

Fall 2021

# World Changers



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## A note from our Fund Development Team

As we are still approaching gatherings with trepidation and safety precautions, I cannot tell you how full my heart has been this autumn. We have seen the Spartanburg community come together to celebrate two role models in their city with an amazing Boots & Pearls event, girls are safely gathering for programs and overnights at the Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center, and troops and leaders were out exploring Camp Wabak at Back in the Woods. It is a new season, and while there have been difficult times and many changes in the world, I feel hopeful and inspired. Girl Scouts make me hopeful: they are resilient, their leaders are tenacious, and your support allows our council to continue to provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience no matter what obstacles may come. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, foundations, and individuals, many bright days and fantastic

opportunities are on the horizon for girls in our 22 counties. With this support, girls are growing and focusing on being their Best Self from the inside out—from mental health to self-confidence to physical movement to eating healthy, delicious foods. After these past 20 stressful months, Girl Scouts are leading the way to the kind of recovery all of us could use. While the colder months are coming, my heart is warmed by the courage, confidence, and character Girl Scouts, volunteers, and our supporters show every day.



“Autumn whispered to the wind, ‘I fall; but always rise again.’”  
*Angie Weiland Crosby*

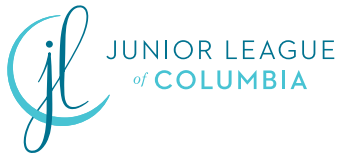
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### Women of Distinction: Boots & Pearls

Thank you to everyone who came out to Drayton Mills Grand Lawn to celebrate Dr. Amy Baruch and Ms. Laura Ringo. The 2021 Boots & Pearls Movie on the Lawn was a great success! This was our council's 8th year celebrating the amazing women in Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties. Thank you to our presenting sponsors, BlueCross BlueShield of South

Carolina and Contec. You can view the Boots & Pearls movie here: <https://bit.ly/30SxGbV>. We hope you are looking forward to Women of Distinction: Midlands early next year. We'll have more information on how you can nominate a Woman of Distinction and sponsor the Midlands celebration very soon, ensuring all girls can have the Girl Scout experience!



### Embracing Your Best Self

The Junior League of Columbia, the Mary Black Foundation, and the United Way of the Midlands are making it possible to ensure girls take care of themselves physically and mentally. Because of their support, Girl Scouts can participate in the monthly program series, My Best Self. This program, hosted at the Cathy Novinger

Girl Scout Leadership Center and Camp Mary Elizabeth respectively, allows girls to have fun while fueling their minds and bodies for a healthy life. Girls can explore physical activities such as yoga, dance, rock climbing, and fitness. There are activities for girls to explore mindfulness practices, self-care and confidence. They will also cook, learn about, and enjoy healthy foods.

### Emerald Circle Goes to Camp!

Philanthropists at camp? Yes, please! 2021 Emerald Circle members gathered at the renovated Program Center/ Spartanburg Service Center at Camp Mary Elizabeth on Thursday, August 26. This phenomenal group of Spartanburg-area women, many who have been members of the Circle since its legacy-council inception 20 years ago, enjoyed catching up in-person for the first time since 2019. In addition to tasting our new Adventurefuls™ cookie, they visited the expanded Girlz Gear Shop, staff and conference areas, and the cozy new Friendship Room given in memory of Dorothy Cate. The highlight of the evening was Gold Award Girl Scout Breelyn Grooms speaking on her Girl Scout journey and its impact in her life. Want to join this Circle of dynamic women making a positive difference in their community? Contact Lee Ann Maley at 864-208-2709.

