

MEDIA ALERT

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GIRL SCOUTS MOBILIZE AT LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK ON MISSION TO FIGHT HUNGER IN GREATER L.A., MAY 2

*Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles teams with Ralphs/Food 4 Less and
L.A. Regional Food Bank for annual one-day county-wide service project and food drive*

WHAT:

In keeping with its goal of encouraging girls to take charge to change their communities for the better, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) is teaming up with Ralphs/Food 4 Less and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank for **Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day on Saturday, May 2.**

A recent nationwide food insecurity study found that Los Angeles County has the most hungry families in the nation. Currently, **40 percent of the people served by the L.A. Regional Food Bank and its partner agencies are children.** Local Girl Scouts aim to do something about this.

On Saturday, a new **“Service Squad” of Girl Scouts ages 14 and older will mobilize at the L.A. Regional Food Bank in South Los Angeles** to pack and sort food to be distributed. **Meanwhile, thousands of Girl Scouts of all ages will set up food drive booths in front of Ralphs/Food 4 Less locations** to collect food and other items for needy families. Visit www.girlscoutsla.org for the list of needed items as well as drop-off sites at participating Ralphs/Food 4 Less locations.

**Girl Scout Service Squad at the L.A. Regional Food Bank
Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
1734 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles**

FACTS:

- Feed Your Neighbor is an annual event that reflects a cornerstone of Girl Scouts for more than 100 years: community service.
- Girl Scouts, grades K through 12, will discover why 17.2 million households (approximately one in seven) were food insecure through a patch program and by participating in this educational service-oriented event.
- Just last year (2014), Girl Scouts collected enough food at Feed Your Neighbor to provide 16,000 meals. The goal is to increase that this year.