

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

## What's the Concern About Funding Girl Scout Councils and GSUSA?

- Girl Scouts approves girls partnering with Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers and activist organizations to earn Girl Scouts' highest award, the Gold Award, "to make the world a better place." Awarded projects include:
  - A series of high school presentations in collaboration with NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) for "getting rid of abortion stigma and misconception" by "activists who have had abortions who were interested in sharing their stories."
  - A high school health fair which included Planned Parenthood among "the booths from various health organizations in order to educate students on what good health care is and to promote healthy habits for them to live long, happy lives."
  - "A Young Women's Health Expo...to highlight research on reproductive health, "invited girls to "come meet your local health care centers." The Expo featured abortion providers Planned Parenthood and Equality Health Center, who advertised abortion services and offered free condoms to those in attendance. The ACLU was another presenter "educating young [girls] and their rights to repro and economic justice."
- The Girl Scout organization persists in presenting ultra-progressive individuals, organizations, and events to its girl members. 2019-20 examples include:
  - partnering with the pro-abortion Clinton Foundation and the Ford Foundation to host a Civics Education panel for "preparing the next generation of informed and engaged citizens."
  - celebrating pro-abortion Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for having "profoundly shaped human understanding and advancement."
  - applauding the 2019 accomplishments of pro-abortion politicians Nancy Pelosi, Sharice Davids, Deb Haaland, Ilhan Omar, and Rashida Tlaib.
  - continuing its encouragement and celebration girl members' participation in the Women's March movement.
  - promoting Greta Thunberg, Meghan Rapinoe, Michelle Obama, Chelsea Clinton and others who have taken highly publicized positions on controversial issues.
  - attending and promoting the MAKERS Conference where headliner Gloria Steinem was presented a "golden vagina" made of old purity rings to protest the culture of purity.
- Girl Scouts' curriculum for girls, sold and promoted by every local Girl Scout council, recommends pro-abortion role models/organizations such as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Geraldine Ferraro, Hillary Clinton, Amnesty Intl., Population Council, ACLU, and National Organization For Women.
- GSUSA is the largest member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), providing 2.5 million of its 10 million girl and adult members worldwide and paying approximately 1.24 million dollars annually to WAGGGS based on the number of registered GSUSA members.
- WAGGGS, which states that "anyone who is a Girl Guide or Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts," promotes youth reproductive/abortion and sexual rights, specifically on behalf of its 10 million members.
- GSUSA maintains memberships in abortion rights advocacy groups, including the Coalition for Adolescent Girls. Other organizations working alongside GSUSA in these groups include abortion providers International Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stopes International, and numerous organizations that push for unrestricted abortion rights.

## Where Does the Cookie Money Go?

- A girl's troop keeps an average of just 10 to 20 percent of the money she collects from selling cookies.
- The local council receives an average of 65 to 75 percent of the money collected by all local troops.
- GSUSA collects a royalty payment based upon its licensed trademark on every box of cookies produced. With approximately 200 million boxes of cookies sold annually, this amounts to millions of dollars of funding for GSUSA every year.
- Girl Scout Council policies require that individual donations to girls/troop in lieu of cookie purchases must be used to purchase cookies to be donated to military troops, food pantries, etc. So a monetary gift, intended to directly support the girls and avoid financially benefiting the Girl Scout organization, is actually buying more cookies.

Now that I know...  
**no thank you.**

*For documentation of this information and additional pro-life concerns about the Girl Scout organization, visit:*

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