

# Hand-in-Hand Helping Others



This patch program was designed to help Girl Scouts become more aware of United Way, its meaning, purpose, and importance to the community. Remember, we are a United Way partner agency and are grateful for the support of the United Way.

The following patch activities can be done any time during the year, but fall is the United Way Campaign time and is most appropriate for earning the patch. Please work with your local United Way Executive on timing. Your girls will not be involved in raising money or soliciting funds.

## Requirements:

- Daisies: Complete 1 activity from each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action) and the required activity
- Brownies & Juniors: Complete 2 activities from each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action) and the required activity
- Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors: Complete 3 activities from each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action) and the required activity

**The original patch program and the patch design were created by Karen Crain. This was a step toward her Girl Scout Gold Award. We thank Karen for creating the original patch program. It has been updated to fit the most recent GSUSA curriculum.**

## Activities

**Required Activity:** Read the following paragraph and then draw/write about your favorite thing about Girl Scouts. Remember that many of the Girl Scout activities and programs you love wouldn't happen without the support of United Way.

United Way is a worldwide organization of nearly 1,800 community-based United Ways in 41 countries and territories. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. United Ways bring communities together to focus on the most important needs in the community, build partnerships, forge consensus, and leverage resources to make a measurable difference. For more information about the national organization, United Way Worldwide, visit [www.UnitedWay.org](http://www.UnitedWay.org).

Girl Scouts is supported financially by gifts from local United Ways within the Council's region. These gifts are used to support local Girl Scout programming, financial aid for Girl Scouts, and many other resources. Girl Scouts is thankful for United Way's support of Girl Scouts.

### Discover

1. What is the mission of the United Way?
2. Learn to recognize the United Way logo and the meaning behind it.
3. Learn which agencies are United Way agencies in your area.
4. Interview three people in your community. Ask if they contribute to the United Way and why.
5. Learn about donations
  - a. What is a donation?
  - b. What are the three basic types of donations?
  - c. How do donations help organizations like Girl Scouts?
  - d. Ask your family what organizations or places they have donated to.
  - e. Ask them why they donated to that certain organization or place.
6. Ask a staff from United Way about their campaign. How do they raise money? What does the money go towards?

### Connect

1. Go to your local United Way office for a tour or film presentation or ask someone from United Way to attend your troop meeting for an orientation. Keep in mind that fall is a busy time for United Way Offices. **(See Resource Section to connect with your local United Way).**
2. Give suggestions on how United Way can reach their goal for the campaign. Discuss them with a United Way staff or as a troop.
3. Make a collage of pictures and words that you think are related to United Way.
4. Print an "I Live United by" sign **(Resource Section)** for each girl in your troop. Have them write a way they help their community, such as "donating my toys" or "planting a community garden." Take a

picture of the girl holding her sign, have her share the sign and picture with her family and friends, demonstrating how she assists her community.

If Girl Scouts in your troop want to share their pictures with the Council, to be used in presentations and social media, please send the digital photos along with email or written consent of the parents that the picture can be used by Council. A sentence saying "I give permission for Sally Smith's Live United picture to be used by GS- NCCP" will work fine.

Some United Ways may be interested in the photos also. Please make note that the photos can be used for United Ways purposes too with the following format "I give permission for Sally Smith's Live United picture to be used by GS- NCCP and United Way." If no consent is given for United Way it will only be used at the Council level.

Please send digital pictures-labeled with girl's first and last initial, along with consent statements to [programteam@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:programteam@nccoastalpines.org)

## Take Action

1. Submit poster ideas or United Way activities for possible use for publication or publicity during the year. Check with your local United Way Executive **(See Resource Section to connect with your local United Way)** for the best time of the year and suggestions for the poster.
2. Participate in a service project at one of the United Way agencies **(See Resource Section to connect with your local United Way)**. (Example: bloodmobile, senior lifesaving, CPR, stuffing envelopes, yard work, etc.)
3. Participate as a volunteer in the United Way's kick-off for its campaign **(See Resource Section to connect with your local United Way)**. (Example: display at Expo, work in booth at United Way Fair, etc.) **Girl Scouts cannot directly ask for money!**
4. Write a thank you to United Way for their support. To protect Girl Scouts' identities, only sign with first name and last initial and Troop #. Please send thank you cards to the following address and include a note with your troop number so the card is sent to your local United Way:

Girl Scouts- North Carolina Coastal Pines  
Attn: Fund Development  
6901 Pinecrest Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27613

## RESOURCE SECTION

Below is the list of United Ways within our Council. Please contact your local United Way for volunteer opportunities and as a resource for this patch program. **If you are unable to get in touch with your local United Way or have questions regarding United Way, please email [programteam@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:programteam@nccoastalpines.org) to be connected with our Development Programming Director who works closely with United Way.**

### [United Way of Cape Fear Area](#)

- Brunswick
- Columbus
- New Hanover
- Pender

### [United Way of Coastal Carolina](#)

- Carteret
- Craven

- Jones
- Pamlico

[Lenoir/Greene United Way](#)

- Lenoir
- Greene

[United Way of Onslow County](#)

[United Way of Wayne County](#)

[United Way of Wilson County](#)

[United Way of the Greater Triangle](#)

- Durham
- Johnston
- Orange
- Wake

[United Way of Bladen County](#)

[United Way of Chatham County](#)

[United Way of Cumberland County](#)

[Hoke County United Fund](#)

[United Way of Lee County](#)

[United Way of Moore County](#)

[United Way of Richmond County](#)

[United Way of Robeson County](#)

[United Way of Sampson County](#)

- Sampson
- Duplin

[United Way of Scotland County](#)

[Beaufort County United Way](#)

[United Way of Franklin County](#)

[Granville County United Way](#)

[United Way of Pitt County](#)

[United Way of Tar River Region](#)

- Nash
- Edgecombe

[Roanoke Valley United Way](#)

- Halifax
- Northampton

[Person County United Way](#)

[United Way of Harnett County](#)

[United Way of Martin County](#)

[United Way of Vance County](#)

- Vance
- Warren

I  
**LIVE UNITED**  
by

---

