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Local Boy Scouts Host Annual Scouting for Food to Benefit Feeding the Gulf Coast

Mobile, Ala. – The Mobile Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is partnering with Feeding the Gulf Coast and local residents and scouts of Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, and Washington counties to fight hunger during the 11th annual *Scouting for Food* event. This annual event is one of the largest food drives hosted for Feeding the Gulf Coast and comes at a critical time to help supply the food bank during the holiday season and upcoming winter months.

“The Mobile Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, greatly enjoys helping the community and giving back,” said William Bryant, Jr., Scout Executive of the Mobile Area Council, Boy Scouts. “The scout law states to help others at all times, and our scouts display that through scouting for food and many other service activities.”

The scouts delivered bags to participating neighborhoods on October 30. Residents who have received these bags are asked to fill them with non-perishable canned goods and leave the bags outside their door. On Saturday, November 6 scouts will pick up the donations and drop them off at participating Greer’s locations across Mobile and Baldwin counties. The food collected will be distributed to families in need.

"Ensuring we have enough food to meet the increased need continues to be a concern as we maintain above-average distribution levels throughout our service area," said Michael Ledger, President and CEO of Feeding the Gulf Coast. "We are so thankful for the Boy Scouts and our community for their support in this food drive. This food will greatly help our neighbors struggling with hunger as we enter the holiday season."

For community residents who did not receive a grocery bag from the scouts but who would like to participate, please drop off your non-perishable food donation at participating Greer’s locations (*flyer included*).

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**Please help us promote this event prior to pick up date (November 6)
by encouraging those who received bags from the scouts to participate in the food drive.
Media is invited to follow the Scouts on their pickups.**

For interviews or images, please contact Bernadette Toler at the Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at (251) 476-4600 or Bernadette.Toler@scouting.org or Amanda Young, Feeding the Gulf Coast, at (251) 653-1617 ext. 144 or ayoung@feedingthegulfcoast.org.

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About Feeding the Gulf Coast

Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning the Florida panhandle, south Alabama, and south Mississippi. In 2020, the food bank distributed over 33 million meals through over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple hunger-relief and nutrition programs, including Summer Meals, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Mobile Food Distributions and Nutrition Education. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit www.feedingthegulfcoast.org.

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About Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America

The Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has over 4,000 youth, leaders, parents and volunteer members involved in the Scouting program in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington and Clarke counties. The Council strives to instill values in young people to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime and to achieve their full potential based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law. For more information, call (251) 476-4600 or visit www.bsamac.org.

Scouting for Food is the nation's largest youth organization-led single-day food drive. It began as a Boy Scouts of America service project in St. Louis in 1985 and was adopted by the National Organization of the Boy Scouts in 1988. The Boy Scouts of America has been collecting food for needy families as an annual "good turn daily" event ever since.