Dear Friend of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding,

The World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. is actively raising funds to support the preparation of young women from all corners of the world to lead the future. This is what we are about and this is our legacy. We are asking for your support of Our Chalet, the first of five world centres where much of this important work takes place. The girls and young women who benefit from your generosity are our future. For many, a trip to Our Chalet to participate in an outdoor adventure program or a seminar is their first international experience. The world centres are at the heart of international exchange experiences where young women come together to meet and prepare to grow as citizens of the world.

Through the generosity of an American, Helen Storrow, Our Chalet was established in the Bernese Oberland of Switzerland in 1932 above the beautiful town of Adelboden, and is now eighty-six years strong. This year marks the 13th anniversary of the Helen Storrow Seminar which is an international leadership development seminar for young women between the ages of 18 and 25. Thanks to our generous and faithful donors, we are able to offer many scholarships so women around the world can apply and attend.

In its stunning alpine setting, Our Chalet is a transformative and welcoming place to visit. Program participants and independent visitors are welcome eleven months of the year. Bookings can be made online at info@ourchalet.ch. Our Chalet’s World Centre Manager, Tanya Tolloch, and her staff, will assist you in any way possible to make your stay memorable. Individuals, troops, families, and alpine sports enthusiasts all are welcome. We hope that this will include you in 2018.

In addition to raising funds to support Our Chalet, the Friends of Our Chalet committee is also committed to raising awareness about the wonderful opportunities awaiting visitors. This was done most recently at the GSUSA National Council Session in Columbus, Ohio in October 2017. Several committee members were always on duty in the Hall of Experiences to educate and inform Convention visitors about Our Chalet. Our Chalet items such as 85th birthday patches, “Songs of Our Chalet” CDs, and original artwork by Michigan artist Julie Dawson were some of what was offered for donations. A simple scherenschnitte (Swiss paper cutting art) craft was available for visitors to try. And few could resist the opportunity to pose for snapshots with sports gear against our alpine backdrop!

An envelope is enclosed for your use in sending a donation. Your check should be made payable to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization. Remember, your gift is tax deductible to the extent of the law. You may also make a gift online through PayPal by visiting our website at www.worldfoundationgggs.org. If you’d like to receive the annual “Chalet Chatter” newsletter, please make sure we have your email address and we will gladly send it to you.

Thank you for your continued investment in the programs, scholarships and needed improvements for Our Chalet and for investing in the lives of young women around our world,

Kathy LaValley and Emily White, Co-Chairs
Friends of Our Chalet USA

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