

Gift of Caring (Donations)

Gift of Caring is an important part of the program allowing everyone to have a good variety of cookies on hand during the sale and to help manage remaining inventory at the end of the sale. When a customer makes a donation they are supporting both a worthy organization who will receive cookies at the end of the sale and Girl Scouts at the same time. ALL financial donations that a troop receives during the Cookie Program must be applied to either the Council Virtual Gift of Caring (VGOC) or Troop Gift of Caring (TGOC).

Troop Gift of Caring

- At the end of the sale, apply donation money to the extra cookies leftover in the troop inventory.
- If your troop has more donation money than cookies leftover you have two options:
 - Get additional cookies to fill your TGOC donation need.
 - Apply the remaining donations to VGOC sales.
- Use the Girl Orders tab in eBudde™ to enter packages for individual girls in the TGOC column. Be sure to record the payment too.
- Choose a group to receive donated cookies. Examples include firefighters, police, or a local non-profit. Enter this organization under the GOC tab in eBudde™.
- Deliver the cookies to the chosen group at the end of the Cookie Season. Be sure to use the Gift of Caring Donation Agreement, form #310 to clarify that the cookies can't be resold, traded, used for a fundraiser, etc.

Virtual Gift of Caring

- Customers may donate cookies through Digital Cookie and it will automatically update under the VGOC column in eBudde™.
- Use the Girl Orders tab in eBudde™ to enter packages for individual girls in the VGOC column. Be sure to record the payment too.
- VGOC sales will not affect troop inventory in any way and you don't have to handle or distribute any cookies.
- VGOC sales will affect troop payments and be reflected in the total packages sold.
- Girl Scouts who sell at least 12 VGOC packages will earn a reward.
- VGOC donations are applied to cover cookies leftover in cupboards. The council donates these cookies to local partners such as servicemen and servicewomen at home and abroad as well as to veteran groups, food banks, and first responders.
- Use the [flyer on our website](#) to promote this option to customers.