

# Girls Scouts Bless Beaufort with a Blessing Box

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## Carteret County Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Award

[Beaufort, NC] – Girl Scouts provides girls with the space to support their ideas, develop grit and determination, seek out new challenges and adventures, demonstrate creative-thinking and innovation, and the opportunity to stay active and feel empowered to take action. A great example of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in action is Girl Scout Troop

#857 who have earned their Girl Scout Bronze Award.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award that Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5) can earn, and the third highest in Girl Scouting. The award requires a girl to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Girls may work on the award individually or in a group.

Charlie Davis, Izzy Rasmussen, Joslynn Lobland and Khloe Willis are four Carteret County Girl Scout Juniors from Troop #857 that were awarded the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This group completed the Agent of Change Journey which included a Take Action Project.

With the help of their leaders, the girls were encouraged to reflect on the community and other service projects they have been involved with. The girls decided to focus on hunger and food insecurities in Carteret County, specifically Beaufort. After much research and planning, the girls decided to build a Blessing Box, located on the Beaufort Elementary School Campus. The box is filled with non-perishable food items as well as hygiene items. The decal on the front reads, "Leave what you can, take what you need." These Junior Girl Scouts will continue to maintain the blessing box as a part of the Bronze Award.

On Monday, August 22nd the Junior Girl Scouts in Troop #857 hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the beginning of their journey to help those in the community that may need food that they cannot afford.

"I am in awe of our Junior Girl Scouts and their kind hearts. I think it is imperative for all children to understand that not every child eats three or more meals a day. Watching them separate the products and fill in the blessing box really made my heart happy," said Brandy Lee, co-leader of Troop 857.

Charlie Davis, Junior Girl Scout, said, "When completing the Blessing Box, I felt really happy that others who aren't as fortunate as me or have the opportunities I do will have what they need on the weekends and when school is out. It makes me feel great that I am making a difference in the community with my troop."

"It is so sad that there are kids who don't get to eat several meals a day. It made me feel good building the box knowing that I could be helping some of those kids," said Junior Girl Scout, Khloe Willis.

Girl Scouts provides girls with the tools and resources they need to become leaders and changemakers within their community. Girl Scout Troop #857 identified an issue that was important to them and took action to leave a lasting impact.

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