

Giving Back as a Nontraditional Volunteer



Shisheida Aponte is seen here, proudly volunteering at the Marina del Rey Service Center.

A familiar face to staffers, Shisheida Aponte is a Girl Scout alumna who devotes her free time to volunteering for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA). The reason? She says Girl Scouts changed her life.

“Girl Scouts became the escape wherein I could trust that the innocence of my childhood experience would be preserved and cherished,” Shisheida—who was a Brownie and Junior—explains. “Girl Scouts allowed the concept of honor to take root—without it, I would have deviated far beyond the boundaries of success.”

Shisheida recently graduated from Arizona State University with her bachelor’s degree in psychology. She plans to attend medical school and eventually become a psychiatrist “to provide healing in others.”

Girl Scouts helped pave the way for Shisheida: “It laid the foundation of service that would ensue from my childhood,” she says. “During my adulthood, I have taken these lessons into the workplace and classroom—I feel fortunate to have been part of such a prestigious organization.”

Now, this proud Girl Scout alumna gives back as a nontraditional volunteer, tackling duties ranging from research projects to camp send-offs. From the Marina del Rey Service Center to GSGLA council headquarters, Shisheida helps wherever she is needed, for the organization that helped her so much as a young girl.

“From resident camps with laughs, songs, and stories around a campfire to civic engagement, a bond is fostered with every activity—that’s why I choose to give back through the nontraditional volunteer program.”

We are so thankful to Shisheida for her many hours of help! To learn how you can participate in our nontraditional volunteer program, email [Gail Tomura](#).