

Many Ways to Give

Some donors choose to make a cash gift or immediately transfer assets to the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. Others make a planned or deferred gift that the Girl Scouts receive in the future. And some give both ways. These varied options for giving allow donors to choose what is most appropriate for them. Additional questions can be directed to give@girlscoutsindiana.org or 855.GSCIN.4U.

Gifts of Cash

Donors may contribute any amount to an existing program or make a cash gift that is undesignated by writing a check to Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, by using a credit card, or donating through our website. Whether in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one, or to meet personal charitable wishes, cash gifts help the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana support programming for Girl Scouts in the 45-county area in Indiana that we serve.

Publicly Traded Securities

Contributions of securities are attractive to people who have held stocks or bonds for a long time. Donors with greatly appreciated securities can contribute them to the Girl Scouts and avoid significant capital gains taxes.

Life Insurance

Donors may name the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana as owner and beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy and receive a current income tax deduction.

Online Giving

Contributions in any amount charged to donors' credit cards may be made from the website for the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana at www.girlscoutsindiana.org/give

Deferred Gifts

Bequests

Donors may provide for bequests to the Girl Scouts in their will or living trust. These gifts may be for set amounts or for a percentage of the estate's value; they are exempt from estate tax.

Individual Retirement Accounts

Designating the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana as the beneficiary of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is an excellent way to make a charitable gift, using an asset that otherwise might be heavily taxed as part of the donor's estate.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable remainder trusts allow donors to place assets such as cash, securities or real estate in a trust, which then invests the asset. The trust provides income to the donor or a loved one for life, after which the trust balance goes to Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.

Charitable Gift Annuity

With a charitable gift annuity, donors enter a contractual agreement to transfer cash or stock to the Girl Scouts in exchange for lifetime income. There are tax benefits for making the gift, as well as attractive, age-based payout rates.

Fund Types

Funds may be established with a \$10,000 gift, and donors may choose the level of involvement in recommending disbursements.

Undesignated Funds

Donors get the most flexibility for their contributions with undesignated funds, which are not tied to a specific program, project or area of interest, allowing the Girl Scouts to address the most pressing needs.

Field-of-Interest Funds

Donors wishing to support a specific interest, such as, campgrounds, programs, or projects, may make a field-of-interest donation. Based on the donor's interest, the Girl Scouts selects appropriate projects to support.

Designated Funds

Donors wishing to support one or more specific program or project in perpetuity may establish a designated endowment fund.

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana planned giving program does not provide legal or tax advisory service. We strongly encourage you to obtain the professional advice of an attorney or financial advisor when considering these types of gifts.