



Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc.

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**GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC., HARVESTS
OVER 700 POUNDS OF PRODUCE FOR FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE**
Kent County Scouts Pick Summer Yield, Plant Fall Crops to Feed the Hungry

NEWARK, DE – Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc., (GSCBC) harvested 761 pounds of fresh produce from St. Joseph’s Bountiful Harvest Community Garden in Clayton to help feed Delaware’s hungriest citizens. Girl Scouts from Kent County Troops delivered ripened tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, squash, eggplant, corn, okra, peppers, and watermelon to the Food Bank of Delaware, then planted fall crops to maximize the sustainability of the Community Garden as a reliable food source.

“The Community Garden offers Girl Scouts a unique opportunity to learn leadership skills in agricultural management while making a positive contribution to their fellow citizens,” said Janet Berry, vice president, Membership, Program and Volunteerism, GSCBC. “It is a wonderful example of our “New Girl Scout Leadership Experience,” a cutting edge program in which girls discover skills and

build confidence in themselves, connect with others to realize goals, and then take action to make the world a better place. By encouraging girls to take responsibility for designing and implementing activities, they see how their actions can impact the lives of others.”

The fall crops planted include broccoli, cabbage, kale, turnips, spinach and mustard greens. Participating Girl Scouts earned a Service Patch for working on the project, Berry said.

Created in conjunction with Delaware Does More, the Community Garden represents an innovative partnership involving GSCBC, St. Joseph’s Center for Community Service, Cooperative Extension programs of both Delaware State University and University of Delaware, and Food Bank of Delaware. The goal of the Community Garden this year is to harvest up to 1,000 pounds of fresh produce for the hungry. It will be expanded next year to allow more community groups and individuals to sponsor plantings or to plant crops themselves.

“We thank all the organizations involved in the Community Garden for providing the Food Bank of Delaware with these much needed and deeply appreciated gifts of food,” said Patricia Beebe, president and CEO, Food Bank of Delaware.

“We especially thank the Girl Scouts for helping ensure that hungry people in our community are fed.”

For more information, visit the GSCBC website at www.cbqsc.org.