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Girl Scouts Donate 3,000lb of Food to Kick-Off Anti-Hunger Campaign

Baltimore—This week kicked-off Girl Scouts’ annual Harvest for the Hungry campaign—a community service project that benefits the Maryland Food Bank. Last Friday, in a joint press conference with the Maryland Food Bank, Coldwell Banker, WBAL, Safeway and the USPS, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland CEO, Traci A. Barnett announced that in addition to the 3,000 pound donation of Girl Scout Cookies made that day, “Girl Scouts across central Maryland will be working to collect 100,000 pounds of food for this year’s Harvest for the Hungry food drive.”

Last year, 1,603 girls in 156 Girl Scout Troops participated in the campaign and collected 77,909lbs of food. Girl Scouts, this year and in years past, drop off empty grocery bags at the doors of their neighbors; filled bags will then be picked up by USPS carriers. Other Girl Scouts will set-up collection booths in their neighborhoods, including local Safeway stores. Donations will also be accepted at a variety of Girl Scout events and activities throughout the month.

“Especially now, the families and individuals in need of food might surprise you,” noted Barnett. “It could be one of your children’s classmates, the elderly neighbor up the street, your co-worker or one of the families you worship with.” Donating whatever amount of food to this cause can make a difference. “We often look at some of the issues facing our society, like homelessness, and say ‘I don’t know what I can do to help,’” Barnett added. “Together we can make a difference to end hunger in Maryland and Girl Scouts is certainly going to do their part. Whether you support our Harvest for the Hungry campaign or make a donation in another way, please help those in need.”

For more information about hunger in Maryland or the Harvest for the Hungry campaign visit:

www.mdfoodbank.org/harvest.

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