Council Gift of Caring and Hometown Heroes

The Council Gift of Caring (GOC) program is a Girl Scout community service project that provides donated Girl Scout Cookies to active-duty military men and women through Support the Troops, Inc. GSWCF also distributes some of the donated cookies to Feeding Tampa Bay.

The Hometown Heroes (HTH) program is a community service opportunity in which troops/girls choose a local organization to receive donated cookies. Recipients can be "heroes" in the community, such as non-profit organizations, shelters, firefighters, police departments, blood banks, or food banks. Girls should contact the selected organization for its approval prior to collecting cookie donations.

How the program works:

For various reasons, some customers may not want to buy cookies for themselves. Through the Gift of Caring and Hometown Heroes programs, customers can give to others while supporting Girl Scouting at the same time.

While taking regular orders, Girl Scouts let customers know they can purchase cookies to donate to military troops overseas (through Gift of Caring) or to the chosen Hometown Hero. Using the Gift of Caring/Hometown Heroes poster, girls explain that this is a Girl Scout community service program that sends Girl Scout Cookies not only to active overseas military personnel and veterans organizations, but also to local non-profits.

- Gift of Caring cookies can be purchased in-person or online. Girls should email relatives and friends (especially those who live outside of their area) and ask them to donate for your council Gift of Caring program.
- Hometown Heroes cookies can be purchased in-person only at cookie booths or during Cookies on the Spot.

Since there are no products to deliver to customers who support the council Gift of Caring program, girls should collect money from customers at the time of the order and turn it in to the troop cookie manager.

Council Gift of Caring (GOC)

- All cookies given to GOC are paid and counted under the GOC column in eBudde. The girl/troop does not physically have the box of cookies.
- Girls collect the money and turn it in to pay for the box of cookies.
- Council arranges for delivery of the GOC cookies at the end of the cookie season.
- The number of purchases should be recorded under the GOC column; online GOC cookies are recorded automatically.

Hometown Heroes (HTH)

- Troops can choose a local organization to which they will donate cookies. These cookies come from the troop's physical inventory.

- Troops are responsible for delivering the HTH cookies to their chosen organization.
- If troops do not have enough inventory to cover HTH cookies, they should use the Cookie Exchange in eBudde to transfer cookies from another.
- To assign HTH cookies, they must first be added to the troop's inventory. eBudde will not allow more cookies to be assigned than are available in the troop's inventory.

Entering Gift of Caring AND Hometown Heroes in eBudde

- **Cookies sold via Digital Cookie for GOC cannot be moved to HTH**.
- Collect the money for GOC or HTH cookies from customers at the time of purchase.
- Donated GOC and HTH cookies are eligible purchases toward the Gimme Samoa program.
- Ensure GOC and HTH purchases are entered in eBudde. Go to the 'Girl Orders' tab and enter the boxes in the correct location: GOC (for Gift of Caring) or HTH (for Hometown Heroes).
- The HTH cookies will still show at the bottom, but they are assigned from the troop's total cookies (*see image below*).



	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00	
Girl◊	GOC	Advf	LmUp	Tre	D-S-D	Sam	Tags	TMint	Exp	Toff	HTH	Total◊
Girl Totals	16	54	36	36	48	84	47	84	72	11	8	496
Troop Order (Actual pkgs + GOC)	16	60	36	36	48	84	48	84	72	12		496
Difference	0	-6	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1		0

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