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GIRL SCOUTS GIVE A GIFT, GET A BETTER ONE IN RETURN

When the Girl Scout Cadettes in Girl Scout Troop 50088 heard that there would be girls living in the new Habitat for Humanity home in Marble Hill, they knew they wanted to do something special for those girls. They saved \$250 from troop fundraisers to support their service project idea. But when they asked the girls who lived in the Habitat for Humanity home what they needed for their rooms, the girls said they had everything they really *needed* – but that they had a neighbor in Marble Hill who had just moved, and had no furniture or decorations in her room.

The Girl Scouts didn't miss a beat, taking this new friend shopping for bedroom furniture and accessories. They even set up the room and did a suspenseful room unveiling for her. "The look on her face was priceless," wrote troop volunteers BJ Grindstaff and Cherly Dowd, "[We] all learned a very important lesson that day." And they'll continue to learn lessons together; the new neighbor is joining Girl Scouts!

"This is such a wonderful example of Girl Scouts taking action in their local community," says Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland CEO Jennifer M. Orban, "These girls, and the girls who generously passed up the troop's gift, really demonstrate the power that girls have." For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, contact Community/Membership Development Specialist Amy Ybarra at 877-312-4764 x 1525 or aybarra@girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

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.

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