



# Good Turn for America 2009 Fact Sheet

## What is Good Turn for America?

\* Service is a fundamental element of Scouting. Good Turn for America (GTFA) is the name under which all Scouting service happens across the nation and provides a structure in which unit service is recognized and recorded.

## Does GTFA replace Scouting for Food?

\* GTFA does not replace Scouting for Food. Scouting for Food is one of many service projects a unit could do that is recorded under GTFA.

## When does GTFA take place?

\* GTFA is year-round as scouting service is year-round.

\* Although GTFA is year-round, Chief Seattle Council is organizing a concentrated effort of Scouting for Food during the month of March.

## What is my troop/pack/crew expected to do?

1. Every unit should plan and incorporate service projects into the unit calendar. Each unit should have a GTFA chair to help with the process.
2. Each unit should plan a Scouting for Food event during the month of March. This will include two days: the first to drop off door hangers at neighborhood houses, and the second to collect food from those houses and deliver it to a food bank.
3. Every unit planning to participate in Scouting for Food should fill out a commitment card. They will be available at November and December roundtables. The card includes space to request door hangers. The cards should be returned to the council service center by mid January.
4. Each unit needs to report their service after the event. This should be done on a monthly, or no later than a quarterly basis.

## How do we record our service?

\* Postcards will be available on a monthly basis at roundtable. It will have space to fill in some brief details regarding your service project. After filling it out, give it to the DE or designated person there at roundtable, or send it directly to the council service center.

\* You may also record your service on the Chief Seattle website at [www.seattlebsa.org](http://www.seattlebsa.org).

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## 2009 GTFA results for Chief Seattle Council:

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated the value of volunteer time is \$20.25/hour.

$$133,117 \times \$20.25/\text{hour} = \$2,695,619$$

***Chief Seattle Council Scouts and volunteers donated \$2,695,619 of service to Washington State in 2009!***