

Girl Scouts Care Community Service Donations



Each month, girls can collect items that will help them make a difference in their communities. Girls should take the time to Discover what the needs in their community are, Connect with local agencies to provide donations, and Take Action by collecting the items needed. Encourage girls to continue to connect with local agencies to see what else they can do to make a difference beyond the activities in this patch program.

Girls can work with local resources (churches, senior center, town offices, doctors' offices, etc.) to set up donation bins. Girls can also work with stores to set up donation bins or set up a booth to hand out pamphlets of items they are looking to collect for donations. Girls can also chose to use troop funds to purchase items to donate if they wish.

October/November - Blanket Drive- Connect with local agencies to see where there is a need for blankets (homeless shelters, veterans hospitals, etc.). Girls can collect new blankets to donate or make their own to donate. Girls can find a no-sew blanket pattern online at <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket> or connect with a local quilt guild to learn how to sew blankets. Girls will receive a charm for donating 1 or more new blankets.

December - Toy Drive - Find a local agency collecting holiday gifts for children in need (Toys for Tots, local businesses, town agencies, churches, etc.). Donate a new single item, or a collection of items valued at a minimum of \$10, or a gift card. If you are working with younger Girl Scouts, be prepared for questions about Santa and who brings gifts to children. Girls will earn the Toy Drive charm for their donations valued at \$10 or more.

January - Hat, Mittens, Coat Drive - Collect new and gently used coats, hats and mittens for children and adults. Connect with local agencies (homeless shelters, churches, schools, etc.) that can make sure your donations are distributed to those in need. Girls will earn the Coat Collection charm for donating 1 or more coats, hats or mittens.

February - Hygiene Drive - Girls collect new hygiene products for families in need in their community. Reach out to local homeless shelters, food pantries or other organizations. Older girls can connect with violence support programs that help women and children leave abusive homes without time to pack basic necessities. Girls will receive a charm for donating 2 or more items.

Suggested items include:

Lotion	Face wash	Bandages	Small first-aid kits	Dental floss
Toothpaste	Hair gels/sprays	Shampoo/conditioner	Tissues	Deodorant
Toilet paper	Paper towels	Hair bands/bobby pins	Sewing kits	Tampons/sanitary napkins
Face cloths	Baby powder	Hand sanitizer	Toothbrushes	Combs/brushes for all hair types
Mouthwash	Sunscreen	Hand soap	Shaving cream	

March - Baby Items - Connect with a local hospital to look at creating “welcome baby” baskets. Girls can also reach out to local homeless shelters, churches and pediatrician offices to see where donated items are needed most. Donate 2 or more baby items to receive a charm.

Baby lotion	Q-tips	Wash cloths	Baby shampoo/wash	Powder
Baby clothes	Onesies	Baby blankets	Baby wipes	Diapers

April - Pet Items - Many humane societies and animal shelters are in need of items for the pets they care for. Reach out to your local humane society, animal shelter or veterinarian office to see what items are needed most. Find out what else you can do to support animal adoption in your community. Donate 2 or more items to receive a charm. Suggested items include:

Bath towels	Bleach	Mops	Pet toys	Laundry detergent
Cat litter	Paper towels	Clorox wipes	Toilet paper	20-gallon trash bags

May - Book Drive - Reach out to local preschools or elementary schools to see what books are on summer reading lists for students. For the month of May, bring in any new or good-condition books to your local school or library and receive a charm. **NO MAGAZINES**

June/July- Food Drive- Bring nonperishable, non-expired food items to your local food pantry. Girls will earn one Food Drive charm for donating 2 or more items. Look for other ways you can make a difference by volunteering to serve at a community meal or helping to prepare food baskets for others in need.

August and September - Back-to-School Supplies - For the month of August and September, we will collect back-to-school supplies. Girls will receive a charm for donating 2 or more items. Items should be in their original package and each package counts as **1** item. Reach out to your local schools to see what supplies students will need. Connect with a school staff member to make arrangements to drop off your donations. Some ideas are:

No. 2 pencil packs	Erasers	Pocket calculators
Pencil sharpener	Colored pencils	Scientific calculators
Pen packs	Pocket folders	Loose-leaf ruled filler paper
Backpacks	Markers	Pencil boxes or pouches
3-ring binders	Glue sticks, rulers	Book covers
Spiral notebooks	Index cards	Tabbed dividers
Highlighters	Assignment planners	Mechanical pencils

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Girl Scouts Care Evaluation

*Troop Age Level(s): **Daisy**__ **Brownie**__ **Junior**__ **Cadette**__ **Senior**__ **Ambassador**__

*Please write the number of girls per level

Troop Leader:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Day Phone #:

Night Phone:

Cell:

1. Which activities did your troop enjoy the most?
2. In what way(s) did the girls give service in relation to this patch?
3. Did you change or adapt any activities? In what way?
4. How did the Journey suggestions help you connect this to your age-level Journey?
5. Would you suggest any changes?
6. Comments:

GIRL SCOUTS CARE

Please return your Girl Scouts Care patch and charm order form AND evaluation forms together!

Troop Age Level(s): Daisy _____ Brownie _____ Junior _____
 Cadette _____ Senior _____ Ambassador _____

Troop Leader: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone #: _____ Night Phone: _____ Cell: _____

_____ # of patches @ **\$3.00 each:** \$ _____

_____ # of _____ charms @ **\$3.50 each:** \$ _____

*Shipping/handling: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

VISA and MasterCard are also accepted.

Please charge my (circle one): **VISA** or **MasterCard**

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CVC _____

Signature: _____

(A signature is required on all Credit Card orders)

*For shipping and handling rates, please go to <https://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/en/our-council/shop.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at 1-888-474-9686. You may also email Customer Care at customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org.

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