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## **Girl Scouts Give Back: More than 30,000 pounds of food collected by local troops for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**

*More than 700 area Girl Scouts from 100 Troops volunteered to help neighbors in need*

**CHARLOTTE, NC** (October 18, 2019) – The Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council today announced that its troops collected more than 30,000 pounds of food to help fight hunger in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region during its annual Girl Scout Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in partnership with WCCB Charlotte's CW. The event was held Saturday, October 12 with more than 700 girls from 100 troops participating.

The food drive consisted of 5 food donation collection sites across the 8 county footprint of Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council, which are also served by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, which serves over 770 non-profit partner agencies in 19 counties (14 in NC and 5 in SC).

Approximately, 527,000 people in 19 counties across North and South Carolina struggle with hunger, including more than 188,000 children and over 41,000 seniors who wake up each morning not knowing where their next healthy meal will come from. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place and the Community Food Drive is an opportunity for Girl Scouts to put this mission in motion.

"Food insecurity is an issue that many people in our community are dealing with every day," said Angela Woods, CEO of Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council. "It's an issue that impacts some of our Girl Scouts and their families. It is our hope that the 30,000 pounds of food collected will truly help our neighbors in need so that access to food is one less problem they have to worry about."

This effort was successful due in part to the support of community media partner, WCCB Charlotte's CW, who donated time and talent to produce two television spots to promote the Girl Scouts community service efforts. Those can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

### **About Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls, where, in an accepting and supportive environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council (GSHNC) received its first charter from the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in 1935. GSHNC is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. We currently serve 17,000 girls and adults in eight counties of North and South Carolina, which include Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and York (S.C.). For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council, visit [www.hngirlscouts.org](http://www.hngirlscouts.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#), Twitter [@GSHNC](#) and [Pinterest](#).

### **About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2018-2019, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 60 million pounds of food and household items to over 770 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares. Follow the Food Bank on: [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#); [Instagram](#); [Linkedin](#); and [YouTube](#).