

# Scouting for Food

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004

★American Flag Retirement Drive★

☺Toys for Tots Campaign☺

## Greetings, Neighbors!

Since 1988, the Boy Scouts of America have run “Scouting for Food”, by far the largest food collection drive in the Washington area. Scouting for Food involves tens of thousands of Boy Scouts in this area, including Troop 111, sponsored by St. Agnes Church. All the food collected will go directly to local helping organizations such as churches and soup kitchens via the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Last year, Scouts throughout the D.C. area collected just under one million pounds of food, of which about 6,000 pounds were donated by you and collected by Troop 111. Thanks!

## This is how it works:

- First, please collect any goods (canned goods are preferred) that you're willing to donate and place them in the provided bag. Note that although canned goods are preferred, we will take anything in boxes or glass jars, also.
- Second, please place the bag(s) outside your front door either late Friday night or early Saturday morning (by 8:30 a.m.).
- Third, Scouts from Troop 111 will start collecting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Our Scouts will be in pairs, in uniform, and accompanied by parents in automobiles.

*We will not be knocking on your door to solicit contributions.*

## If we miss your house:

If your bag has not been picked up by 11:00 a.m. (yes, with over 1600 assigned houses to hit, we'll miss a few), please call 202/494-4332 until Noon for a direct pick-up, or drop it off at the Cherrydale Safeway (Safeway is a co-sponsor of Scouting for Food).

**Collections This Coming Saturday, November 13**

**Please Leave All Bags Outside By 8:30 a.m.!**

**A message from Nancy Cude, Director Arlington Food Assistance Center:**

*Please consider a donation to Scouting for Food on November 13. The food donated will come directly to the Arlington Food Assistance Center where volunteers will sort and shelve it to be ready for immediate distribution. Our center serves local residents who are in temporary need of food assistance. Our clients are referred to us by a wide variety of social agencies, including the Department of Human Services agencies, school nurses and counselors, the Red Cross, and many Churches. We serve approximately 650 families a week. We are in particular need of the basics: Cereal, rice, canned meat and fruit, and other canned products such as soup and beans. Thank you for your help to our neighbors!*

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## **American Flag Retirement Drive**

Troop 111 is again offering to retire your worn-out American Flags as an additional service to the community. This will be done with due respect by Uniformed Scouts at one of our upcoming campouts, the Spring 2005 Projectoree. Many people have been flying the flag in honor of our Troops, and most of the flags that have been tied to vehicles are no longer suitable for display. If you have any such worn-out flags that you wish to have properly retired, please put them in a **separate plastic bag** and place them alongside the Scouting for Food bag. [Please do not put them in the same bag as the food - we might miss them!] We will also take State, County, or Foreign/National Flags, and will treat them with equal respect.

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## **Toys for Tots Campaign**

Finally, the Troop is again working with the U.S. Marines Corp Reserve for this year's [Toys for Tots](#) Campaign. In this collection, we ask for NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS. All toys collected this year will be distributed by the U.S. Marines Corp Reserve in Northern Virginia. If you have any new toys to donate, please place them - unwrapped - in the same bag as the worn-out American flags. [Again, please do not place them in the same bag as the food - we might miss them!] Please be generous! ...and again, Thanks for your help!

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