



# THE PROMISE

November 2009

A Newsletter for Supporters of Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland

## Because of your support, girls around the council ...

### *Discovered a strong sense of self*

For the first time, three girls in Pettis County slept with four solid walls and a solid floor to protect them.

### *Discovered critical thinking skills.*

Girls in Greene County understand how decisions for adults can sometimes be hard.

Read these and other success stories throughout the newsletter.

### *Identified community needs*

A troop in Bollinger County purchased enough food for a no-kill shelter to feed the animals for a week.

### *Developed healthy relationships*

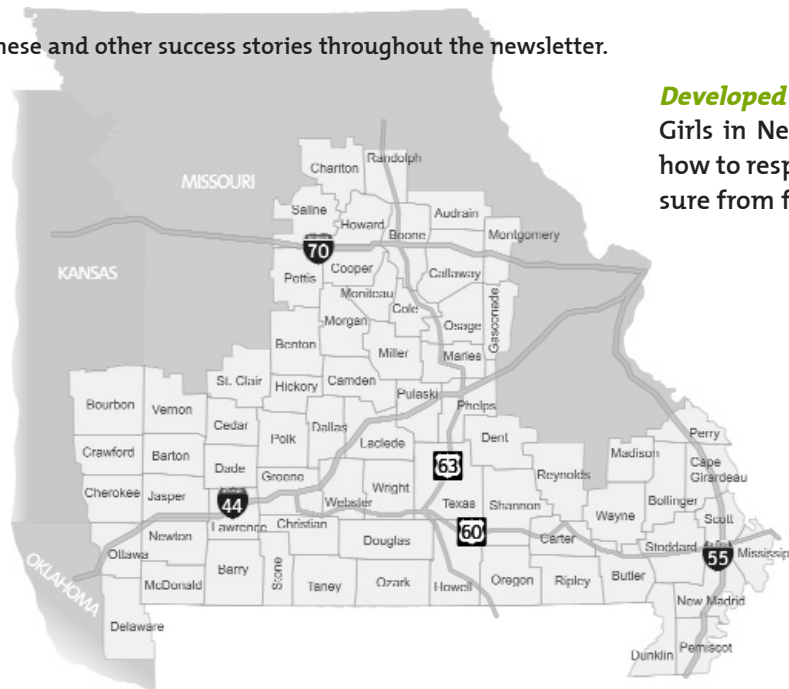
Girls in Newton County learned how to respond to negative pressure from friends.

### *Educated and inspired others to act*

A troop in Howell County designed recycling bins for its community.

### *Gained practical life skills*

A girl in Callaway County helped save the life of her grandfather.



## Financial Assistance Program Helps Send Girls to Camp

### *Discovering a strong sense of self*

Through our financial assistance program, three very special girls attended a resident camp program at the Cherokee Ridge Program Center. The girls' experience sleeping in a cabin with Girl Scout friends was not the first time they'd had other kids near them as they slept; but it was the first time that they did not have to share their bed with a sibling. It was not the first time that they'd slept in a rustic setting; but it was the first time that they'd slept with four solid walls and a solid floor to protect them. A local volunteer had given each of the girls their own color-coded toiletry kits, complete with towel, washcloth, and bedding. None of the girls had ever had anything to call their own, and their eyes widened in disbelief when they were told that they could keep them after the camp program was over. After a week of challenging new adventures and connecting with new friends, the girls packed up to go home. The camp director noticed that they'd left their toiletry kits in the cabin, and asked if they'd forgotten to take them.

"No," one of the girls replied, "we don't need them."

"You don't?"

"No," said another, clapping her hand across her chest, "I've got so much more right here."

Dear Friends in Girl Scouting,

When I support an organization, I want to know that my donation is needed, appreciated, and is being used as I intended. I also want to know that the organization is being a good steward of my gift by using their resources wisely.

It is my pleasure to assure you that all of that is true when you support Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. Every day I hear examples of how girls learn to be self-reliant and become leaders. I see them learn skills that they might not have acquired without being a Girl Scout. I feel proud to hear the many ways they give back to others by participating in service projects. How exciting it is to see that our mission of *building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place* is happening throughout the 68 counties served by Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland!

If you have a few minutes, visit the council's web site at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org). Take a look at the council-sponsored leadership programs offered to girls. I think you'll be amazed at the wonderful opportunities offered to girls in our council – opportunities that are made possible because of YOU.

Please contact me if you have any questions about your gift and the impact it is making. Thank you for your commitment to girls.

Sincerely,



Laura Hinkebein, Chief Development Officer  
Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.

## Thank You, United Ways

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. is proud to be a partner agency with the United Ways and United Funds in our jurisdiction.

Through the contributions of community people and businesses to their local United Ways and United Funds, almost 20,000 girls are provided an enhanced Girl Scout Leadership Experience. United Ways and United Funds provide partial financial assistance for membership dues, leadership development programs and resident camp fees for girls who cannot afford to pay for these opportunities.

Funding also helps provide training to volunteers on Leadership Development, First Aid/CPR, Basic Outdoor Skills and Troop Camping. It offsets the cost of background checks, which are free of charge to the volunteers. Because of this support, girls are guaranteed a safe environment to develop their leadership skills and to just have fun. Funding is also used for leadership books and uniform pieces to girls who cannot afford these items. The value added to a girl's experience with these components is priceless, as it gives her a greater sense of belonging to a movement larger than herself.

However, value does not always come in the form of money. Partnerships with United Ways and United Funds provide a wealth of knowledge, resources, and community-building among all the partner agencies. They rally the community together to ensure that help, services and resources are provided to the people who need them.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc is proud of its long-standing partnerships with United Ways and United Funds. Together, we have provided thousands of girls the opportunity to develop courage, confidence and character, and to go out to make their communities and the world a better place!

### Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Web Site

Don't forget! The GSMH website is [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org). If you have a bookmark or link to any old council website, please change it to [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org) to ensure that you have immediate access to the latest news from GSMH!

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

- Girl Scout Mission Statement

## Holts Summit Girl Scout Brownie Receives Medal of Honor

### Taking Action as an Advocate



When Madi's grandfather said he wasn't feeling well, and then wouldn't answer any of the questions that she asked him, she knew something was wrong. While many people might have panicked in this situation, then-seven-year-old

Madi did not. Calmly, she went to wake her grandmother from a nap and called her mother, who is a nurse. Because her grandmother's movement was slowed from a recent foot surgery, Madi had the responsibility of trying to keep her grandfather awake. She shook him as hard as she could, and

yelled his name at the top of her voice. It worked. After her grandfather, who is diabetic, awakened, his family discovered that his blood sugar had dropped into dangerously low numbers. Because of Madi's quick thinking and calm response, he was spared slipping into a coma.

A Girl Scout Brownie, Madi was awarded the Medal of Honor from Girl Scouts of the USA for saving the life of her grandfather. Kathy Cloninger, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, wrote in a letter to Madi, "You have shown incredible courage in saving the life of your grandfather... You are a testament to the highest principles of the Girl Scout Promise and Law."

## Girl Scouts Forever Green

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland (GSMH) has been selected as a pilot council for Girl Scouts Forever Green, an exciting initiative from Girl Scouts of the USA that will be celebrated nationwide during Girl Scouting's 100th Anniversary in 2011-2012.

More than two dozen GSMH Girl Scout troops have already registered to complete a Girl Scouts Forever Green Community Action Project this year. Each troop will plan, implement and evaluate a project of its choosing that aims to have a positive impact in one of three environmental focus areas: energy use, green space or waste management. "Girl Scouts Forever Green is a great opportunity for girls to take

action in their schools and communities, and to learn more about an issue that affects all of us," says Carolyn Imhoff, Senior Manager for Leadership Programs.



In April 2010, GSMH will host several Girl Scouts Forever Green capstone events, featuring 100 hours of service. The events will be open to all girls and adults in GSMH. Their projects and community impact will be celebrated and recognized as part of the event. For more information about Girl Scouts Forever Green, please contact a GSMH Leadership Program Specialist at 877-312-4764.

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Would you like to help us do our part in helping use resources wisely? *Go Green* by signing up to receive future donor newsletters via email.

Contact the resource development director at [rtrout@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:rtrout@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## Girl Scouts Participate in Financial Literacy Program at Camp

### *Discovering Critical Thinking Skills*

This summer, many of our resident camp programs featured a “Cents in the City” workshop for girls. One of the topics that girls explored in this financial literacy program was “needs versus wants.” As they learned about saving, spending, and the real-life cost of items, the girls honed their critical thinking skills and expanded their outlook on family budgets. At one session, for example, the girls talked about needing new jeans for the school year, which might cost

\$10, but they wanted was more expensive jeans. They also talked about wanting to go on a great vacation like some of the other kids at school, but needing to have a house to live in. At the end of the session, the facilitator asked each girl what she’d learned. One of the girls paused thoughtfully, and then said, “Now, I understand the decisions that adults sometimes have to make.”

## Girl Scout Earns Scholarship

### *Advancing Diversity*



Girl Scout Ambassador Elizabeth “Beth” was recently granted Missouri State University’s Multicultural Leadership Scholarship, which covers all required tuition for up to five years.

According to the University’s website, recipients of this scholarship must demonstrate “leadership in multicultural, school or community activities,” and maintain active involvement in campus life once they begin college.

A 2009 graduate of Hermann High School, Beth has been a long-time example of Girl Scout courage, confidence, and character. She has earned her Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, served as a Teen Advisor for younger Girl Scouts, and attended the National Girl Scout Leadership Institute. Beth’s community service projects and leadership through Girl Scouts undoubtedly made her a stand-out candidate for a scholarship as selective as this one.

## Girl Scout Golf Tournament - A Success



Despite rainy skies in the morning, the cool summer day provided golfers with a fun day of golf and networking during the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Girl Scout Golf Invitational. The proceeds will be utilized to provide funding for Girl Scout leadership development programs across the council.

A big thank you goes out to our sponsors: Central

## Troops Find Use for Junk Mail

### *Empowered to Make a Difference*

This summer, 19 Girl Scout troops collected old phone books for Nestle Purina’s Project PetLitter. “Yesterday’s News” is pet litter made from recycled paper like newspapers, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail. “It’s a great project for the girls, because it’s hands-on and teaches them about creative ways to reuse our resources,” says Leadership Program Specialist Stefanie McCall. Troops also benefitted by receiving five cents from Nestle Purina PetCare rewards for each book collected. “With the money they earn, they can turn around and complete other service projects and troop activities,” says McCall, “so their leadership experience continues to evolve.” In total, GSMH girls collected 62,964 phonebooks and earned a total of \$3,148.20 for their troops!



Bank and Central Trust & Investment Company, Hawthorn Bank, The Miller Family Foundation, Inc., Central Bank-Lake of the Ozarks, Primaris, and Ameren UE. Additionally, several volunteers were on hand to assist with tournament activities. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Mary Daly, Lindsey Godfrey, Tom Hinkebein, Julie Middleton and Tina Stillwell. Special thanks to KRCG Sports Director Rod Smith for attending and providing media coverage of this year’s tournament.

## **Girl Scouts Help Animal Shelter** ——— **Identifying Community Needs**

The Girl Scouts in Troop 50105 in Bollinger County wanted to set aside some of their cookie proceeds to help their community. After looking into several organizations in their county, they decided to help animals in need. They purchased 280 pounds of dog food for a local no-kill animal shelter. They even used their business skills to purchase the food at cost, using their monetary resources wisely. When the girls delivered the food, they also got the opportunity to learn from the shelter's owner about dog safety and pet control. By working together and budgeting smartly, these seven girls were able to keep an entire animal shelter fed for nearly one week!

## **Neosho Girls Learn About Pressure** ——— **Developing Healthy Relationships**

As part of the Girl Scout Journey curriculum, older girls in Girl Scout Troop 22834 wrote and performed a play showing how easily cliques in school can influence girls and how best to respond to negative pressure from friends. After the play, a question and answer segment was held to help the other girls identify possible problems they may encounter at school. Patti J., leader for the troop stated, "It was quite an eye-opener for several of the girls." She went on to say, "The Journey books have helped many of the girls feel more confident in establishing and asserting their own leadership abilities."

## **Girl Scouts Go Green** ——— **Educating and Inspiring Others to Act**



*Pictured: Bottom left to right - Josie, Dakota, Emily, Erica. Row 2 - Josie, Abbigale, Emily, Mya. Row 3 - Leader Cheri, Bethany, Morgan, Emily, Rebecca, Justice, Diana, Co-Leader Joyce*

Girl Scout Service Unit 753 (Howell County) has been going green! After a great Day Camp this summer, featuring "going green" activities, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 10012 and Girl Scout Brownie Troop 10098 worked together to

design recycling bins that many troops in their area use. Girl Scout volunteer Joyce D. writes, "We're having a blast learning about all the new ways to go green. We're making a difference in our lives and in our community!"

## **Perpetuate Your Values Through a Planned Gift** ———

As people reflect upon their current situation in life, many realize how blessed they are and want their assets to benefit others and align with the values they select to perpetuate.

Making a gift of cash, stocks, real estate, or life insurance to the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland allows you to create a legacy that reflects your values.

One such donor is Harryette Campbell, a long-time Girl Scout volunteer from Sikeston, Mo. Prior to the merge of five councils last year, Harryette made a planned gift to Cotton Boll Area Girl Scout Council. Her gift directed that graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award in Cotton Boll Council would receive lifetime memberships. This year, Harryette generously expanded her gift to include all girls throughout Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland that meet the criteria.

Harryette says, "I love Girl Scouting and it has been an important part of my life. I met most of my best friends in Girl Scouting as an adult. I think it is an organization that every girl should join."

If you are interested in benefiting the future lives of girls, please contact the Resource Development Department to find out more about a planned gift to Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. Your legacy gift today will change lives tomorrow.

## **Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Wish List**

Please contact the Resource Development Department if you can help out. Thank you!

*Archery Equipment, Golf Cart or "mule", Canopies (pop up style), Big Upright Refrigerator, Carpet Cleaning or New Carpet for Service Centers, Backhoe, Tractor, Lawn Tractor, Truck, Paddles, Dutch Ovens, Life Jackets, Horse Tack.*

# Thank You, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Donors

Thank you, donors, for helping the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland provide the foundation girls need to become future leaders through opportunities to discover, connect and take action to help make the world a better place. Thank you for your commitment to girls.

Annual giving donations of \$100 or more made to Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. from October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009 are listed below. We have tried to make sure our list is comprehensive. If corrections need to be made, please contact us so that we can amend our records. Thank you!

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Girl Scout Tea Events

Add a touch of sophistication and elegance to this Mother's Day. Nestled in the heart of Springfield, with a beautiful view of the skyline, is The Tower Club. Tables are adorned with fresh flowers, china and linens, and music is artfully played on the baby grand piano. A delightful three-course meal of savories and sweets will be served. Be among the first to take tea in support of Girl Scouts of Missouri Heartland. All ages are invited to attend. Enjoy togetherness and special memories with your favorite ladies. Hats and gloves are encouraged!

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Location: The Tower Club  
Springfield, MO

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please e-mail your interest to Jane Earnhart at [jkearnhart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkearnhart@sbcglobal.net) and reference "Girl Scout Tea" in the subject line. Hosted by the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Resource Development Committee with assistance from the local chapter of the Kappa Delta sorority and alumni.

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