



World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is the world's only movement for every girl and any girl because of the belief that each deserves the opportunity to be the best they can be. WAGGGS provides learning opportunities through participatory, non-formal education programs. Leadership opportunities abound, and young leaders are empowered to speak out and advocate bringing positive change in communities both small and large.

WAGGGS continues to support delegations that attend international events such as climate change conferences and the UN Commission on the Status of Women; and frequent leadership development programs are held at the world centers. Events like these bring girls and young women together from all over the world, building friendships, leadership skills, and fostering personal growth. WAGGGS and Girl Scouts of the USA provide girls with the opportunity to participate in national, regional, and international events, allowing them to develop and practice their leadership competencies. Girls learn about and take action on issues that affect them, and have a forum to speak up and be heard through programs that WAGGGS supports.

In 1987, 75 Senior Girl Scouts and 75 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world had the opportunity to participate in an international event held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Girl Scouting. Over a two-week period, the young women who attended "A World of Understanding" became friends, sharing culture, foods, dances, and games from their various areas of the world, all while learning how each could make a difference in their world. Now, in 2017, a group of participants from that event is getting together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the event that changed lives and fostered life-long friendships. This is just one of many examples of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting programs held around the world.

Donations from Friends like you allow the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scout, Inc. to grant monies to WAGGGS so that girls today can benefit from opportunities for cultural sharing and leadership development in an international setting. Your donations may be made in either of two ways:

- **By check** payable to the **World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.** which should be sent in the enclosed envelope.
- **Online** using a credit card on a secure system by going to **www.worldfoundationgggs.org** and clicking on the Donate Now button.

Thank you for your support and partnership in this critical work.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy B. Baker".

Amy Baker, Chair
Friends of WAGGGS USA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa A. Hinshaw".

Lisa A. Hinshaw, President
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