Scouting for Food 2016: Boy Scouts Collect Food to Help Solve Hunger

**Milwaukee (March 10, 2016)** – Boy Scouts from the Three Harbors Council will once again go door-to-door collecting non-perishable food items this month during the annual “Scouting For Food” – one of the largest food drives benefiting Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin.

“We’re shifting our focus to addressing the root causes of hunger, and we really need support from the entire community to make a difference,” said Charles McLimans, president and CEO of Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. “Your donations to Scouting for Food help replenish shelves at our member pantries and food programs with basic, nutritious staples. Every contribution counts.”

Boy Scouts will distribute bags to homes throughout the area on Saturday, March 12. **Residents are encouraged to fill the bags with nonperishable food items including canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, tuna, macaroni and cheese, canned soup, peanut butter, cereal and rice. The scouts will return on Saturday, March 19 to pick up the bags. Please leave the bags on your doorstep before 9 a.m. for pick up on March 19.**

Scouting for Food bags will also be included in the Sunday, March 13 edition of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Donations can also be dropped off at participating Pick ‘n Save stores.

Since 1987, the Boy Scouts have collected nearly 2.8 million meals to help solve hunger. The food collected in Milwaukee County benefits Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. Food collected in Kenosha, Racine and Waukesha counties benefit local food pantries in those communities.

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**About Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin**

*Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is the largest, private, nonprofit hunger relief organization in the state. Founded in 1982 by the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is a local and independent member of the Feeding America network. As the leading provider of private hunger relief in the state, Feeding America collaborates with 572 partner hunger relief organizations, including food pantries, meal programs, shelters, and community-based mobile pantries to provide 18.3 million meals annually to 377,000 people across 36 counties in Eastern Wisconsin. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin also supports programs that improve food security for people in need, advocates on their behalf, and works collaboratively to solve hunger.*

**Together we can solve hunger.**

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