

Annual food drive goes Saturday

The Guides and Scouts of Georgetown and Glen Williams will be conducting a door-to-door food drive on Saturday, Nov. 14, to help re-stock the Georgetown Breadbasket food bank.

Organizers estimate there will be more than 100 participants in this eighth annual event, canvassing all of Georgetown and Glen Williams for donations.

Last year, more than 18,000 pounds of food were collected, said Darlene Moss, an event organizer. This year the goal is 20,000 pounds.

Besides the Scouts and Guides, other volunteers including parents, Air and Army Cadets, will be collecting the food. Moss, a Guide leader, stresses this is one of the most important volunteer events the Scouts and Guides are involved with, because the local food bank helps so many—more than 200 families are registered.

"It takes nearly a year to plan this event, but the reward of helping others makes it all worthwhile," said Moss. "We are proud of the youth, because they make time to volunteer."

Ten thousand plastic bags in which donations may be placed are included in today's (Wednesday's) edition of The Independent & Free Press. By leaving donations in the bag on your front doorstep or porch, they will be easily collected by the volunteers, said Moss.

The food drive will last from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The food will be sorted at Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, and then be sent to the Breadbasket, located at 55 Sinclair Ave.

Rural residents are asked to drop off their donations at the Breadbasket or the Georgetown Terminal Warehouse at 34 Armstrong Ave. Make sure items you donate are non-perishable, said Moss. Some examples of foods that are always in demand include cereal, pasta and peanut butter. Although some stocks at the food bank are depleted, others are in excess, so to maintain a balance the Breadbasket trades with other food banks in the surrounding area. Mike



Georgetown and Glen Williams scouts and guides will be out in full force this Saturday for their annual food drive. The kids will be canvassing homes from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., collecting food packed in bags that are distributed in today's (Wednesday's) edition of The Independent & Free Press, compliments of Brian's Food Basics. Among those collecting will be (from left) Katie Kovacs, Suzanne English, Shannon Carruthers and Alison Kovacs, all members of the Georgetown East District Girl Guides.

Photo by Ted Brown

Foley of the Georgetown Breadbasket said the most needed items this year include powdered milk, canned meat and canned vegetables.

For more information, if you would like to volunteer, or if you would like to make a cash donation to the food bank, contact Darlene Moss at 877-9976.

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