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### ***BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD***

(Elgin, IL) On October 21, an award dinner at Prairie View School was held to recognize Brownie Girl Scout Troop 887 for earning the Presidential Service Award. With a combined total of 550 hours of community service, 18 girls and 4 adults worked together from August 2005–July 2006 to earn the award.



The Presidential Service Award was announced by President George Bush in his 2002 State of the Union Address in which he called upon all Americans to do the equivalent of 4,000 hours of community service work—approximately 2 years in a lifetime.

Troop 887 participated in a variety of community service activities throughout the year to accumulate enough hours to qualify them for the award. One of their main service project activities was for the Lazarus House in St. Charles where they baked meals and assembled lunches that were delivered to homes. They also made decorations and cards for several holidays including Christmas and Valentine's Day. The girls helped with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life by decorating luminaries for the event, and assisted in various duties to help the organizers. Additional projects that helped them achieve their goal included volunteering time at several events at Prairie View School and Howard B. Thomas School, decorating Easter eggs for Bowes Retirement Home, helping to pull mustard seed plants to aid in preserving local prairies, and assembling school supply bags for less fortunate kids in the Fox River area. The girls were proud of their accomplishments and during the recognition ceremony each shared what community service meant to them.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.7 million girl and adult members worldwide. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the

USA is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council is headquartered in Elgin and serves over 10,500 girls in McHenry County and parts of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Lake, La Salle, and Kane counties.

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