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Scouting for Food Saturday November 4 Annual Food Drive to Benefit Feeding the Gulf Coast

Theodore, AL – October 30, 2017 –

This weekend is the eighth annual food drive, **Scouting for Food**. This Saturday, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from all over southwest Alabama will collect food directly from front doors and donate it to Feeding the Gulf Coast to stock the food bank's shelves in preparation for the busy holiday season.

"This could not come at a better time," says Cathy Pope, President & CEO of Feeding the Gulf Coast. "Local families typically need more food during the holidays when children are out of school. Some parents and grandparents struggle to provide those extra meals at home and continue paying the bills. This food drive will help us make sure we have enough food to give out during the busy holiday season."

Thanks to local scouts, residents of Baldwin, Clarke, Mobile and Washington Counties can donate to this food drive without leaving their homes. The scouts have distributed grocery bags to people's homes in these counties. Residents who have received these bags are asked to fill them with non-perishable canned goods and leave the bags outside their door this Saturday. Scouts will pick up the bags between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, November 4. Scouts will deliver the food to the nearest Greer's Market or CashSaver, where Feeding the Gulf Coast will then collect the food.

If you live in these counties and did not receive a grocery bag but would like to participate in the food drive, you can drop off your non-perishable food donation at any of the Greer's listed below before November 6. The scouts will have a media event at the Greer's CashSaver at 2980 Springhill Avenue Mobile, AL 36607, and at the Greer's CashSaver at 4055 Cottage Hill Rd., Mobile, AL 36609, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 4.

Scouting for Food is the nation's largest youth organization lead single-day food drive. It began as a Boy Scouts of America service project in St. Louis in 1985 and was adopted by the National Organization of the Boy Scouts in 1988. The Boy Scouts of America has been collecting food for needy families as an annual "good turn daily" event ever since. Thanks to abundant community and scout support last year, Scouting for Food 2016 brought in over 18,000 pounds of food locally, which helped the food bank provide 15,000 meals to our neighbors who are struggling with hunger.

This year, Scouting for Food is made possible by the support of Greer's, the United Way of Baldwin County, News 5, and Boy Scouts of America Mobile Area Council in Southwest Alabama.

About Feeding the Gulf Coast:

Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning south Alabama, south Mississippi and the Panhandle of Florida. In 2016, the food bank distributed over 22 million pounds of food to over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple nutrition programs, including Summer Feeding, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Community Garden, Mobile Pantry, Produce Drop, Cooking Matters, and SNAP Outreach. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit www.feedingthegulfcoast.org.

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About the Mobile Area Council

The Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has over 6,000 youth and volunteer members involved in the Scouting program in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington and Clarke counties. The Council strives to instill values in young people to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime and to achieve their full potential based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law. For more information, call (251) 476-4600 or visit www.bsamac.org.

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2017 Participating Greer's Locations

Mobile County:

Greer's CashSaver, 2980 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36607 **MEDIA INVITED 9-11 a.m.**

Greer's CashSaver, 670 South Broad Street, Mobile, AL 36603

Greer's CashSaver, 4055 Cottage Hill Road, Mobile, AL 36609 **MEDIA INVITED 9-11 a.m.**

Greer's Midtown CashSaver, 3170 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL

Greer's Downtown CashSaver, 851 Government Street, Mobile, AL

Greer's Old Bay Market, 10835 Dauphin Island Parkway, Theodore, AL 36582

Greer's CashSaver, 1010 N. Wilson Avenue, Prichard, AL 36610

Greer's CashSaver, 4731 St. Stephens Road, Eight Mile, AL 36613

Greer's CashSaver, 13298 N. Wintzell, Bayou La Batre, AL 36650,

Greer's Grand Bay Market, 10120 Grand Bay Wilmer Road South, Grand Bay, AL 36541

Greer's CashSaver, 6350 McCrary Road Ext. Semmes, AL 36575

Washington County:

Greer's CashSaver, Highway 43 & Commerce Street McIntosh, AL 36553

Greer's CashSaver, 400 Crawford Street Millry, AL 36559

Clarke County:

Greer's CashSaver, 126 North Jackson Street Grove Hill, AL 36451

Baldwin County:

Greer's CashSaver, 2245 Highway 59 Robertsdale, AL 36567

Greer's Fairhope Market, 75 Section Street Fairhope, AL 36532

Greer's CashSaver, 710 McMeans Ave., Bay Minette, AL 36507