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Girl Scouts Collect Thousands of Pounds of Food for the Hungry

The Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast held its annual Helping Hands Food Drive on Saturday, October 24. Hundreds of smiling Girl Scouts went door to door on Saturday collecting bags of food donations left out on doorsteps. Over 75,000 pounds of food donations were brought in to Farm Fresh Food & Pharmacy stores and other drop off locations for a final count before heading off to local food banks. Additional food donations will continue to be accepted throughout the month of October at all Farm Fresh stores in southeastern Virginia and Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as well as RBC Banks in North Carolina.

Girl Scout Chief Executive Office Tracy Keller said that all donations are welcomed by area food banks during this crucial time of need. She also noted that the food drive does more than help the hungry – it builds character in the girls of our community.

“The food drive helps girls learn valuable lessons in becoming active citizens,” Keller said. “While they know there are hunger problems in other parts of the world, this gives them a lesson on issues that are right here in our community.”

Currently, food banks are serving one in every four in Hampton Roads, which is a 32% increase over last year. The Girl Scout Helping Hands Food Drive supports the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula and the Foodbank of the Albemarle in North Carolina. Over 150 food bank volunteers and thousands of Girl Scouts took part in this year’s community service project that feeds food insecure populations throughout the region. The food drive is sponsored by Farm Fresh Food & Pharmacies; WAVY-TV 10; *The Virginian Pilot* and the *Daily Press*. For more information, contact the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast at (757) 547-4405 or visit their website at www.gsccc.org.

The Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 16,000 girls in grades K through 12, and over 5,000 adult volunteers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. If you’d like to volunteer or for more information about Girl Scouts, visit our Web site at www.gsccc.org.

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