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New Ulm Girl Scouts help make their city a better place

(New Ulm, Minn.) Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Helping make their city a better place has been the goal of New Ulm Junior Girl Scouts in Troop 30135 who recently made and donated blankets to a local hospital. In addition, Megan Struss, a member of this active troop, recently earned her Junior Leadership Award.

The girls, who are currently working on their Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn, donated their blankets to the Brown Country Public Health Department's UniversalCare/New Baby Home visit program. A portion of their project was supported by Wal-Mart who donated a \$25 gift card toward supplies. The girls also raised funds during a Christmas wreath sale.

While earning their Bronze Award, Girl Scouts learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be.

In addition to participating in the troop's Bronze Award project, Girl Scout Megan Struss recently earned the Junior Leadership Award. To achieve this, she assisted a Girl Scout Daisy Leader and helped the younger girls earn their Yellow Petal for being helpful. In addition, she held the secretary position with her 4-H club.

To learn more about how girls in your community can join Girl Scouts and help to make the world a better place, contact the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys at 651-227-8835, 800-845-0787 or visit www.girlscoutsvr.org. Girl Scouts is open to all girls, regardless of physical abilities, cultural background, or family income. In fact, financial assistance is available to ensure that any girl who wishes to join may do so.

About Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys

In partnership with nearly 18,000 adult volunteers, the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys helps 49,000 girls each year—in all or portions of 49 counties in southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin—to discover new abilities, connect with new friends, and take action to improve their communities. Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent leadership development organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.