



# FRIENDS OF WAGGGS USA NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2021

*News and personal stories about how your donations are making a difference in the lives of girls and young women around the world.*



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## OUR MISSION

*Friends of WAGGGS USA, a Committee of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc., raises funds to support global experiences for girls and young women.*



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GLOBAL YOUTH  
MOBILIZATION  
FOR  
GENERATION DISRUPTED

WE ARE PART  
OF THE SOLUTION,  
NOT PART OF  
THE PROBLEM.

## GIRLS IN ACTION

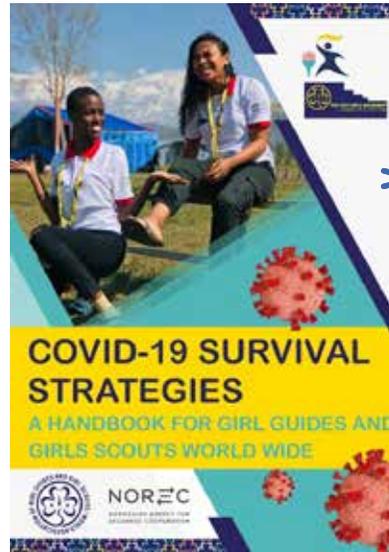
### RESPONDING TO COVID-19

In December 2020, a new ground-breaking youth mobilization was launched to invest in and scale up youth-led solutions and engagements in response to COVID-19.

The [Global Youth Mobilization for Generation Disrupted](#) initiative was launched by an alliance of the world's largest youth movements and organizations, the Big 6 Youth Organizations, together with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Foundation.

As part of this mobilization, a Global Youth Summit will be convened in April 2021 and a fund will be made available. The COVID-19 pandemic has directly impacted young people with disruptions to education, loss or lack of employment opportunities, and impacts on physical and mental health. For example, mental anxiety brought on by COVID-19 has been identified in nearly 90 percent of young people; more than 1 billion students in almost every country have been impacted by school closures; and 1 in 6 young people worldwide has lost their jobs.

At the same time, young people are also driving change and implementing solutions in response to COVID-19 by taking action through community-based interventions and voluntary service, such as acting as first responders and delivering food and supplies to those in need. The Global Youth Mobilization will draw attention to the urgent need for solutions to support young people and to highlight the critical leadership role young people are playing in their communities to counter the effects of the pandemic.



COVID-19  
SURVIVAL  
STRATEGIES

60 volunteers from all of WAGGGS' five regions researched and created a handbook for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide titled [COVID-19 Survival Strategies](#). The handbook has tips on activities that can be safely completed indoors, tips for healthy eating and physical health, how to maintain sanity during the pandemic, online safety, and much more. The handbook was published on May 1, 2020, less than two months after the global pandemic was declared! This quick timing is absolutely amazing, and all of the girls and young women involved in the project are to be commended. This is just one example of girls supporting girls in this life-changing time. 🌍

### BIG 6 YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

*Together they actively involve more than 250 million young people and aim to engage in and design efforts to turn around the impact of the pandemic.*

- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
- Young Men's Christian Association
- World Young Women's Christian Association
- World Organization of the Scout Movement
- International Federation of Red Cross
- Red Crescent Societies; and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award



## A NEW PARTNERSHIP

With support from the [UPS Foundation](#), [Generation Unlimited](#) (GenU), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), and [U-Report](#) have forged a unique partnership. The goal of the alliance is to empower girls and young women from diverse backgrounds to take action on issues that affect them.

The three partners convened in December 2020

to explore opportunities for strengthened collaboration at the country-level, drawing together partner focal points from priority countries including Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Rwanda, and India.

A core pillar of GenU’s work is to bring youth voices into the heart of its governance processes and ensure their meaningful participation across the partnership itself. There are already examples emerging of girls’ voices being amplified across the partnership: A young woman from the Rwandan Girl Guides Association will soon take up a role on GenU’s Rwanda Committee! 🌍

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## A GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE: THE POWER OF ALL-GIRL SPACES

Girl Scouts and Girl Guides have always been innovators and trail blazers. So, when COVID-19 required the GSUSA National Council Session to move online, the accompanying Global Roundtable adapted to a virtual gathering as well.

What does it mean to be a girl-only organization in our world today?

As a global movement, how can we ensure that the benefits we offer girls—benefits that support their healthy development and resiliency—are understood and emphasized beyond our own Member Organizations? What can we do to ensure that the value of girl-only organizations continues to drive Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting? These were the questions discussed last October 17 by over 160 Girl Scout and Girl Guide participants from around the world at the Global Roundtable sponsored by the World Foundation.

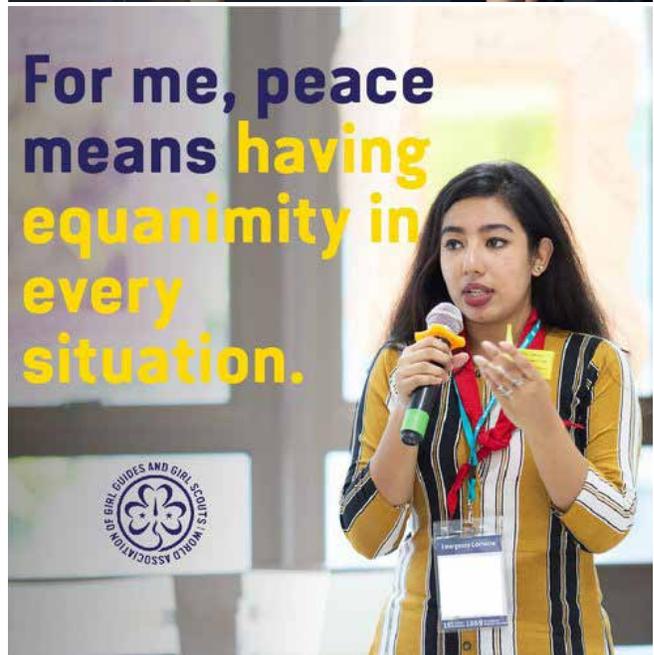
It was an inspiring afternoon filled with vibrant discussion, singing, and sharing and it can easily be said, “The Future is Female!” The discussion centered on “The World I Want is...” and the words they wrote say it all. 🌍



## WORLD THINKING DAY PEACEBUILDING

World Thinking Day is celebrated on February 22 by more than 10 million Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 150 countries around the world. The theme for World Thinking Day 2021 is Peacebuilding—an important component of our global movement. So integral, that this year WAGGGS was nominated for the [Nobel Peace Prize](#)! To celebrate this year's World Thinking Day, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will *Stand Strong, Stand Up, and Stand Together* for peacebuilding.

Girl Scouts and Girl Guides have come together on this day of international friendship for almost a century to discuss issues affecting girls worldwide and to raise funds to help with these issues. World Thinking Day started in 1926 when Girl Scouts of the USA and the other WAGGGS Member Organizations designated February 22 as a special day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide. 🌍



WILL YOU  
**CHOOSE TO  
CHALLENGE**  
WITH US?



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

#CHOOSETOCHALLENGE

Between February 23 and March 8, as many as 10 million girls from 152 countries will stand together to celebrate [International Women's Day \(IWD\)](#)—culminating on **Monday, March 8, 2021**. WAGGGS is one of [two lead charities](#) for this global call-to-action.

The 2021 IWD theme is “ChooseToChallenge” with girls and women across the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement, sharing what and how they will choose to challenge injustices they face.

From climate change to plastic pollution, period poverty to malnutrition, the world is facing huge challenges. As members of the world-leading movement for girls and young women, they are determined to transform challenge into change. WAGGGS will be sharing stories of some of the incredible women from the global movement. Women who have achieved things they only could dream of thanks to you.

One of the stories that will be shared is Isabella's, a Girl Scout from Brazil and participant of the 2019 Juliette Low Seminar, which was her first experience of international travel. Her words clearly show the impact your generosity is having on these young women, **“When I got to learn more about WAGGGS and the leadership model, it empowered me so much that I felt like I could do anything.”** Isabella has been using her experience to encourage girls in Brazil to feel empowered to take positions of leadership and has been focusing her efforts on ensuring boys understand the need to give girls a voice.

With your donation this International Women's Day, you will be helping to give other young women like Isabella the life-changing experiences gained through Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. 🌍

You can make a tax-deductible donation by visiting <https://bit.ly/3rp4cuq> and clicking **“Make a Donation.”** Select **“Donate from the US”** and then **“WAGGGS Development Fund-International Women's Day Campaign”** on the World Foundation's page.

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### CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE

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*“If I could give some advice, especially to a young Isabella, I would tell her you may not know anything but if you want to learn, you go for it. You will be able to conquer all the things that seem impossible right now. They will become possible.”*

- Isabella Caldas  
Federação de Bandeirantes do Brasil



GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS SUPPORT  
International Women's Day

## YOUR GIFT MATTERS!

Thank you! Every donation to Friends of WAGGGS USA is greatly appreciated, whether it is big or small. These donations are combined and used to fund grants submitted by WAGGGS and Girl Scouts USA that support global experiences for girls and young women.

The mission of WAGGGS is “**to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world**” and their vision is that “**all girls are valued and take action to change the world.**”

Girls and young women are at the center of WAGGGS’ work, including education, leadership, and advocacy. Thank you again for your generous donations!

\*Grants are reviewed and awarded by the World Foundation on an annual basis. New grants are considered and awarded in March; however, the actual distribution of the funds occurs as qualified benchmarks are met during the remainder of the year.

## JOIN US

Want to join us in making a true difference for girls and young women? Email **Chair Amy Baker** at [amcasler@aol.com](mailto:amcasler@aol.com) or **Vice Chair Kandi Landcaster** at [kandilan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kandilan@sbcglobal.net) to learn about becoming a committee member of Friends of WAGGGS USA.

## SUPPORT GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN

Gifts may be made to the World Foundation in the following ways. Make sure and direct your tax-deductible gift to **Friends of WAGGGS USA**. You can also recognize a committee member when donating.

**SEND A CHECK** made payable to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. to our bank, as follows:

World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.  
PO Box 6457 - Dept. 276  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.worldfoundationgggs.org](http://www.worldfoundationgggs.org), click the donate button, and follow the instructions to make a single or recurring gift with a credit card via PayPal.



**GIFT SECURITIES, MATCHING GIFTS, & PLANNED GIVING** by contacting Treasurer **Ellen Petrino** at [epetrino@girlscouts.org](mailto:epetrino@girlscouts.org) for details.

Make a **REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD)** gift from your IRA. Contact your IRA trustee to learn more.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: TERRI GLASS JOHNSON

Terri Glass Johnson joined Friends of WAGGGS USA in 2020. Her Girl Scout experience started in second grade, when she came home with a flyer to join. She had no idea how this would change and affect her life as well as her whole family. She still remembers her first Brownie meeting, receiving her pin, and learning the Promise. The next year, her troop would be without a leader, so her mom stepped up becoming leader. Terri's Girl Scout adventures included marching in local parades, singing at nursing homes, arts and crafts, learning campcraft, service projects, camping (even in the rain and snow), and taking a New England "Trip Around the World" during a spring vacation.



Terri thinks the most valuable gift she has received was her Lifetime Girl Scout Membership given to her by her parents. After Terri's high school graduation, she had the opportunity to become a Leader. She led a Brownie and Junior troop for a few years. Then, about 15 years ago, Terri was given the opportunity to go to the [WAGGGS World Center](#) Sangam in India with her mom and some friends. At Sangam, there is such a wonderful feeling of safety, care, and inclusion. Girl Scouts and Girl Guides sharing, teaching, and learning together. "What an EXPERIENCE!" Upon her return, she took every opportunity to share this experience with others and to encourage others to go to a World Center. Terri is now in an Adult Alumnae Troop and one of their main focuses is supporting and congratulating the Gold Award Girl Scouts in her council. Joining the Friends of WAGGGS USA has given Terri more opportunity to spread the word and to financially help others have wonderful experiences as so many people have given to her in her Girl Scout journey. As Terri says, "Yes, we do a lot more than sell cookies, we change lives!" 🌍

*Girl Scouting is not just  
something you join;  
it is something you become!*  
-Terri Glass Johnson

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BETTY TRIVISONE

Betty Trivisone has been a member of Friends of WAGGGS USA since 2009. She has been a Girl Scout for 48 years, having earned the Curved Bar award as a girl. Betty was the leader for her daughter's troop taking the girls from 1st grade (no Daisies then) to 12th grade graduation. She's now a leader of a 7th grade Cadette Troop. For her town, she is the Community Coordinator (SUM), a position she has held for many years. Betty is also a member of the Silver and Gold Award Committee, Council and Region Awards Committees, Volunteer Enrichment Committee, GSLE Committee, Communications Committee, Outdoor Trainer, CPR/First Aid Instructor and Lifeguard Instructor for the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Council. Betty has been to four World Centers, traveled twice to Our Cabaña and has taken girls to two of the World Centers. She is hoping to eventually attend an event at Kusafiri in the future. Having visited the World Centers and recognizing their impact, she wanted to support them but didn't know which one to support since she had fantastic experiences at each of them. When Betty heard that Friends of WAGGGS USA supported WAGGGS and all of the World Centers, she knew this was the Friends Committee for her. Betty is glad we are able to support the World Centers and to offer girls the opportunity to attend various seminars around the globe. 🌍



## 2020-2021 GOALS

### A BIT OF HISTORY

Friends of WAGGGS USA was founded in 2002, as a project committee of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. Founding Chair Yvonne Lowrie was asked to develop a committee focused on the broader work of global Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding, and not just focused on a singular [World Center](#). The committee started with 10 members, two of whom are still active members of the committee today. Yvonne was honored with Emerita status to recognize and thank her for her efforts in those early years to start and grow the committee.

### HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED

Since the committee was formed, funds have been granted to both WAGGGS and GSUSA for **programs that promote and enable global experiences for girls and young women**. These grants cover everything from the translation of materials into one of WAGGGS's official languages (English, French, Spanish, and Arabic) to sending a delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and so much more. Many thanks to all of the Friends and donors who have promoted all things global and donated money over the years.

### THIS YEAR'S GOALS

Now in early 2021, the committee has 26 active members. The committee has already met their goal to add two new members, **Donna Horn** and **Jennifer Moyen-Logan**, in Fiscal Year 2021 (there's always room for more). In addition to having **100%** of the **Friends of WAGGGS USA members make a personal donation**, our goal it to also reach, and hopefully exceed, our financial goal. Through the first four months of the fiscal year, the committee **has raised 21% of their financial goal.** 🌍



## THANK YOU, AMY BAKER!

Our devoted leader Amy Baker's term as Chair of the Friends of WAGGGS USA Committee will come to an end this March. Amy's dedication, service, and vision have led our group to great things during her tenure. Her indelible impact on WAGGGS is invaluable and we cannot thank her enough. Thank you, Amy!

The new Chair-elect of the Committee is **Kandi Lancaster** (current Vice Chair) and the Vice Chair-elect is **Gail Lamotte**. Amy Baker will continue to serve as a member of the Committee. All the best to them in these new roles! 🌍



## FRIENDS OF WAGGGS USA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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*Vice Chair*, Kandi Lancaster, California

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Picture from 2019 due to COVID-19.



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