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Dear Parents of Girl Scouts,

I was recently asked to serve as the Friends of Girl Scouting Coordinator for our Service Unit. As a Service Unit, we are committed to raising \$3,000 to support Girl Scout programs and properties in Central Texas. Please join me in supporting the Friends of Girl Scouting Campaign!

I am a Co-Leader for Troop 2039 and I have two girls in scouts. My younger daughter is in my troop and this is her 5<sup>th</sup> year. My older daughter is in Troop 2063 and this is her 7<sup>th</sup> year, working on her silver award project. This past summer we made the journey to Savannah, GA for an awesome Girl Scout adventure.

Here are a few of the key reasons why our Service Unit is dedicated to raising money for the Friends of Girl Scouting Campaign:

- The council spends \$320 to support one girl in Girl Scouting for a year
- Your \$12 membership fee goes to GSUSA, but 100% of every dollar contributed to FOGS supports Girl Scout programs and properties in Central Texas!
- In order to keep the 501(c)(3) status, the IRS requires charities to raise 33% of their revenue from charitable contributions & GSUSA requires 50%
- Donations keep Girl Scout programs affordable
- Our troops reap the benefits of council-sponsored services, such as an improved website, training, staff support for every Service Unit, and well-maintained properties

Our troops will have a great Friends of Girl Scouting Campaign with your support! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 289-1990 or by e-mail at [llmellis@yahoo.com](mailto:llmellis@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

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