

A rich heritage with contemporary touches

It's hard to believe it's fall already! The air is cooler, girls are returning to school and a new year of Girl Scout membership has begun. Volunteers are essential to the strength and capacity of our Movement. As an adult in Girl Scouting, whether you work directly with girls or not, you are supporting, guiding and inspiring their growth and achievement. Through your work, you will have significant impact on the lives of girls.

Whether this is your first year of Girl Scouting or you have been a member for many years, this is the beginning of a very exciting year. We are all in this Movement at an incredible time of transformation and change. For the past 18 months, thousands of girls and volunteers across the nation have helped us develop the revitalized **Girl Scout Leadership Development Program**, the best leadership development program for girls! The Girl Scout program has always focused on leadership, so our new program will continue to help our girls make the most of their own lives and make a difference in their communities.



The Girl Scout Leadership Development Program will focus our entire Movement on our rich heritage and traditions, while adding fresh, compelling and contemporary touches to ensure we remain relevant to today's and tomorrow's girls. It reflects the exciting ideas and creative suggestions of our diverse membership. Our revitalized model more clearly describes three important pillars of our leadership philosophy—a Girl Scout will make the most of herself (**discover**), understand and care about the needs of others (**connect**), and make the world a better place (**take action**). These important leadership pillars are also reflected in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the cornerstone of everything we do in our Movement.

Here are a few of quotes about leadership in the voices of our own girls:

- “I’ll know I’ve touched people’s lives in a good way.”
- “I would be comfortable to be myself in any situation.”
- “People will say I inspired them.”

And our girls continue to inspire me each day.

Girls are the future of our communities, our nation and our world. More and more leaders, women from all walks of life, are identifying their experiences in Girl Scouts as some of the most powerful and positive forces impacting their lives and their success.

These are exciting times in our Movement and you are an important partner in bringing the very best to girls. Together, we can give girls the skills they need to lead their lives right now—and leave a new leadership legacy in our world.

With great appreciation for your commitment and dedication,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Cloninger". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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