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Kansas Girl Scouts Give Back During Festival of Giving
Nearly 1,000 Girl Scouts will donate to organizations across south central Kansas

WICHITA – Girl Scouts will be donating gifts and their time from Saturday, Nov. 3-11, at numerous organizations across south central Kansas as part of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland's annual Festival of Giving.

Nearly 1,000 Girl Scouts and counting will participate in this annual community service tradition, which gives girls an opportunity to give back to their community by providing items on social service organizations' wish lists.

Festival of Giving began in 1950 as the Doll Festival in Wichita, where Girl Scout troops would dress dolls, place them on display during the festival, and then distribute them to local and overseas agencies for children who might not receive Christmas presents. The event has since expanded to benefit organizations in counties across south-central Kansas, including Sedgwick, Butler, Reno, Harvey, Sumner, Cowley, Kingman and Harper counties.

Organizations benefiting from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland's 2018 Festival of Giving include the following: Wichita Children's Home, Family Promise of Greater Wichita, ICT SOS, ARC, Warming Souls Homeless Shelter, Aahn's Place, Valley Center Cares, Assistance League of Wichita, and many others. For more information on Festival of Giving and to learn more about Girl Scouting, visit kansasgirlscouts.org.

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About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 11,700 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.