



## World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.

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Dear Friends of Pax Lodge,

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*Ours is a circle of friends united by ideals* – Juliette Gordon Low. The founder of Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) said these words nearly a hundred years ago and we continue this legacy of building friendships the world over. For those of us who have spent our lives in Girl Scouting, no truer words exemplify our purpose and mission. As Friends of Pax Lodge, each of us, in our own way, have paid it forward to secure the great tradition of Girl Scouting. Many of us benefitted from this sisterhood during our formative years; others contributed to future generation of females by being troop leaders, trainers, working with volunteers, mentoring/coaching, and yes, by contributing to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc., the only 501 non-profit organization dedicated to the global aspect of the Girl Scout Movement.

Good News at Pax Lodge: In the last year, there have been 12,550 overnights with 7,900 of those being Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. 1,300 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts participated in the full program. The shop has been doing a brisk business and is looking at selling on Amazon, as well as stocking new items at lower price points so that younger girls can make purchases. The store has a new t-shirt that features the new Pax Lodge bus icon.

With the increased use, there is an on-going need for deferred maintenance and renovations to bring Pax Lodge up to code for listing it as a hostel. The self-catering kitchen (a project funded by the World Foundation) is in the process of being created, the guest laundry is being renovated, and additional lighting is being installed. On all fronts, PAX is creating a more innovative and updated look for its guests, thanks to your support.

In addition, our volunteers come from all over the world and many would like to take **advantage of educational opportunities available to them**. Recent grants made by the World Foundation included funds for such educational opportunities in London for Pax Lodge volunteers, thus making their volunteer experience more valuable, as they can take that education back home.

We are asking you to consider a contribution to PAX Lodge to further pass along the ideals of Girl Scouting through attendance at world center events. As the premier girl organization that has lead the way for girl leadership all over the world, with your help, we can continue to help girls who will lead future generations by uniting friends around the world.

You can join us in continuing to make a difference by supporting Pax Lodge by:

- Making a one-time online donation or setting up an automatic monthly donation through PayPal on our website [www.worldfoundationgggs.org](http://www.worldfoundationgggs.org).
- Mailing your check payable to the **World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.**, a 501 (c)(3) organization, in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you so much for your contributions to Pax Lodge. Your generous support means that we can continue to provide programming grants to girls and young women, upgrade Pax Lodge, and help our Pax Lodge volunteers and, thus, ever expand the circle of friends.

Sincerely,

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