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Dear Friend of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding,

As passionate supporters of Our Chalet, we want to thank you for your generosity and support this past year. We aren't just about property upkeep for the future – we support the preparation of the young women of the world for the future. This is what we have always been about and this is our legacy.

Through the generosity of an American, Helen Storrow, Our Chalet was established in the Bernese Oberland of Switzerland in 1932 above the beautiful town of Adelboden. It was the first World Centre for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides and continues to serve as the “gold standard” even as we celebrate the 85th birthday this year.

Our Chalet continues to offer adventure programs for girls, families, alumnae and travelers. Everything from “Introduction to Snow” to “Treasures of Our Chalet” will be offered in 2017! This year also marks the 12th anniversary of the Helen Storrow Seminar which is an international leadership development seminar for young women between the ages of 18 and 25. We hope to offer many scholarships to young women around the world who may apply and attend – all thanks to donors like you!

We are asking for your generous and continued support of Our Chalet. The girls and young women who benefit from your generosity are our future. For many, a trip to Our Chalet to participate in an outdoor adventure program or a seminar is their first international experience. The World Centres are at the heart of international exchange experience where young women come together to meet and to grow as leaders of the world.

Ten years ago we successfully encouraged our donors to contribute \$75 for the 75th. We ask that you consider keeping this tradition alive with making a minimum contribution of 85 for the 85th – an \$85 donation or an additional \$85 to your planned amount – or an extra 85 of whatever. An envelope is enclosed for your use and your check should be made payable to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization. You may also give online through PayPal at www.worldfoundationgggs.org if you prefer. Please provide your email address so you can receive the annual “Chalet Chatter” newsletter. Remember, your gift is tax deductible to the extent of the law.

The “Songs of Our Chalet” CD will again be available starting at the GSUSA National Council Session in Columbus, Ohio in October 2017. We sent the last small supply to Our Chalet. The CDs were enthusiastically received by both the shop staff and program participants in fall programs such as the International Friendship Week and the Rise Up Singing Weekend.

Our Chalet is a magical, peaceful place to visit and is open eleven months of the year. Come for a day or week, as a program participant or an independent visitor. Bookings can be made online at info@ourchalet.ch. Our Chalet's World Centre Manager, Tanya Tulloch, and her staff will assist you in any way possible to make your stay memorable.

Thank you for your continued investment in the programs, scholarships and needed improvements for Our Chalet.

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