

Gift of Caring

The Gift of Caring program is a council-wide community service project that gives Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn philanthropy and community service through their participation in the Fall Product Program. Troops collect monetary donations from customers for Trophy Nut products (\$5/can) that are purchased by GSGLA, who coordinates delivery to our Gift of Caring partners. Again this year, customers may purchase Gift of Caring donations online through either the direct ship link or the girl delivered link.

When your troop sells product as Gift of Caring, the product is not physically picked up by the customer or the troop. For in-person Gift of Caring sales, girls collect the donation and complete the Gift of Caring receipt, if requested. Give one copy to the customer and keep one for the troop records, then record the quantity sold in M2OS. This lets the council know how many cans to purchase and gives girls credit for cans sold (make sure the troop has received the funds before allocating credit to the girls in M2OS). Girls are eligible for the Gift of Caring Charm for selling ten or more cans. The troop receives their proceeds and the donor can feel good that their tax deductible donation is supporting Girl Scouts AND these organizations at the same time!

Our Fall Product Program Gift of Caring partners are:

- **Los Angeles Regional Food Bank** Receives approximately 45% of all donations.
- **Bob Hope Hollywood USO at LAX** Receives approximately 10% of all donations.
- **Operation Gratitude** Receives approximately 45% of all donations

Troops may donate left over product to an organization of their choice, but these donations will not count towards Gift of Caring. Troops may not solicit donations for any other organization, per GSUSA's Safety Activity Checkpoints. The Gift of Caring council-wide service project is the only activity of this type approved by Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles and follows both GSUSA and the US Department of Defense Guidelines.