Girl Scout Cookie Program is our primary source of funding, it is not our only source. More than \$1 million in contributions must come from families, corporations, and the community, to ensure the Girl Scouts remain strong and viable.

**Q. I have heard there are girls who are not able to afford the dues. Does my FP contribution help with this?**

**A.** **Yes!** One out of every four girls receives financial assistance in order to participate in GSGLA. Our goal is to welcome every girl who is interested into the Girl Scouts. FP contributions are the way to make that happen!