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## Girl Scouts Donate 73,000lbs of Food to the Maryland Food Bank

Baltimore—The tallies are coming in from Girl Scouts of Central Maryland’s annual Harvest for the Hungry campaign—a council-wide effort to collect food for the Maryland Food Bank, which took place in early March. To date the food collection totals 73,000 pounds of food. Girl Scout troops manned collection booths at designated Safeway stores across the region, went door-to-door to collect non-perishable food items from friends and family and, they collected food at events like the council’s World Thinking Day celebration and the Howard and Harford county mall lock-ins.

The council also asked program partners to collect food in their offices and places of business—a simple form of Community helping Community. Among the companies and businesses who supported Girl Scouts’ efforts were: Jump Zone Play Center; Score Educational Centers; the Baseball Factory; Bally Total Fitness (Glen Burnie location); the Baltimore Blast; and, AMF Westview Lanes.

“There are more than 456,000 people living at or below the poverty level in Maryland; 200,000 of those are children and 73,000 are seniors—some of whom live in our neighborhoods or attend schools in our communities,” stated Traci A. Barnett, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland’s CEO. “We are proud to be of help and service to these families and individuals,” she added, “and we hope to increase the amount of food collected next year. For more information about Girl Scouts Harvest for the Hungry campaign visit: [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org).

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