

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB (BMS) AWARDS COMMUNITY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GRANT TO GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL & SOUTHERN NJ

Girl Scouts introduces girls of every age to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) experiences relevant to everyday life. That's right – it's more than cookies. Whether they're discovering how a car's engine runs, how to manage finances, learning to code, building an app, or exploring careers in STEM fields, girls are fast-forwarding into the future. However, without local community support, Girl Scouts' STEM programs would not be able to reach as far or as wide.

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a long-time community partner that is investing in New Jersey's youth. This year, a generous contribution of \$20,000 will help expand STEM learning opportunities and experiences for girls of all ages. Because of this community science and technology grant, thousands of Girl Scouts throughout central and southern counties of the state will participate in STEM-related activities and programs to learn about important concepts in science, robotics, and engineering. As part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls will earn badges as they complete projects that advance their skills in this important field.

Michele Cleary, Head, Clinical Translational Technologies & Operations, Bristol-Myers Squibb notes, "Support for science and technology education, and in particular hands-on inquiry based learning, is a priority for our Community Grants program as well as for our company. We are investing in the next generation of STEM professionals who will join our mission to help patients who are facing serious disease." It has always been important to Girl Scouts that programming gives the girls a chance to lead, a time to learn and work together, and an option to learn-by-doing. Girl Scouts and BMS' unique alignment stems from the importance of STEM and the focus of hands-on education in life-changing fields.

Kimberly Bryson, Chief Mission Officer for GSCSNJ says, "We are so grateful for the partnership with Bristol-Myers Squibb because it provides the resources needed for girls to experiment with new things and ignite their curiosity. It is imperative to a girl's leadership growth to have female role models involved in their practical learning experiences who help foster their interest and build their confidence in fields that are largely male-dominated. With funds from BMS, we can ensure that troop leaders and community volunteers are equipped with the right tools to guide girls into STEM-related education and future STEM careers."

GSCSNJ's mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. To find out how your girl can join Girl Scouts' STEM programming today, give us a call at (856) 795-1560, or visit <http://www.gscsnj.org/> to get started!

About Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, Inc.

GSCSNJ is the premier organization serving 19,000 girls across nine counties. GSCSNJ shapes leaders for tomorrow by empowering girls to take on bold challenges, discover their own passions and strengths, act with character, and engage fully in fun, relevant experiences that encourage friendships and build life-long skills. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCSNJ, call (856) 795-1560 or visit <http://www.gscsnj.org/>. You can also connect with GSCSNJ on Facebook.com/GSCSNJ or Twitter @GSCSNJ.

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