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“Scouting for Food” Fills Local Food Banks *Golden Empire Council Scouts Collect 100,333 Pounds of Food*

Sacramento, CA — April 4, 2018. Over several weekends in March, the Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America collected over 100,000 pounds of food, providing donations to multiple food banks all over the council. 4,224 youth and adult members from Packs, Troops and Venture Crews participated in this annual event that helps support the needs of hungry people in our community.

Scouting for Food is the Boy Scouts’ nationwide service project to help stop hunger. It began as one Scout’s service project in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1985, and was adopted by the Boy Scout National Organization in 1988. It is exemplary of the Scouting program’s promotion of community service, and “helping other people at all times.” It’s also a fun event for the Scouts, who have a friendly competition on collecting the most donations.

“It was great to see the amazing turnout, both from our scouts’ dedication to collecting the food from their neighborhoods and the community support in donations”, says Golden Empire Council President, Michael Boggs.

After distributing informational door hangers in their respective neighborhoods on March 3rd, Scouts returned the next weekend to pick up the donations and deliver them to their local food banks, where they were greeted with thanks and praise for their hard work. Several Scout units also did food drives directly in their communities over the follow weekends.

“Many organizations and individuals make donations around the holiday season, which is greatly appreciated and a wonderful entry into the world of philanthropy. However, Scouting for Food, which is held in the springtime, really helps our organization serve Sacramento County year ‘round by collecting food items during our leaner donation months,” says Peggy Marshall, Donation Drive Coordinator at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. “We are so thankful to the Scouts for putting in this generous effort, not only to feed those in our county, but throughout the state and country.”

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About the Boy Scouts of America

Scouting has had more than 100 million members since its inception in 1910. Currently serving [number] young people between 7 and 20 years of age, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's foremost youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. If you would like more information about the programs available through the BSA, please visit www.scouting.org.

About the Golden Empire Council

The Golden Empire Council is a divisions of the Boy Scouts of America that serves a large section of Northern California, primarily the Sacramento Valley and the northern Sierra Nevada mountains. The Golden Empire Council currently serves over 16,000 youth in XX Counties. If you would like more information about the programs available through the Golden Empire Council, please visit www.gec-bsa.org.

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