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**Silver Award Girl Scout Inspires Dillons Donation**

*More than \$2,500 will support hunger initiatives and Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland*

WICHITA – Girl Scout Kaley Mulligan’s Silver Award project, aimed at supporting the Haven Food Bank, caught the eye of Dillons and resulted in a donation of more than \$2,500 towards hunger initiatives.

On Monday, Mulligan was invited by the United Way of Reno County to speak in Hutchinson, Kan. as part of their presentation to the Dillons Corporate Office. Mulligan’s Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award projects focused on aluminum can recycling in her Haven, Kan. community to benefit the Haven Food Bank. Her impact on the community mirrors Dillons Zero Hunger | Zero Waste plan and their commitment to end hunger in our communities and eliminate waste. As such, her presentation about these efforts earned her the attention of Dillons and a \$2,500 donation to the Haven Food Bank and \$250 to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland.

“Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is very appreciative of the funding that the United Way of Reno County provides our council to support programming for Reno County Girl Scouts. We are delighted that Kaley had the opportunity to share her Girl Scout story with Dillons corporate staff so they could hear firsthand the impact that their United Way contributions have on the lives of Girl Scouts in Reno County and the communities in which they live.” Liz Workman...

Building upon her Girl Scout Bronze Award, Mulligan took action by learning to weld in order to build recycling bins placed throughout Haven. Community members deposit their aluminum cans to

be recycled for funds then donated to the Haven Food Bank. To date, her efforts have raised more than \$1,800 to end hunger in her local community.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, a nonprofit serving 80 Kansas counties, is grateful for Dillons' support of the United Way of Reno County and Reno County Girl Scouts who are making a difference and leading the way as G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders) in their communities.

**PHOTO CAPTION: Dillons representative Sheila Lowrie (second from left) presented checks in the amount of \$2,500 to the Haven Food Bank and \$250 to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. Liz Workman (middle left), chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, and Kaley Mulligan (middle), were present to receive the donations. (Courtesy photo)**

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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.*