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Dear Girl Scout Families,

As a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, I know the positive impact Girl Scouting has on girls' lives. Through my own experiences as a girl, I gained important **leadership skills** and **self-confidence**. In addition to setting the stage for lifelong **friendships**, Girl Scouting gave me the opportunity to gain valuable, **real world skills** that helped me be successful in my education and my career. As a parent and troop leader, I saw first hand what Girl Scouting did for my girls.

I hope the girl in your life has enjoyed her Girl Scout experience this year. Throughout Eastern Massachusetts, we provide over 40,000 girls with fun, friendships and life skills. Our girls **discover** who they can be and what they can do, **connect** with others, and **take action** to make the world a better place.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts council relies on donations from parents, corporations, foundations, and friends to support its programs. Parents are never asked to pay the true cost of Girl Scouting. In fact, each girl's experience is subsidized by approximately \$286 annually.

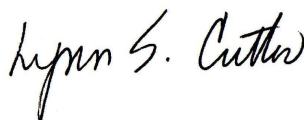
As parents and guardians, volunteers and leaders, you know first hand the positive impact of Girl Scouts. As a valued and important member of our Girl Scout family, your financial support of our S.H.A.R.E. (Support Her Activities, Resources, and Experiences) campaign is needed to help us continue to bring Girl Scouting to thousands of girls. Contributing to S.H.A.R.E. is an opportunity for families to tangibly express their belief in the value of Girl Scouting. Your contribution helps the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts:

- Provide financial assistance for girls to join Girl Scouts and attend programs or camps,
- Subsidize fees to keep programs attainable and cost effective for every girl,
- Offer more than 540 programs covering a variety of topics from veterinary science to criminal justice,
- Collaborate with industry leaders such as Raytheon and M.I.T to provide science, technology, engineering, robotics and math programs for our girls,
- Perform camp maintenance to keep our 14 camp properties safe and accessible,
- Offer more than 350 trainings for our 17,000 volunteers, and
- Ensure that the development, safety and enjoyment of our girls a top priority.

Within the next month you will receive a S.H.A.R.E. donation envelope from your troop leader. Please consider making a donation that is meaningful for your family. You may contribute by filling out the S.H.A.R.E. envelope and returning it to your troop leader at the next meeting or donating online at www.girlscoutseasternmass.com

The Girl Scout experience is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Please say that you value Girl Scouting by making your gift today.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Lynn Saunders Cutter
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