

## **Girls' Friendly Society**

Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) in the USA is a member of the World Council of Girls' Friendly Society which includes over 30 member nations. The organization was established in 1865 to provide a place for girls and young women to find support and sisterhood.

In Province VIII, GFS continues to have a strong presence in the Diocese of Los Angeles over 100 years since its founding. To learn more about GFS programs, visit [www.gfscalifornia.org](http://www.gfscalifornia.org) and [www.gfsus.org](http://www.gfsus.org).

During the past year, GFS activities included fun events to bring the girls together post pandemic. A team of GFS members and leaders attended the National Assembly of GFS in Boston during the first week of August 2022. GFS-LA also supports the GFS World Project in Cameroon which has built a Skills Acquisition Center for women and girls to be empowered by gaining income producing skills.

The GFS-Los Angeles board is providing new and innovative ways to serve girls. A new curriculum, **Let's Step Up and Speak Out**, packed with youth appropriate ideas and activities for charity and justice was launched in Fall of 2021. The board is currently developing a means to provide funding for new programs to support girls in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Please watch for our announcements.

To sign up for our mailing list, please contact us at [gfscaifornia@gmail.com](mailto:gfscaifornia@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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