

Gift of Caring (Donations)

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). 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. Donations to Gift of Caring helps the troop manage remaining inventory at the end of the sale.

Troop Gift of Caring

Plan Ahead

- 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™.
- Prepare the troop to share this option with customers.



During the Sale

- Tracking donations allows the troop some cushion to cover cookies that may be leftover at the end of the sale.
- Apply donation money to the extra cookies in the troop inventory.
- Use the Girl Orders tab in eBudde™ to enter packages for individual girls in the TGOC column.
- Be sure to record the payment too.

After the Sale

- If your troop has more donation money than cookies, you have two options:
 - Get additional cookies to fill your TGOC donation need.
 - Apply the remaining donations to VGOC sales.
- Deliver the cookies to the chosen group.
- Use the Gift of Caring Donation Agreement, form #310 to clarify that the cookies can't be resold, traded, used for a fundraiser, etc.
- The troop should provide a copy of this form with your financial report.

Virtual Gift of Caring

When a customer donates through Digital Cookie, it will automatically update under the VGOC column in eBudde. The troop can use the VGOC column for donations. Troops should promote this option using the flyer provided from their Service Unit and available online.

How it Works

- VGOC adds credit to the troop for packages sold.
- VGOC affects troop payments and is reflected in the total packages sold.
- VGOC does not add physical inventory to the troop.
 - The troop doesn't handle or distribute VGOC cookies.
 - The council donates the cookies left in the cupboards to Blue Star Mothers and other local non-profits.
 - The VGOC program allows the council to have cookies available in the cupboards.



Recording VGOC

- If your troop has more donation money than cookies, you can record the sales using VGOC.
- Use the Girl Orders tab in eBudde™ to enter packages for individual girls in the VGOC column.
- Be sure to record the payment too.
- Both the Girl Scout and the troop can earn rewards for these packages.

Rewards

- Girl Scouts who sell at least 12 VGOC packages will earn a reward.
- Troops with 100+ total VGOC packages will earn a one time discount in the Girl Scout Store in May.