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Dear Supporter,

I started my Girl Scout journey when I was eight years old—a quiet, timid girl who often struggled to express herself. My parents enrolled me in Girl Scouts, hoping I'd find a place to belong, and they were right. From the moment I joined, welcomed by other Girl Scouts and leaders who saw my potential, I grew with every badge, meeting, and project, finding my voice and learning that I could make a difference.



*Jamie Stephenson
Girl Scout, Community Advocate,
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One of my earliest defining moments came when my troop earned our Girl Scout Bronze Award by transforming an empty patch of dirt into a vibrant school garden. Working side by side with my fellow Girl Scouts taught me something powerful: when people come together with purpose, they can create something lasting. That project helped me realize that I, too, had the ability to make a difference.

It's because of supporters like you that girls like me discover their strengths, their passions, and their purpose.

Years later, when it was time to pursue my Girl Scout Gold Award, I faced a challenge that felt personal. A wildfire had destroyed one of my favorite campgrounds, leaving the land unrecognizable. I wanted to turn that heartbreak into action, so I chose a project focused on restoring green space and rebuilding hope.

I volunteered with the with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and the City of Folsom to plant 25 trees in Handy Family Park—trees that, once fully grown, will remove carbon dioxide, produce oxygen, provide shade, improve health, and help reduce greenhouse gases. I worked with city officials, arborists, and community members to bring the project to life, and on planting day, I led more than 50 volunteers—including younger Girl Scouts—through hours of hard work and joy. Together, we planted every tree and celebrated the promise of a healthier, greener future.

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That day changed me. It taught me that even small actions can create long-lasting impact—and that leadership isn't about having all the answers, but about bringing people together to make change happen.

From my earliest troop meetings to earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouts shaped me into the leader I am today. The communication, problem-solving, and resilience I gained now guide me in my work on the Sacramento County Youth Commission and the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, where I advocate for empowerment and opportunity for others.

None of this would have been possible without the support of my troop leaders, Katie and Larisa, and the Girl Scout community that believed in me long before I believed in myself.

And that's why I'm writing to you today.

When you make a gift, you're giving that same opportunity to girls who need a place to find their voice, discover their strengths, and learn they can lead.

You're helping the next timid girl become a confident leader.
You're helping the next troop transform their community.
You're helping the next Gold Award Girl Scout change the world.

Your generosity makes all of this possible. Please consider making a meaningful gift today.

From a quiet eight-year-old to a confident advocate, my Girl Scout journey has been nothing short of life-changing. Thank you for believing that every girl deserves the chance to grow, lead, and thrive.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Jamie Stephenson
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“I can see a bright future for girls like me, because of Girl Scouts and the amazing leaders and volunteers who pour themselves out for the betterment of girls like me.”

—Jamie Stephenson