

Share the Warmth

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With this patch program, Girl Scouts learn more about homelessness and the struggles that members of our community face. Then they help to make a difference by donating blankets that provide warmth and comfort to those in need. Girl Scouts learn that even a small gesture of kindness can cause a wave of change

Complete the following requirements for your program grade level:

- Girl Scout Daisies – Complete 1 Discover, 1 Connect, 1 Taken Action
- Girl Scout Brownies – Complete 2 Discover, 1 Connect, 1 Take Action
- Girl Scout Juniors – Complete 2 Discover, 1 Connect, 1 Take Action
- Girl Scout Cadettes – 3 Discover, 2 Connect, 1 Take Action
- Girl Scout Senior – 4 Discover, 2 Connect, 1 Take Action
- Girl Scout Ambassador – 4 Discover, 3 Connect, 2 Take Action

Patch requirements are separated into 3 sections:

- Discover: Learn about how the Salvation Army and Sleep Experts contribute to the homeless community. Research homeless shelters and what aid they provide.
- Connect: Research the impact the program has made in the community. Think about what impact you can make, how can you contribute?
- Take Action: Make a donation! Donate a new blanket and any other items which could help.

These activities may be completed as a troop, as a Juliette, or with family at home. Once girls have completed the patch requirements, please complete the online patch reporting form by January 31, 2022. Only one entry per troop or Juliette is required. Online patch reporting form found [here](#).

Choose the number of requirements from each section based on your program grade level

Discover:

- Visit The Salvation Army USA and see what the Salvation Army does.
- Learn about homeless shelters in your area, what do they provide to the community? Research the statistics. What group of people are impacted the most by homelessness? Why do you think that is?
- Learn what it means to be “Chronically Homeless”
- Try to figure out how the Covid-19 Pandemic impacted the homeless crisis.
- What other programs are there that reduce homelessness? How do they contribute to those in need?

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Connect:

- Plan a drive to collect blankets and other items to donate to the Share the Warmth Program. (With either your troop or other girls in your community)
- Reach out to volunteers, learn about what they do, and ask any questions you may have!
- Plan a Cardboard City Sleep In with your troop and/or other girls in the community! Have a sleepover where you all sleep inside of your own cardboard homes that you've put together to experience what others could be going through.
- Raise awareness. What can you do to raise awareness to the members of your community, your friends, and your family?

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Take Action:

- Donate! Donate 1 or more blankets to contribute to the Share the Warmth program.
- Donate some more! Think about what else someone who is homeless may need. (Could they need pajamas? Maybe some nonperishable food would help? Help them meet their basic needs!)
- Be creative and make a blanket to donate yourself!

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