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Boys Scouts Troop 199 Excels in First Good Turn for Goodwill Service Project

Boys Scout of America Troop 199 and Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., successfully held its first Good Turn for Goodwill Service Project in October. The service project was designed to benefit people who are served by Goodwill while helping Scouts earn a special patch for their donations to Goodwill.

Each Scout in Troop 199 had a goal of donating four 13-gallon bags of donations to participating Goodwill stores, which earned them a special Good Turn for Goodwill patch. The Fishers-based troop met this goal with open-arms by donating 516 bags of donations, which exceeded the goal by 6 percent.

“A major part of scouting is service to others, so we were excited for the chance to partner with an organization that gives back to the community,” said Bryan Spellman, Scout Master for Troop 199. “The Scouts had a good time participating and were able to learn about Goodwill outside of just being a retail store.”

In addition, the service project included five Scouts, along with their parents, touring the Allisonville Road Goodwill Store to learn more about the Goodwill’s donation process and how the donations help fund employment and educational services in the Fishers community and central Indiana. During the tour, the Scouts donated 68 bags of clothes, toys, books and household items.

To conclude the inaugural service project, Goodwill recognized Troop 199 by awarding the Scouts with certificates and patches. Special recognition was given for outstanding achievements such as:

- Eli Heindricks of the Sharks Patrol received the Top Scout Award, a pizza party and a gold-bordered Good Turn for Goodwill patch for donating 47 bags of items, and
- 11 Scouts from the Phoenix Patrol received the Best Patrol Award, a pizza party and silver-bordered Good Turn for Goodwill patches for donating 86 bags of donations.

“I feel very excited that I was able to bring in all of those donations to help Goodwill,” said 13-year-old Eli Heindricks. “I will continue to donate to Goodwill and encourage my other Scouts by telling them this is for a good cause.” Heindricks is in the 7th grade at Hamilton Southeastern Junior High and has been a Boys Scout for the last two years.

“The service project was certainly an eye-opener for a lot of the Scouts,” Spellman said. “It allowed them the opportunity to see the power of the troop and what type of impact we can have by working together.”

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