

# Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Donor Impact Report

This past year, more than 39,000 girls across Southeast Texas found the support they needed to thrive — at home, in school, and within their communities. Your generosity made it all possible.

## 95,478 Badges Earned in 2025



**19,266**

**Entrepreneurship Badges**  
Preparing girls with business  
smarts to take on the world.



**20,595**

**Outdoors Badges**  
Inspiring girls through nature  
and adventure.



**36,504**

**Life Skills Badges**  
Setting girls up with the  
skills they need to thrive.



**19,113**

**STEM Badges**  
Giving girls the know-how to  
invent the future.

**206 campships provided \$105,000 in financial assistance — a 60% increase!**

### SPARK Weekend 2025: Empowering Girls Through Outdoor Adventure

This year, 237 girls from the Girl Scout Outreach program attended SPARK Weekend at Camp Agnes Arnold, Camp Pryor, Casa Mare, or Misty Meadows Ranch. The Girl Scout Outreach program is staff-led and provides girls in underserved communities with access to leadership development and support during the school day at no cost for the girl or school. For many of these girls, a SPARK Weekend is their first time experiencing the outdoors in a camp setting. Through activities like canoeing, archery, horseback riding, and campfire songs, girls build confidence, make new friends, and explore leadership in a supportive environment. SPARK Weekends are designed to introduce girls to the joy and growth that comes with attending camp. Thanks to your support, these girls created lifelong memories and took bold steps toward becoming strong, capable leaders.



**39,282 Girl Members**

**18,789 Adult Members**

**1,972 Troops**

**1,108 Highest Awards Earned**

**46,249 Outdoor Experiences**





## Gold Award Girl Scouts are Making the World a Better Place!

Congratulations to the 87 Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award, the highest achievement for a Girl Scout. These are earned by undertaking a project that creates lasting change in their community.

**To earn the Gold Award, girls must devote at least 80 hours to the project, plus:**

- Address the root cause of an issue.
- Demonstrate leadership.
- Create a sustainable impact.
- Create a measurable effect.



Zara, along with volunteers from her school and a faith-based center, raised awareness about water pollution with seven cleanups at Cullinan Park. Plus, she created and installed two anti-pollution signs at the boardwalk and published an education-based website to share the project. Two of her volunteers will monitor and refresh the project website as needed for future viewers.



Lillian wanted to share how journaling and creative writing could improve mental health with girls her age and encourage them to share their stories. She researched, designed, and then hosted a five-day creative writing workshop. She published 30 poems and short stories in an online book and on her website, where they are accessible, and other teenagers can become inspired and add their own stories.



Aurora worked with the Haven, an organization for girls who have been trafficked. After her research revealed the benefits of participating in outdoor activities while recovering from traumatic events, she and her team created three different spaces: the Outlet Garden, Sensory Garden, and Pollinator Garden, which the Haven will maintain.

### Local Girl Scout Earns National Gold Award Scholarship for Advocacy Work



Carrie Durso, a high school senior and Girl Scout, has been awarded this year's GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship, receiving \$5,000 toward her college education. Carrie earned this prestigious honor for her impactful Gold Award project supporting children with rare diseases and chronic illnesses.

Inspired by her own experience with Hypermobility Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, Carrie wrote and illustrated a children's book titled *You're Not Alone, Little Zebra*. The book helps young patients feel seen and less isolated. She led a volunteer team of children with chronic conditions — “The Zebra Team” — to ensure authentic representation, and partnered with organizations like Texas Children's Hospital, PRISM, and the Ehlers-Danlos Society to distribute books nationwide.

Her project reached over 75,000 people globally through her website and social media, with book proceeds benefiting the National Organization of Rare Disorders. Carrie's work exemplifies the spirit of the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Learn more or order her book at [yourenotalonelittlezebra.com](http://yourenotalonelittlezebra.com).