

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 (\$7/can) that are purchased by GSGLA, who coordinates delivery to our Gift of Caring partners. Customers may purchase Gift of Caring donations online through either the direct ship link or the girl-delivered link, as well as in-person or on the order card.

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, Girl Scouts 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 GSGLA know how many cans to purchase and gives Girl Scouts credit for cans sold (make sure the troop has received the funds before allocating credit to the Girl Scouts in M2OS). Girl Scouts may earn the Gift of Caring charm (see order card for details). 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.
- **USO:** Receives approximately 10% of all donations.
- **Operation Gratitude:** Receives approximately 45% of all donations.

Troops may donate leftover 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.