



Grand Island Troop 510 Boy Scouts Support Neighbors Foundation ***By Tim Winder (Eagle Scout, Troop 510)***

Since 1973, *Grand Island Neighbors Foundation* has been providing emergency assistance to Grand Island residents who find themselves in temporary need. This strictly volunteer driven organization partners with local community organizations to collect and stock donations of food, toiletries, and other household supplies in their pantry based at the Old St Stephen's Roman Catholic Church. This year the need for support within our community has continuously risen to an all-time high, with current demand from needy families reaching about four times previous levels.

Following a lead from Linda Tufillaro of the Neighbors Foundation Board of Directors, the boys and families of *Troop 510 Boy Scouts*, based at Trinity United Methodist Church, organized a collection of toiletry items to support the pantry at this time of heightened need. Over a two-week period, the boys collected shampoos and conditioners, soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, etc. In addition, the troop and families made monetary donations totaling \$170.



Troop 510 collected shampoo, soap, toothpaste...



Dobmeier Janitor Supply of Englewood Avenue in Buffalo also generously contributed several large boxes of toilet paper, paper towels, and body wash / shampoo. Linda Dobmeier, company VP, commented "I know that Troop 510 has a strong record of community service on Grand Island. After hearing about how these boys and their families had made such an outstanding effort to support the Neighbors Foundation we were delighted to be able to supplement their collection of toiletries."



Linda Dobmeier gives boxes of toiletries to Tim Winder of Troop 510 Boy Scouts for The Grand Island Neighbors Foundation

The donations were presented to Dennis Dahl of the Neighbors Foundation, at their pantry, on Monday March 11. Community service is a key tenet of the Boy Scouts of America and you can find out more about Troop 510 scouting activities by visiting www.gi510scouts.com If you or your organization would like to help the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation you can do so by donating and/or volunteering. To find out more about this excellent organization, and very worthy cause, visit www.gineighbors.org

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