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Scouts Provide Thousands of Meals

(Seattle, WA, 03/18/17) - The Boy Scouts of America teamed up with local residents in the fight against hunger. Over the last several weekends Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers from the Chief Seattle Council participated in the annual 'Scouting for Food' drive that takes place in March when food banks say their supplies tend to run low. Over 30 tons of food was collected this year for area food shelves.

Approximately 4,000 Scouts and their families supported the food drive, with nearly 10,000 hours of service to their community with this one project. "The concept of serving other people at all times, as stated in our Scout Oath, is something we emphasize with both the youth and adults in our programs," said Mike Quirk, Chief Seattle Council CEO. "Scouting for Food is meant to include everyone in the community; you don't have to be a member of Scouting to help in the fight against hunger."

It is estimated that nationally 48 million people including 13.1 million children live in homes that experience hunger: where meals are frequently skipped or who go without food for a whole day.

Through the combined efforts of local residents, neighborhood food banks and the Boy Scouts of America, hungry families will know that their community cares by providing meals for them to eat.

For more information on Scouting and how to join a local pack or troop visit www.BeAScout.org.

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