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Dear Scout parent,

Scouting in the Greater St. Louis Area Council continues to make a positive impact on the lives of an increasing number of young people. In 2016, more than 66,000 young people and their families were positively impacted by the programs and activities of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Countless hours were spent by Scouts and their leaders to enrich our communities through good turns, service projects, and other activities. In 2017, Scouting for Food collected 2.25 million items for the hungry.

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed all that Scouting has to offer.

At our coming <<Blue & Gold/Court of Honor>>, a volunteer will speak to us about Friends of Scouting. Friends of Scouting is the council’s annual appeal. Much as your church or athletic association must do, we ask our families to support the many wonderful programs they enjoy.

Friends of Scouting provides:

* local programs and activities that are among the lowest cost in the country,
* camp scholarships, uniforms, and registration fees for at-risk youths,
* camp facilities for year-round outdoor programs,
* four Service Centers that coordinate activities and provide customer service,
* a library of materials for recruitment, training, and program development,
* a Professional Staff who counsel, guide, and motivate volunteer leadership,
* and accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members.

It costs $200 to provide one year of quality program for each Scout, that’s only $16.25 per month. Your annual registration fee is submitted directly to the National Office, and your dues support <<Pack/Troop>> operations. Whether you can support one or more Scouts, your contribution will be appreciated and make a difference in the lives of young people.

I look forward to seeing you soon and hope that you will join me in financially supporting Scouting.

Thank you,

Unit FOS Coordinator

P.S. – Remember your company may match your contribution. It is a great way for your employer to recognize your contribution and involvement within Scouting. For more information about Matching Gifts and Friends of Scouting, please visit [www.stlbsa.org/give](http://www.stlbsa.org/give)