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A Letter from the CEOs

Together, Ohio Girl Scout Councils gathered hard-hitting data and statistics to evaluate the state of girls. This report of our findings will help us, and the entire community, better understand girls, so we can ignite change.

We had heard from girls and families that girls are struggling and the research in this report confirms it. What we found is that girls today face significant challenges that affect their ability to thrive physically, socially, mentally, and academically.

Girl Scouts has 113 years of experience in meeting girls' needs. Our national programming is designed to develop healthy relationships, strong sense of self, and positive values. We are committed to ensuring all girls, regardless of socioeconomic background, race, or ability, have access to opportunities to succeed. But Ohio's girls need more. They need more advocates, more mentors, and more opportunities that help them build confidence and skills for the future.

Our goal in creating this report is to serve as a credible source of data in our communities that will generate new efforts, actions, and investments to improve the lives of girls in our state. The more we understand their needs, the better equipped we will be to advocate for them and create meaningful, lasting change.

Today's girls are resilient but face many challenges. In this report, you'll find key insights we've learned about the state of girls in Ohio, as well as potential ways that our communities can step up to ensure that Ohio's girls recognize their worth, value their unique abilities, and have the tools they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Girls deserve better. Join us in building a future where all girls have the opportunity to be their best selves.

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