

# Join Our Board of Directors



## Who We Are

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) is committed to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. GSHNJ provides over 13,000 Girl Scouts ages 5 to 17 access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience throughout Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, southern Warren, and parts of Middlesex counties. This is only possible through the commitment of nearly 9,000 adult members, fifty year-round staff, nineteen board members and countless supporters, all believing in the power of our girls! When a young person joins our council, they discover the world around them, connect with others in a multicultural, all-inclusive environment, and take action to make a difference in their community and the world.

GSHNJ is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors deeply committed to the Girl Scout movement. Board members play a pivotal role in the council by driving strategic planning and philanthropy, overseeing financial operations, and strengthening community connections. These efforts reinforce GSHNJ's mission and ensure the council's sustainability and continued impact.



courage

confidence



character

community



## Why Join a Non-profit Board?

Joining a nonprofit board offers a meaningful way to make a lasting impact in the community. By contributing time, skills, and insights, board members help shape the future for others, guiding strategic decisions that ensure opportunities remain inclusive, impactful, and accessible to all. This involvement not only strengthens the organization but also allows individuals to support a mission that aligns with their values and inspires the next generation to lead with purpose and give back.

# Expectations of Board Members

- ✓ Demonstrate behavior consistent with the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- ✓ Maintain active membership as an adult member of Girl Scouts through an annual membership (\$25) or a lifetime membership (\$400).
- ✓ Provide a yearly financial donation of \$1,500 to support Council initiatives.
- ✓ Attend and participate in at least three of the four annual board meetings.
- ✓ Prepare and participate in the annual board retreat.
- ✓ Engage actively by serving on at least two Board Committees, Audit, Finance, Fund Development, Policy or Property.
- ✓ Attend and support Leadership Forums, Town Halls and the Annual Meeting each year.
- ✓ Participate in and raise funds for fundraising campaigns and events, including the Annual Appeal, Camp Appeal, Women of Vision Awards, and I Run for Girls 5K.



# Ways to Support

- **Advocate:** Engage with elected officials and policymakers to raise awareness about issues impacting girls and young women.
- **Attend GSHNJ Activities:** Participate in events such as Volunteer Recognition, Gold Award Ceremony, and Octoberfest.
- **Leverage Connections:** Tap into your network and relationships to support and advance GSHNJ's goals and initiatives.
- **Amplify on Social Media:** Follow, share, and engage with @GSHNJ on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay informed and expand our reach.

## Interested?

Scan here to complete the form and submit your letter of interest & resume.



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