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### **Yorktown Girl Scouts earn Bronze Award for helping local cats in their community**

Six Girl Scouts recently earned their Bronze Award, the highest award that Girl Scouts in elementary school can earn, by creating 25 cat shelters designed to help cats survive in the winter. The shelters were delivered to Cat Corner, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to helping cats and kittens.

The girls got their inspiration to take action in their community from Girl Scout Caroline Wasilausky who got to meet Hannah Shaw, a kitten rescuer, humane educator and *New York Times* bestselling author. Shaw has dedicated her life to finding innovative ways to protect animals. Shaw's project, Kitten Lady, strives to create global change in the way we perceive and treat the tiniest and most vulnerable felines. Wasilausky decided to share with her sister Girl Scouts what she learned after meeting Shaw and the girls jumped into action!

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award that Girl Scouts in elementary school can earn. To earn the award, Girl Scouts have to identify a need in the community and carry out a Take Action project to address the matter through leadership work.

#### **About Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast**

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 11,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of nearly 5,000 adult volunteers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Girl Scouts offers a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, unleashing the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> in every girl. Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit [www.gscgcc.org](http://www.gscgcc.org) or call 1-800-77SCOUT.

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