

# Cookie Program

## **Gift of Caring**



#### **Information**

- The Council's GOC program is a "virtual" order
  - Virtual = donations are entered into eBudde but the cookies are not included with the troop delivery.
- TCMs DO NOT enter online GOC donations
- Online GOC donations will be posted to girl's accounts by council IF the donor lists the girl's name and troop number at the time the donation is made.
- Online donations will be entered into eBudde™ by council starting Jan. 30; they will not count toward initial rewards but will count toward final rewards.
- GOC donations will be reflected in the troop PGA, girl rewards and troop proceeds.
- When reviewing troop orders, watch for large GOC donations check with the TCM before submitting the service unit order.
- Cookie allocations to girls must not be made in the GOC column in eBudde.
- Troops may organize their own GOC program; however, those cookie packages are ordered, received with the troop delivery, paid for and delivered by the troop directly to their charity. Do not bring troop GOC packages to the council.

### Gift of Caring (GOC)

Customers make donations which purchase packages of cookies that are delivered through organizations and to the women and men serving in the military and their families. The council is responsible for distribution of cookie packages to organizations such as U.S.O. Naval Training Station, Vet Centers within GCNWI jurisdiction, and local community organizations.

Online donations to the GOC program can be made by accessing our website at www.girlscoutsgcnwi. org/qiftofcaring

To make an online donation, click **DONATE TODAY**.

Troops receive proceeds from online GOC transactions IF the troop number and girl's name are included in the space provided on the donation form. Transactions are posted bi-weekly to eBudde™ starting January 30 and show up in the troop's DEPOSITS tab (appears as EGOC-Electronic GOC). Transactions posted to eBudde™ prior to the end of the program may increase a girl's final rewards. TCM's must NOT post any online GOC transactions. Many troop order mistakes happen here!

#### **Donations to Local Organizations - Troop Projects**

Troops can collect packages of cookies during their booth sales and deliver them directly to a local organization of their choice, such as a food pantry, shelter, military organization (VFW or American Legion), nursing home, etc. Troops participating in their own cookie donation service project are responsible for payment of the packages and delivery to their organization of choice. Packages for GOC should not be delivered to the Gathering Places.