

Annual Report

2021-2023



girl scouts
of southeastern
new england

From the CEO

Dear GSSNE Friends, Family, and Supporters,

Welcome to the FY22 and FY23 Annual Report: Double Feature!

This report is a tale of change and resilience. Learning and unlearning. Revisioning and rebuilding. (For fun and posterity, check out our abbreviated timeline!)

As FY22 kicked off in the fall of 2021, GSSNE policies, procedures, and programs reflected a continued state of pandemic weariness. The Delta variant was raging, prompting membership and youth-serving organizations throughout the state and country to start the school year with more unanticipated losses.

As the year progressed, we experienced some much-needed leveling to the collective pandemic trauma as GSSNE continued to provide much-needed socialization and programming to area youth. But the ongoing stress took its toll on American employees, leading to the Great Resignation—of which, GSSNE saw over 45% of its workforce leave.

These changes led to new leadership at all levels—and brought me to GSSNE in May of 2022. I am so thankful for the foundation built by my predecessors, especially Pam Hyland.

As FY22 wrapped, a big question remained: what would this new normal mean for Girl Scouts?

In FY23, we started with ourselves—taking stock of our Council culture, creating efficiencies, reducing the burden on volunteers, throwing out irrelevant and burdensome rules and policies, reorganizing our departments and goals, and building systems for cross-department collaboration. We work to be the strongest, most effective, and most joyous team possible in service to our Girl Scouts young and old.

Then we focused on rebuilding. Our Membership office, now fully staffed, restructured the way they work with service units. Our Program office, also fully staffed, resituated itself around retention. We focused on our branding and story to improve our Council communications. We prioritized our mountains of data to support more Girl Scouts and you—our valued families, friends, and supporters.

FY23 ended with positive gains in membership, expanded access in historically underserved communities, and new partnerships across our Council. Our Council programming numbers alone are back to pre-COVID days. Our product programs are growing at rates that far extend our membership growth, continuing to provide youth access to sustainable revenue sources for camp, troop programs, and adventures.

This annual report provides insight into our rebounds. It also foreshadows our priorities for FY24: inclusion, relevancy, and engagement.

None of this is possible without the commitment of our dedicated volunteers. We see you. On behalf of the entire GSSNE team, I thank you all for being on this journey with us.

Yours in service,



Dana Borrelli-Murray
GSSNE CEO

Fiscal Year 2022: Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022

Fiscal Year 2023: Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023



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2022

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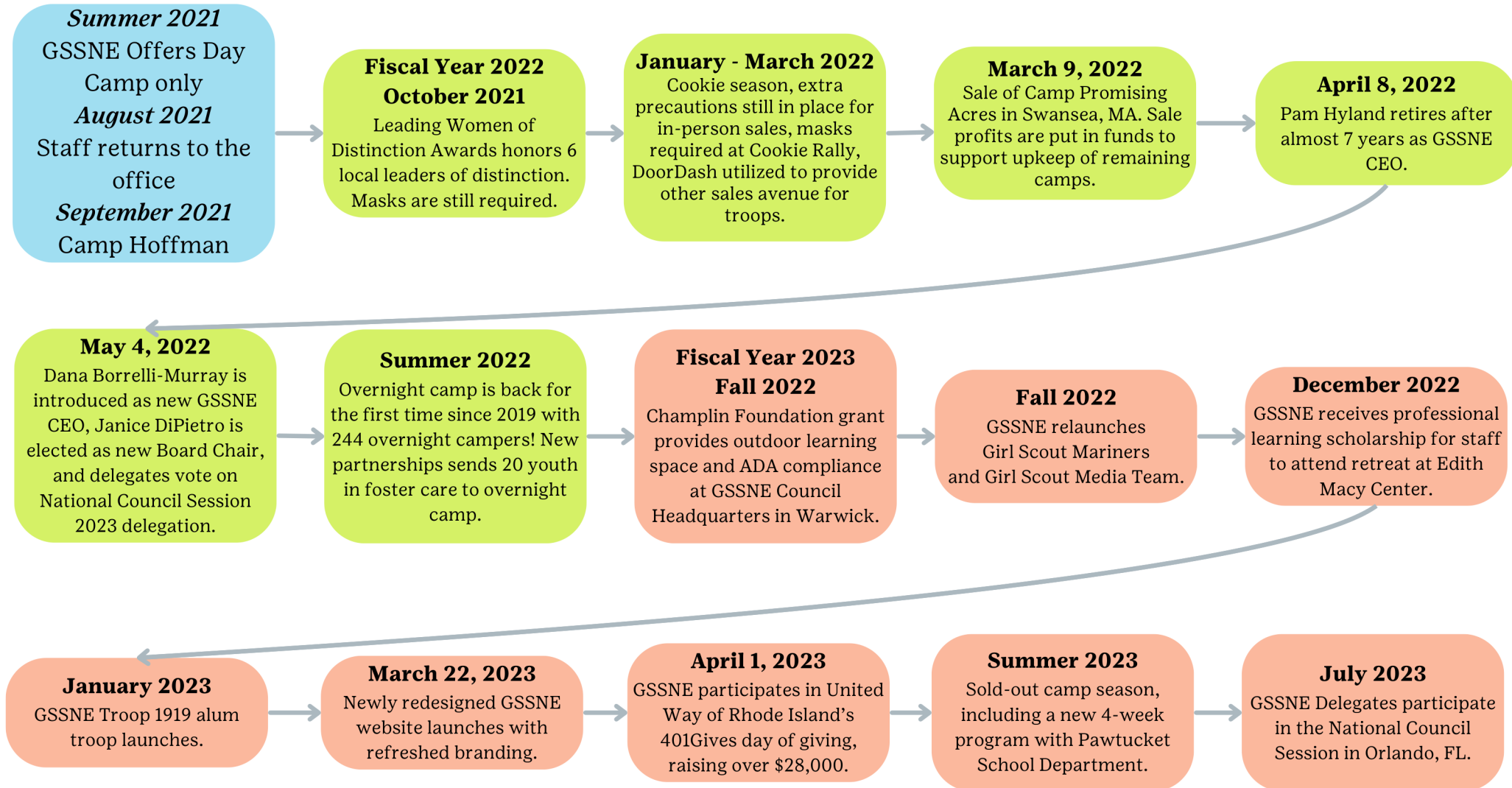
Jennie H. Silbert
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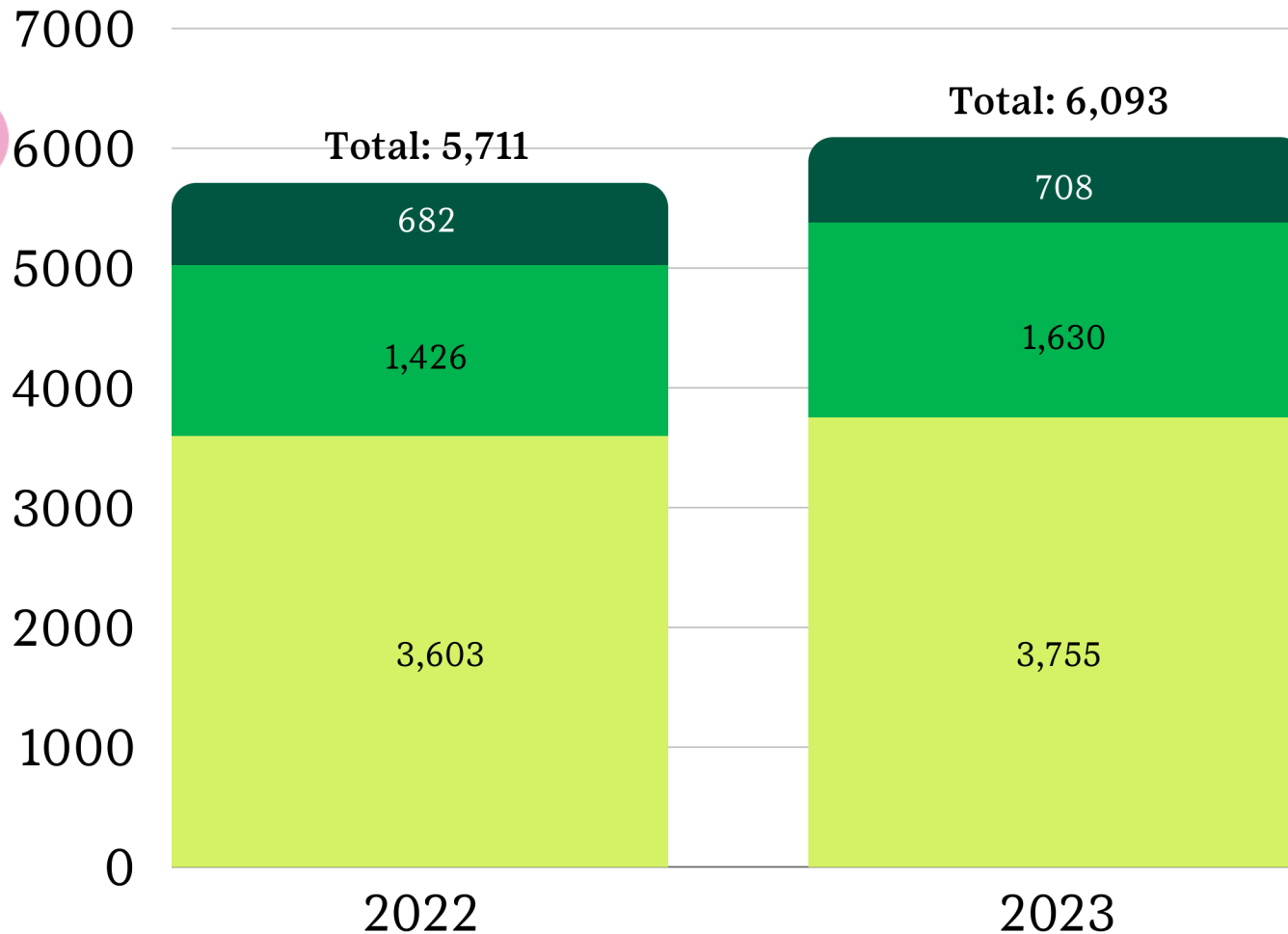
Elizabeth C. Cugini
Retired Kindergarten Teacher, former GSSNE Board Chair

Timeline



Membership Stats

Youth Adults Lifetime



In 2022, we saw our first membership increase since 2018

Membership continued to climb, with a 6.6% increase in FY23

2022 Financials

Income

All Funds

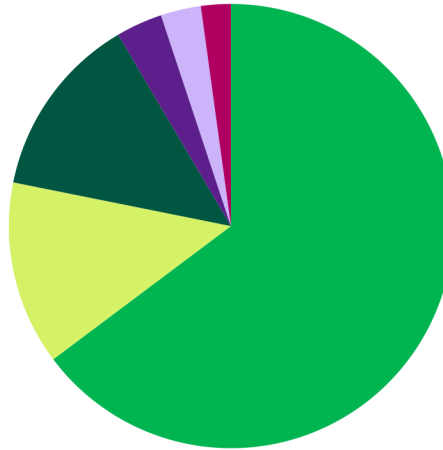
Product Sales (net)	\$1,940,701	65%
Philanthropy	\$401,386	13%
Camp & Program Fees	\$400,512	13%
Interest & Dividends	\$101,220	4%
Other	\$87,876	3%
Girl Scout Shops (net)	\$65,035	2%

Subtotal: \$2,996,730

Expense

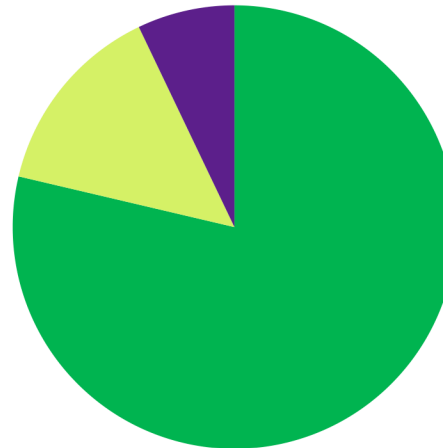
Program Services	\$2,747,320	79%
Management & General	\$497,031	14%
Fundraising	\$247,804	7%

Total: \$3,492,155



Realized & Unrealized Gains	(\$828,221)
Increase in Value of Trust Assets	(\$69,636)
Gain on Sale of Assets	\$701,800
PPP Forgiveness, Employee Retention Tax Credit	\$708,280

Total Income: \$3,508,953



\$900

Cost of
providing a
year of
Girl Scouting to
one Girl Scout

2023 Financials

Income

All Funds

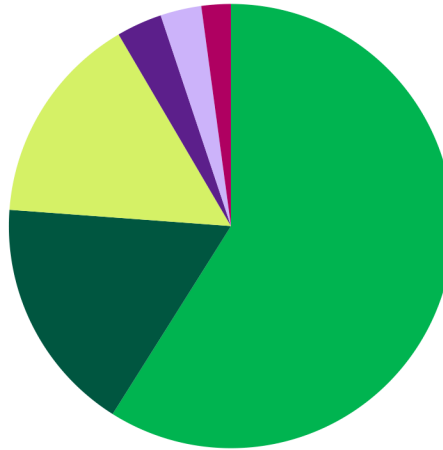
Product Sales (net)	\$2,045,237	59%
Camp & Program Fees	\$597,495	17%
Philanthropy	\$533,846	15%
Interest & Dividends	\$115,189	4%
Other	\$103,637	3%
Girl Scout Shops (net)	\$74,182	2%

Subtotal: \$3,469,586

Expense

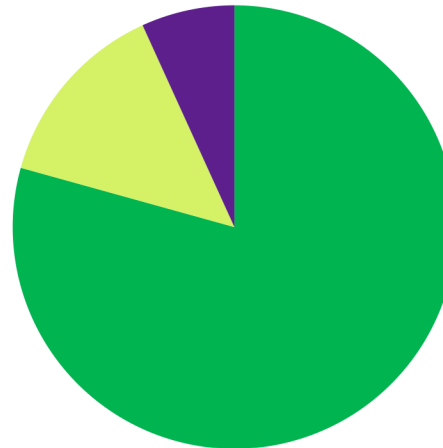
Program Services	\$3,128,941	79%
Management & General	\$548,196	14%
Fundraising	\$268,236	7%

Total: \$3,945,373



Realized & Unrealized Gains	\$419,616
Increase in Value of Trust Assets	\$30,925
Employee Retention Tax Credit	\$228,323

Total Income:
\$4,148,450



\$979

Cost of
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Programming

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)—a collection of badge-earning programs that include entrepreneurship, exploring science, getting outdoors, and giving back through community service projects—we prepare Girl Scouts for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place designed for and by youth.



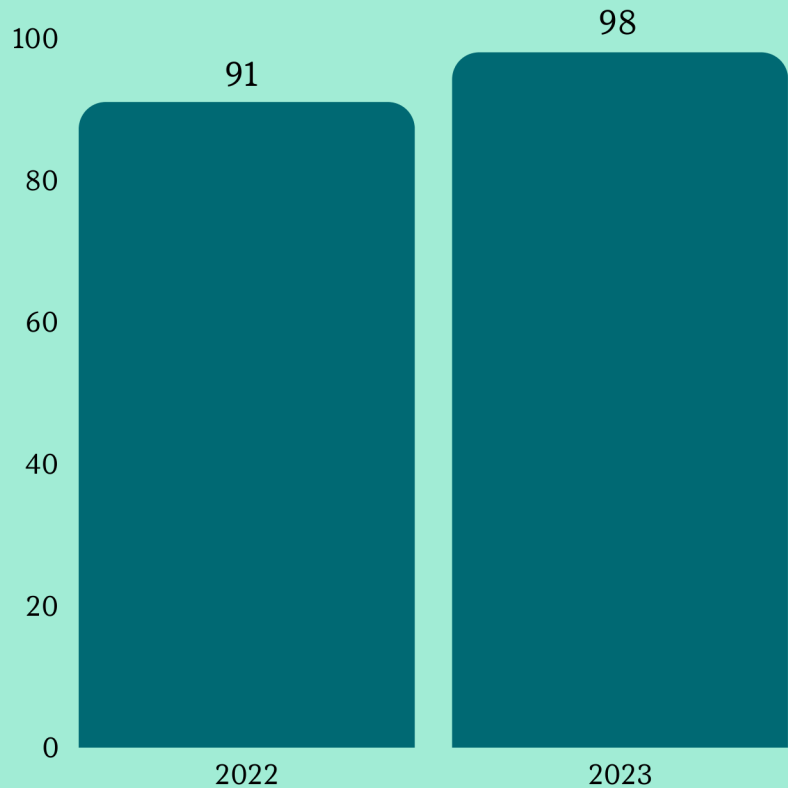
As restrictions were lifted further in late 2021 and into 2022, we were able to offer even more programming for our Girl Scouts, providing much-needed hands-on learning and time away from the screens that had dominated much of their lives.

The restabilization from Fiscal Year 2022 allowed us to launch into fall 2022 with renewed enthusiasm. We recentered our programming around retention, providing new experiences that you can't get anywhere but Girl Scouts! As a result, Fiscal Year 2023 programming saw a 52% increase in programming, with 98 opportunities and 1,702 participants.

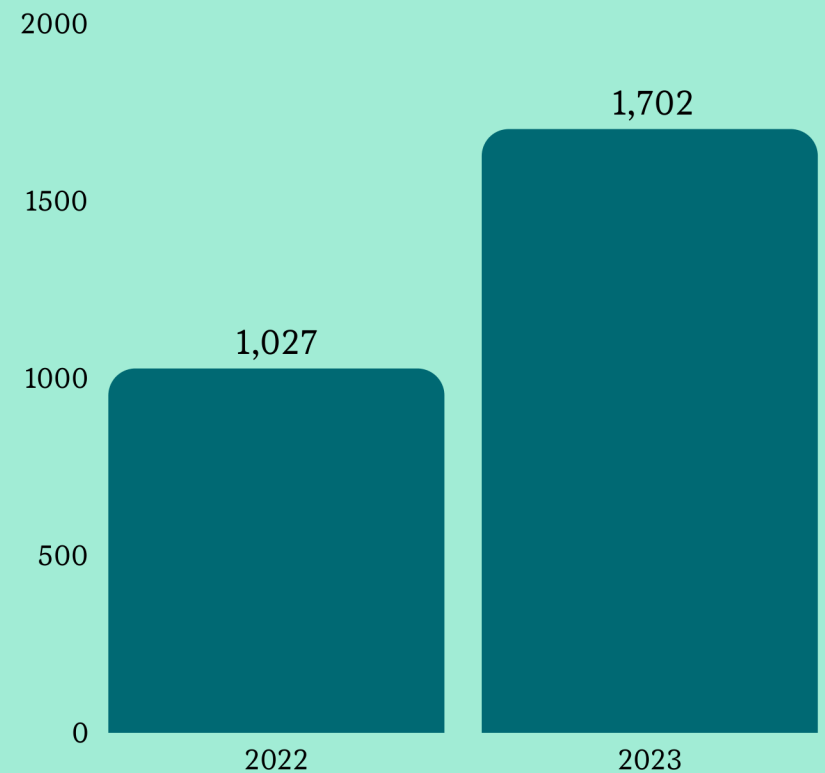


Programming By the Numbers

Number of programs offered

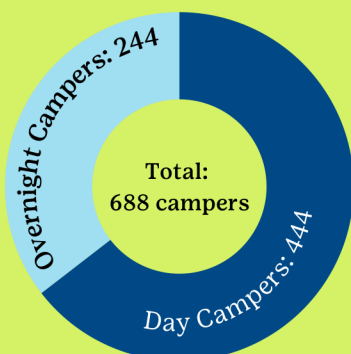


Number of Girl Scouts participating in council-hosted programming



Summer Camp

2022

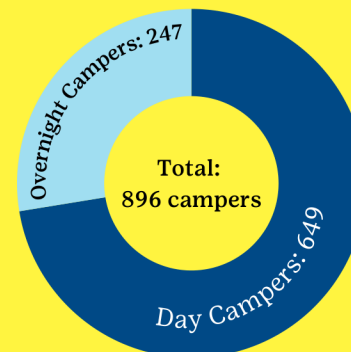


In summer 2022, we were finally able to offer overnight camp after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We offered day camp at both Camp Hoffman and Camp Rocky Farm, and overnight camp at Camp Hoffman. Our campers were excited to get back outdoors, making new memories!

In summer 2023, we had the opportunity to partner with the Pawtucket School Department to send 63 girls to Camp Hoffman Day Camp for four weeks. We also offered a Camp Counselor position through the All Course Network, allowing high school students to earn school credit for their work at summer camp.

We added a new Teen Expedition session based out of Rocky Farm where campers spent the first few days preparing and exploring Newport before they set out into the woods of New Hampshire for a more intense camping experience.

2023



Highest Awards 2022



2021-2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Ruth Axford, Narragansett, RI: Marker Recycling Program

Morgan Beck, Exeter, RI: dream(S)TEAM

Sophia Boardman, Wakefield, RI: Geocache SKLT

Sydney Boland, Somerset, MA: Veteran Memorial Reflection Area

Julia Canuel, Somerset, MA: A Little Help from Our Friends

Alyssa Hiener, Wakefield, RI: Labyrinth and Mental Health Curriculum

Katherine Laliberte, Wakefield, RI: Nutrition Curriculum Re-Write

Sara Macedo, Bristol, RI: Blankets for Family

Cassandra Simpson, Richmond, RI: Brain Injuries and a Forever Legacy

Marykate Tillinghast, Greenville, RI: Mount Stories

Olivia Tracy, Warwick, RI: How to Be a Human

Alexis Wells, Rehoboth, MA: Robes for the Oncology Center at Charlton Memorial



12

Gold Award Girl Scouts



31

Silver Award Girl Scouts



79

Bronze Award Girl Scouts
in 10 troops

At the 2022 Highest Awards Ceremony, GSSNE selected two of our Gold Award Girl Scouts as our Young Women of Distinction. Their Gold Award projects demonstrated a clear vision, resolve, and commitment to making the world a better place. Sydney Boland and Katherine Laliberte were selected for this honor, and each received a scholarship from Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England. Katherine was also selected to receive a scholarship from Girl Scouts of the USA.

Highest Awards 2023



2022-2023 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Mary Arruda, Swansea, MA: Pet CPR & First Aid

Caroline Barr, Warwick, RI: You be the Star!

Alex Citrone, North Attleboro, MA: Creative Writing Course for Youth

Keely Grady, Wakefield, RI: Fairy Garden

Margaret Graham, Attleboro, MA: Climate Change's Effect on Pollinators

Anna Kelly, Wakefield, RI: Peer-to-Peer Program in Middle School

Haley Lee, Somerset, MA: Recreation Cheerleading Program

Lindsay Moricas, Narragansett, RI: Bridging the Gaps Between Community & Nature

Isabelle Sharp, Bristol, RI: ADHDmons (Life with an Invisible Disability)

Hanna Young-Ondrasek, Lincoln, RI: The Beauty of Divergence



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Gold Award Girl Scouts



14

Silver Award Girl Scouts



44

Bronze Award Girl Scouts
in 7 troops

At the 2023 Highest Awards Ceremony, GSSNE selected three of our Gold Award Girl Scouts as our Young Women of Distinction. Alex Citrone, Margaret Graham, and Anna Kelly were selected for this honor, and each received a scholarship from Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England. Anna Kelly was selected as the recipient of the Girl Scouts of the USA's Gold Award Scholarship. Their Gold Award projects demonstrated a clear vision, resolve, and commitment to making the world a better place.

Girl Scout Mariners

Girl Scout Mariners has been a part of Girl Scouts' bold history since it was founded in Rhode Island in 1934 by Kit Hammett. It was later introduced to Girl Scouts nationally at a Girl Scout convention in Boston, and was initially one of several "patrols" that included Trailblazers (hiking and camping), Mounted (equestrian), Panorama (general), and Wing (air and flight). Mariners enjoyed water hikes, shakedown cruises, and GAMs (Gathering of All Mariners) while learning critical skills on the water.

In Fall 2022, we relaunched the Girl Scout Mariners at GSSNE. The Girl Scout Mariner program provides teen Girl Scouts, grades 6 to 12, the opportunity to engage deeply in water-focused activities. As Mariners, Girl Scouts develop skills related to water and the environment, take action, and participate in travel opportunities. We are exploring opportunities to connect Girl Scout Mariners to our local "blue economy" through skill development and career exploration.



Girl Scout Media Team



In Fall 2022, GSSNE relaunched the Girl Scout Media Team after it was put on hiatus during the pandemic. This group is dedicated, fearless, and are ready-to-lead Girl Scouts who help represent GSSNE in various media opportunities. They are also given exclusive learning opportunities in areas related to media. In the 2022 - 2023 membership year, they learned about photography and public speaking, visited a TV station and radio station (and were featured on air!), and participated in a photo shoot at Camp Hoffman along with some cookie season contest winners.



Community Partnership

Now in its 50th year, our Community Partnership programs provide Girl Scouting to youth living in underserved communities, at no cost to them or their families. Our Community Partnership programs ensure that the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place is accessible to all. We provide much of this programming with the generous support of donors and grant-making organizations committed to this work.

Many Community Partnership participants attend our camps and are provided campership (financial aid) support. During the FY 2022 and FY 2023 program years, we grew our Community Partnership programs in communities like Providence, Central Falls, Woonsocket, and Pawtucket with new partnerships that included MentorRI, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Meeting Street School, John Hope Settlement House, and Highlander Charter School. We service all 4 core cities in Rhode Island—where more than 30% of children live in poverty. During the 2022-2023 program year, we provided school year and summer programming to over 580 youth through Community Partnerships Programs.



Volunteers

At its foundation, Girl Scouts is a volunteer-based organization. And as a volunteer-based organization, GSSNE is responsible for the recruitment, training, and support of over 2,000 adult volunteers each year. Our GSSNE volunteers introduce youth in Rhode Island, 13 communities in southeastern Massachusetts, and Pawcatuck, CT to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever imagined. Volunteers serve as cheerleaders, guides, and mentors.

It is imperative for the Movement that our adult volunteers are empowered, engaged, and supported every step of the way. We are committed to making volunteerism as streamlined and joyous as possible. During Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, we took steps to get rid of outdated guidelines to reduce burdens on volunteers. We also restructured our membership office to help provide consistent support to our service units and troops.

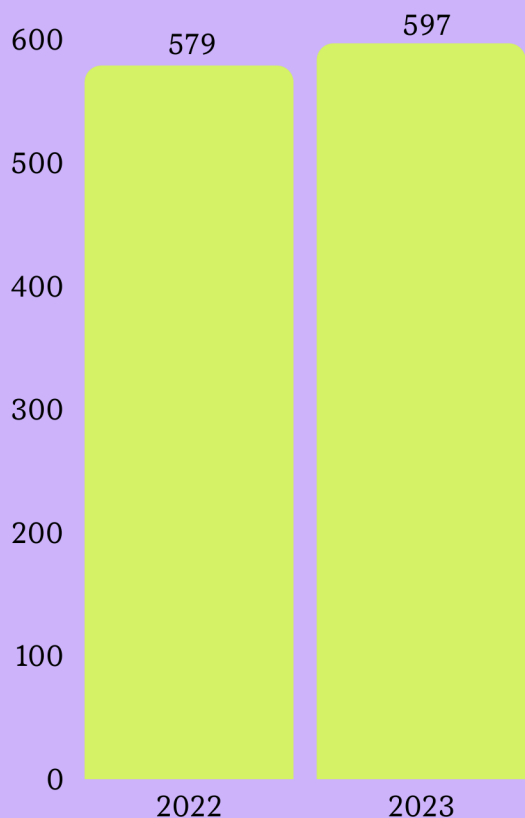
Our volunteers are also pivotal in another way: we rely on them to help guide our decisions for the future of our organization. As a membership organization, Girl Scouts follows parliamentary procedure through a delegate-model governance structure. This means that our members are represented and have a vote through delegates. Our delegates represent each of our 29 service units across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.



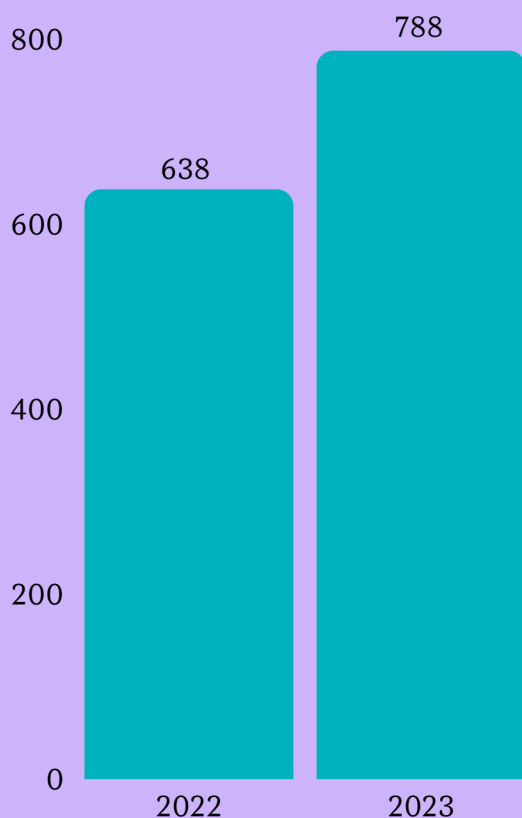
Volunteer Stats

All volunteers play a pivotal role in delivering Girl Scout programming. Troop Leaders create the foundation of the Girl Scout experience, acting as guides and mentors to youth in their communities. They are assisted by Troop Support Volunteers, who help with troop tasks like activity planning, snacks, money management, or first aid. Our service unit volunteers support groups of local troops and act as liaisons between their communities and the GSSNE office. Many volunteers hold multiple roles.

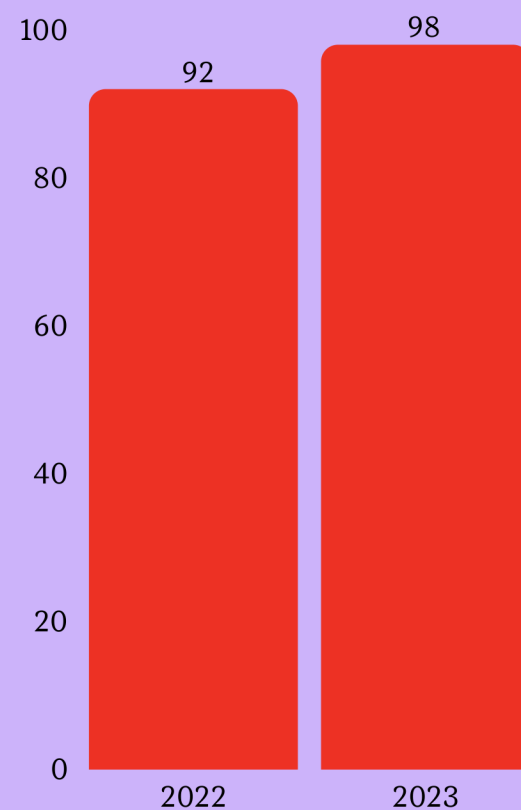
Troop Leaders



Troop Support Volunteers



Service Unit Volunteers



Adult Recognition Recipients 2022

GSSNE has an important annual tradition of recognizing volunteers who make extraordinary contributions to Girl Scouts. The 2022 Adult Recognition Ceremony was held at GSSNE Council Headquarters in Warwick.

Special Supporter Award

Emma Acres
(Scooter & Cynthia LaPrise)
Exeter, RI

Our Kids Farm
(Gina & Loren Thurn)
Exeter, RI

Milestones Of Membership

Bonnie-Marie Tate
Cranston, RI, 20 years

Years Of Volunteer Service

Laurie Boone
North Attleboro, MA, 15 years

Kristin Scribner
Lincoln, RI, 15 years

Amanda Auble
Coventry, RI, 5 years

Kristina Schrag
Providence, RI, 5 years

Rising Star Award

Erin Edmonds
East Greenwich, RI

GSSNE's Volunteer Of Excellence

Christine Jasset
Plainville, MA

Charesse Blood
Wrentham, MA

Theresa Raymond
Pawtucket, RI

Andrea Stevens
West Greenwich, RI

Denise Lee
Somerset, MA

Justine Santos
Middletown, RI

GSSNE's Kit Hammett Award

Kara Richardson
Exeter, RI

Kate Tompkins
Lincoln, RI



Adult Recognition Recipients 2023

The 2023 Adult Recognition Ceremony was during the Annual Meeting in May.

Special Supporter Award

Hope Service
(Robyn & Richard Zambarano)
Hope, RI

Village Gas
(Zeshan Abid)
Scituate, RI

Wood Items & More
(Maureen Van Herpe)
Greenville, RI

Milestones Of Membership

Nancy Armstrong
North Kingstown, RI, 65 years

Michele Gariepy
North Providence, RI, 65 years

Carolyn Dyer
Narragansett, RI, 50 years

Florine Lecomte
Portsmouth, RI, 25 years

Janessa Lecomte
Portsmouth, RI, 25 years

Kristen Moricas
Narragansett, RI, 25 years

Sarah Hazelton
North Kingstown, RI, 20 years

Karen King
North Kingstown, RI, 20 years

Cathy White
Providence, RI, 20 years

Lessa Shear
Wakefield, RI, 5 years

Years Of Volunteer Service

Deb Bickford
Attleboro, MA, 15 years

Amanda Iocco
Attleboro, MA, 15 years

Linda Vogler
Attleboro, MA, 15 years

Sarah Hazelton
North Kingstown, RI, 10 years

Cathy White
Providence, RI, 10 years

Christina Benson
Kingston, RI, 5 years

Andrea Curria
Hope, RI, 5 years

Melinda Farmer
Attleboro, MA, 5 years

Cadence Hansen
Wakefield, RI, 5 years

Lessa Shear
Wakefield, RI, 5 years

Rising Star Award

Amanda Fill
Richmond, RI

Lisa Palmer
Attleboro, MA

Tiffanie Waldeck-Napolitano
West Greenwich, RI

Jessica Schmalz
Cumberland, RI

Jenna Woynar
Attleboro, MA

GSSNE's Guiding Star Award

Jennifer Spira
West Greenwich, RI

GSSNE's Volunteer Of Excellence

Dawn Fisante
Attleboro, MA

GSUSA's Appreciation Pin

Ashlee Lestan
Attleboro, MA

Heather Whitehead
Attleboro, MA

GSSNE Hall of Fame Award

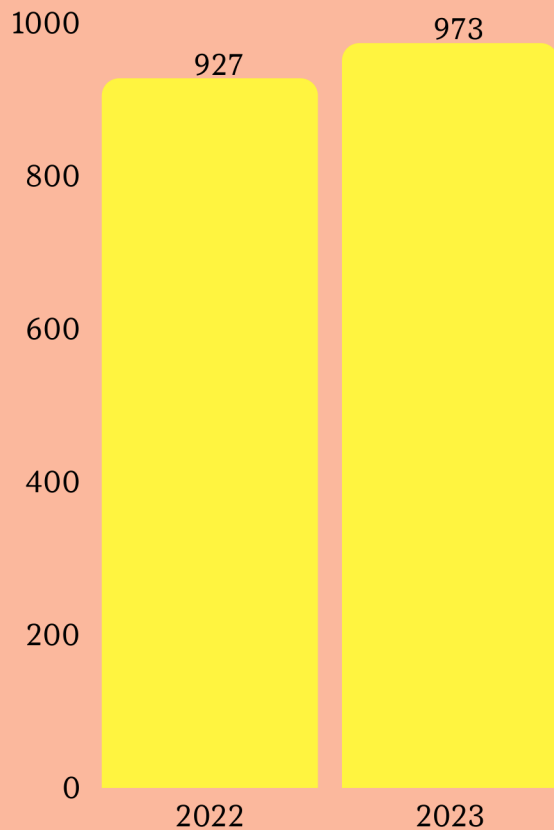
Nancy Armstrong
North Kingstown, RI



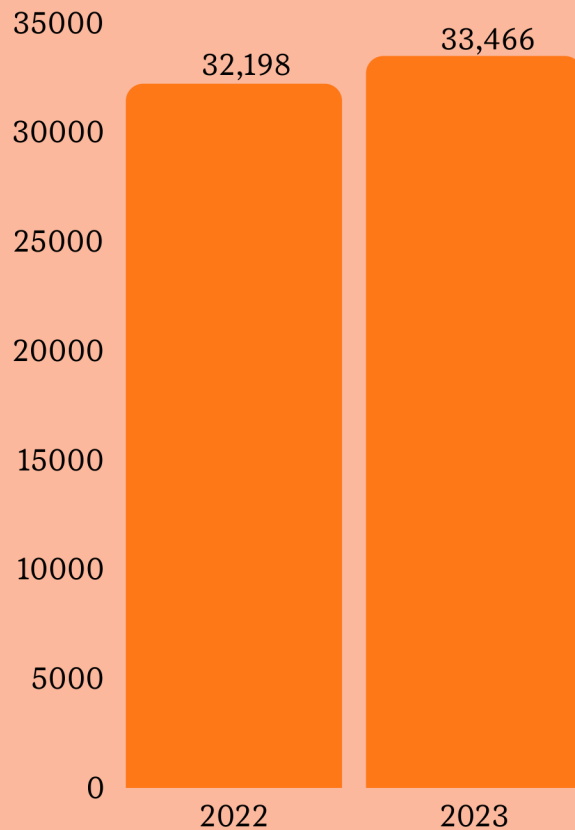
Fall Product

Each September and October, Girl Scouts in our Council take orders in person from friends and family for delicious nuts and candy as part of the Fall Product Program. Girl Scouts develop five essential skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. In addition, troops get a head start on funding their activities for the year!

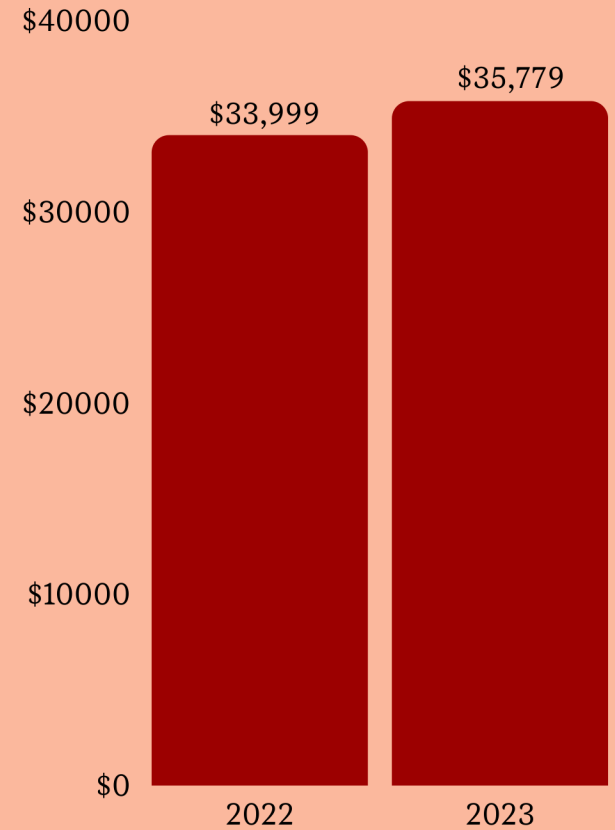
Participants



Items Sold



Troop Proceeds



Cookies

According to Girl Scout history, “the sale of cookies to finance troop activities began as early as 1917, five years after Juliette Gordon Low started Girl Scouts in the United States. The Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, baked cookies and sold them in its high school cafeteria as a service project.”

So this means that cookies as a sustainable revenue source to support Girl Scout activities dates back to a time when women couldn’t vote. Or open their own bank accounts. Or divorce their husbands, attend most private high schools, college and universities, or play sports.

In many ways, cookies have been our ticket to self-sufficiency. We hold our heads high knowing the power and example we are setting for our Girl Scouts, providing a backdrop, system, and a high quality product, to develop entrepreneurial skills.

Girl Scouts are able to go on adventures, try new things, and give back through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers, the families and friends of our Girl Scouts, and our local communities—THANK YOU!



2022

596,876

Packages Sold

4,405

Packages Donated

35,976

Packages Sold Online

246

Per Girl Scout Average
Packages Sold

\$500,810

Troop Proceeds

\$6,905

Service Unit Proceeds

\$115,395

Camp Cookie Credits

957

Cookie Booths

\$2,641

Donation to Children’s Friend,
Cookie Program Community
Service Project Organization

2023

675,059

Packages Sold

4,923

Packages Donated

35,304

Packages Sold Online

251

Per Girl Scout Average
Packages Sold

\$575,958

Troop Proceeds

\$6,742

Service Unit Proceeds

\$133,872

Camp Cookie Credits

1,058

Cookie Booths

\$2,343

Donation to House of Hope,
Cookie Program Community
Service Project Organization

National Council Session 2023



In July 2023, the triennial Girl Scout Convention and National Council Sessions was held in Orlando, FL. Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England was represented by a team voted on by our Council delegates: Dana Borrelli-Murray (CEO), Janice DiPietro (GSSNE Board Chair), Kristina Schrag (troop leader and volunteer), and Jordan Brown (current Girl Scout)*. At the National Council Sessions, they debated, discussed, and voted on proposals, motions, and amendments to proposals that will set up Girl Scouts for the future. Girl Scouts are thoughtful and bold and articulate—this was parliamentary governance in action!

The 2023 meetings were held in Florida—in a time when nationally recognized organizations like the NAACP, the Human Rights Campaign, and Equality Florida issued travel advisories to Florida, warning of the risks associated with visiting Florida following newly passed laws and policies that may be harmful to BIPOC, immigrant, and LGBTQ+ communities. We at Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England stand in vocal opposition to these dangerous policies. By focusing our attention on community members who are furthest from racial and economic equity, Girl Scouts can be an instrument of change, promoting positive outcomes for all.

At NCS 2023, over 900 GSUSA delegates passed an amendment to our Movement's Preamble, which now reads:

Girl Scouts advance diversity, pluralism, and anti-racism and actively identify and oppose racism by removing systemic barriers to participation in our Movement and in the communities in which we live.

Properties

One way we are working towards our inclusion goals is by ensuring that our properties are fully accessible to all participants, young and old. This means breaking down both physical and perceived barriers to participation. We are simultaneously bettering our camps while working to promote our work in communities where people have been historically excluded from outdoor spaces.

- At our GSSNE Headquarters in Warwick, we built on our visibility, inclusion, and first impressions. With the support of The Champlin Foundation, we've recently reenvisioned this property with inclusive ADA supports and an outdoor learning space where troops can come celebrate together as they bridge from one level of Girl Scouting to the next, and where there is green space, art, and fun!
- With the commitment and skill of our Property Team, Camp Hoffman underwent major upgrades leading up to Camp 2023. A widened beach, new day units, expanded archery, a science-focused second waterfront, and new kayak and hatchet-throwing spaces came alive in time for summer camp.
- Looking longer term, we are currently in the feasibility phase of a major reenvisioning project for Camp Rocky Farm in Newport, RI. This site is a gem, and with the creativity and support of many in our Movement, it will be a known center not only for Girl Scouts and alums across our country, but for youth in our own backyard.



GSSNE Staff

In December 2022, GSSNE staff attended a multi-day retreat at the Edith Macy Center in New York with the generous support of a grant from the Macy Scholarship Fund. GSSNE staff used this time together to take a collective breath and refocus our energy on the work we need to do internally to be the strongest, most effective, and joyous team possible in service to our Girl Scouts young and old.



A year later, with help from a generous supporter, our growing team retreated to Newport, RI to further this work. Altogether our reorganized team has engaged in over 30 hours of professional learning in areas such as behaviors of an effective team, growing trust, productive conflict, conflict resolution, allyship, antiracism, and mental health first aid.

As a result, we have seen a significant increase in staff retention, from 55% retention during the Great Resignation to 77% in FY 2022 and up to 83% in FY 2023.



Cookies & Cocktails

In March 2022, we were able to resume hosting Cookies & Cocktails in person. We saw great growth in the event in both 2022 and 2023, with each being the most successful to date. We're grateful for the continued support of the Rhode Island restaurant and hospitality industry, who experienced great difficulties during the pandemic but continue to support Girl Scouts despite the hardships they've faced.

2022 Restaurants

Bettola
Boat House
Hemenway's
Iron Works
Knead Doughnuts
Res American Bistro
Sin



2023 Restaurants

Barnaby's Public House
Boat House
Crepe Corner
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Leading Women of Distinction

Each October, at the beginning of our fiscal year, GSSNE celebrates incredible women who exemplify the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We shine this Leading Women of Distinction spotlight because as a youth-serving organization, we focus on formative years—and we need to hold up examples of what is to come. We want our Girl Scouts of today to see women who show up as full human beings, who have experiences across sectors and geographies, diverse backgrounds and upbringings ... and who have excelled.

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