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Scouts see increase in Scouting for Food Drive for a Record Breaking Year!

(Cedar Rapids, IA.) – November 3rd, 2018 – The Boy Scouts of America, Hawkeye Area Council has officially wrapped up its Annual Scouting for Food Campaign. The Scouts took to the streets collecting donations in their neighborhoods for those less fortunate. Citizens wishing to donate placed bags full of non-perishable food on their doorsteps which were distributed a week prior to over 131,000 homes. Local Scout Troops and Packs picked up the bags and all donations went directly to the HACAP Food Reservoir and other local food agencies in 7 counties in Eastern Iowa. Collectively, the Scouting for Food Drive brought in a total of 77,653 pounds of food from Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and its neighboring areas which translates to over 64,700 meals to be served for those who need it most during this winter.

“Thank you to everyone in our community for doing their part to make this happen,” said Sarah Dawson, Scout Executive for the Council. “I’m so proud of the Scouts and our leaders for spending the time over the past few weekends participating in a program that will directly benefit others who really need their help. Scouting for Food is a great example of our Scouts, parents, and leaders working together to make a positive impact in our communities. Service to others is the heart and soul of our program.”

According to Linda Gorkow, HACAP Food Reservoir Director, “The Scouting for Food Drive ensures much needed food is provided to our more than 54,000 community members living with hunger in east central Iowa. The Boy Scout's leadership and hard work to help mobilize the community for this food drive makes a significant positive impact in our community. Every pound of food donated helps feed the one in eight people who go to bed hungry in our area. The HACAP Food Reservoir is very appreciative of the Boy Scouts' work to feed the hungry and is dedicated to ensure all the donated food is distributed to partner food pantries and feeding programs safely.”

The Boy Scouts, Hawkeye Area Council serves 5,665 youth in Benton, Linn, Jones, Iowa, Johnson, Cedar, and Washington counties in Iowa. The Council, supported by 2,018 volunteers,
is headquartered in Cedar Rapids, IA. If you or know of someone who is interested in joining the Scouting program, please contact the Hawkeye Area Council Service Center today.

The HACAP Food Reservoir distributes food to 128 non-profit partner agencies in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington counties.

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