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## **Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Recycle over Half a Ton of Discarded Plastic in Recycling Challenge**

When several staff members of Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast learned that Trex had sponsored a project for nonprofit organizations to get park benches, they decided to take action and set a goal of getting a bench for A Place for Girls, the headquarters and program center for the Council.

Joining them were several Girl Scout troops who wanted to help the Council reach their goal and to participate in a recycling community service project. Learning to become good environmental stewards is an important part of the Girl Scout program.

Trex, a deck and fencing company, has been sponsoring recycling exchange projects for nonprofit organizations for several years and there are guidelines and how-to tips on their website.

Over six months, GSCCC staff and troops collected more than 1,200 pounds of plastic: grocery bags, bread bags, dry-cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap and other clean and dry plastic wraps.

A few weeks ago, the bench, packed in pieces in a delivery carton, was delivered to A Place for Girls in early April in time for an Earth Day celebration. Due to COVID-19 shelter in place restrictions, there was just one member of the property team to receive the carton and to set about the task of assembling it.

The property team was happy to add the bench to A Place for Girls where there have been many property additions based on recycling. There are solar panels used for lighting in the Outback, the 9 acre nature area that lies behind A Place for Girls, and a lifeguard chair made of recycled milk bottles overlooks the pool behind the Lodge, a troop meeting and lodging site adjacent to the headquarters.

" We always look to use 'green' material when we build or make improvements to our properties, including our camp properties," said John Morgan, the Council's property director. "In many cases it is more economical and in all cases it is more earth friendly and a great learning opportunity for the girls we serve."

While there is no ribbon-cutting ceremony planned, the Council is posting a story and photo on their social media in honor of the special occasion and reminding Girl Scouts and friends that recycling is not just a one-time effort but part of the Girl Scout Law that is followed throughout the year - " use resources wisely!"

To learn more, visit [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com), and to find out how to become a Girl Scout visit [www.gsccc.org](http://www.gsccc.org)

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

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 12,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of more than 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.gsccc.org](http://www.gsccc.org) or call 1-800-77SCOUT.

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