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### **GIRL SCOUTS SERVE A HOT MEAL AND A HELPING HAND**

On Friday, October 22, forty Girl Scouts worked together with volunteers and family members to serve a noon dinner to about eighty senior citizens in the Bloomfield Housing Authority. The girls, ranging from kindergarten through high school, conduct various service projects as part of their Girl Scout leadership experience each year, but this project is one that they always come together for. "The girls have done this several years in a row," said community/membership development specialist Johnna Edwards, "They see a need."

"Being able to identify needs in the community is an important part of Girl Scouting," said Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland CEO Jennifer M. Orban, "It means that girls can help make as big an impact as possible." Family members and adult volunteers supported the girls by preparing the food. The girls set the tables, waited on their guests, carried trays of sweets around the room, and made sure to clean up the room before they left.

#### **About the Girl Scout Leadership Experience**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. With 3.3 million girl and adult members worldwide, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development. Today's Girl Scout Leadership Experience has evolved to fit a wide variety of interests of schedules. With six program pathways – events, series, camp, troops, travel, and virtual – girls have more options and more reasons to join than ever before. Through hands-on learning opportunities and a girl-led decision-making process, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience empowers girls to discover a strong sense of self, connect with others in a changing world, and take action to help make the world a better place.

## **About Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland**

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has a membership of approximately 16,000 girls and 6,000 adults across 68 counties in central and southern Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma. With the support of community partners, donors, and volunteers, we mentor and support girls as they develop crucial life skills and prepare to take the lead – today, tomorrow, and for the rest of their lives. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, call 877-312-4764 or visit us on the web at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

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