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Girl Scout Troop 79 hosts Uniform Day to help girls in need

Tallahassee, FL – Girl Scout Troop 79 in Tallahassee, FL is celebrating the success of a service project started to help other Girl Scouts in need. On Saturday May 21, 2011 Girl Scout Troop 79 is hosting a free Uniform Day at the Mary Brogan Museum in the 2nd floor classroom at 1p.m; this event is open to everyone!

The seven girls of Troop 79 have been collecting gently used Girl Scout Uniforms and books for 5 months to donate to girls who are in need of them.

“Sashes and vests are very important as they are a record of the accomplishments and earned awards of girls,” said Christy Ashley Co-Leader of Troop 79. “Every girl should have one to show their individuality and interests, and the troop wanted to help.”

The girls, who are in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, became inspired after visiting the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace house in Savannah, GA. Uniforms are required for any Girl Scout participating in the tour and activities at the Birthplace. Girl Scout uniforms are also required for public appearances including parades, and flag retirement ceremonies.

The troop has already given out uniforms to Girl Scouts and are still in the process of accepting inquiries for girls in need. The Troop’s goal is to help 650 Girl Scouts across the Florida Panhandle.

"When I heard about the project I was excited to help; especially when I knew I was helping girls my own age," said Laurel from Troop 79. "Making a difference is something I would like to do more often."

Many community partners came together to make this project a success. Jackie Evans, Inc. who is the main manufacturer of Girl Scout uniforms, donated many of the uniforms Troop 79 is gifting to girls in need; the owner of Jackie Evans, Inc., Mario Monaco, will be in attendance on Saturday. Mayor Marks of Tallahassee will be also celebrating the community service of this troop.

Many thanks to the Mary Brogan Museum for donating day and time, as well as the local U.S Marine Community for their support!

"Community involvement is important because it makes us all stronger, and our community healthier to work together for a common goal," said Christy Ashley. "I will never forget the moment when one of the girls innocently asked me, 'if we call the owner (who makes Girl Scout uniforms), will he help us?' it was truly a powerful moment when her goals were realized."

The Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle invites girls from kindergarten to twelfth grade, to join the adventure and empower themselves through courage, confidence and character, to make the world a better place. Currently, the council serves 6, 024 girls and 1,980 volunteers across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle. To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, contact the local council office at 1-888-271-8778 or visit www.gscfp.org. Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is a United Way Agency.

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