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Scouting for Food on Sat., March 23 to Alleviate Local Hunger

Amarillo, TX – Hundreds of local boy scouts will canvass Amarillo neighborhoods, starting after 8AM this Saturday, March 23 to collect food donations door-to-door during the 2019 Scouting for Food “Good Turn” program. The annual event, benefitting the High Plains Food Bank, is one of the largest spring food drives in the Texas Panhandle. Last year, local scouts collected 6,781 pounds of food, which provides about 5,651 meals.

Troops and packs informed residents within their assigned neighborhoods of where to leave donations, pick up times, etc. To confirm that your neighborhood is scheduled for pickup, you may call the Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America office at 806-358-6500.

“Last year, 289 scouts and adults participated, and they did an excellent job! However, there are more neighborhoods than we have troops and packs,” said Jake Splawn, program executive for the Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Everyone is encouraged to donate, even if their neighborhood was unassigned. Anyone may donate food toward the Scouting for Food program during regular business hours at these collection points:

- High Plains Food Bank, located at 815 Ross St.
- Boy Scouts of America’s Golden Spread Council Office, located at 401 Tascosa Road
- Market Street, located at 2530 S Georgia St. (Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24)
- United Supermarket, located at 5807 SW 45th Ave #100 (Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24)

Once the troops and packs finish collecting non-perishable food from assigned neighborhoods, they will bring donated food by the truckload to HPFB. Food is weighed as it arrives, from approximately 9:00AM to noon, with peak activity around 10AM.

High Plains Food Bank’s top food needs include peanut butter, pasta/sauce, boxed dinners and canned soups, vegetables and meats. Financial donations are also critical in supporting our mission of alleviating hunger in the Texas Panhandle. Monetary donations may be made directly to HPFB in person, via mail or online at www.hpfb.org. If you’d like your donation to support the Scouting for Food event, please make note in the memo on your check or the comments section in the online donation form. For more information, or media interviews, please contact: Tina Brohlin, Communications & Marketing Manager, 806-350-1435, tina@hpfb.org.

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About Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

Golden Spread Council Mission:

The mission of the Golden Spread Council is to serve today’s youth and aid them in their endeavors to be prepared to face the challenges and opportunities of life, by instilling values through Scouting that will last for a lifetime. Our purpose is to provide strong, values-based programs that strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. Our objective is to accomplish the mission of the BSA and provide Scouting values to the maximum number of youth in every community we serve.

About High Plains Food Bank

High Plains Food Bank’s mission is to alleviate hunger in the Texas Panhandle. HPFB secures, processes, stores and distributes food to 190 partner agencies, across the top 29 counties in Texas. These food pantries provide a network to

provide food assistance directly to the 1 in 7 local people who struggle with food insecurity, including 1 in 5 children. In 2018, HPFB distributed 8.25 million pounds of food, an amount equal to the all-time record set in 2017. To combat food insecurity and improve the overall health of clients we serve, HPFB provides a variety of community programs, including: Kids Cafe, Direct Mobile Distribution, a senior adult food program (CSFP), and nutrition education through The Garden at High Plains Food Bank. HPFB can also help individuals with applying for SNAP, CHIP, and Medicaid. In addition to fighting hunger and supporting better health, food banking decreases waste by distributing food that would otherwise go uneaten to people who need it. **High Plains Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.*

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