

Girl Scouts Receives Grant From Target

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida has announced a partnership with Target in recognition of its efforts to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The grant will be applied to virtual reading groups for girls between the ages of 5 and 9.

Virtual reading groups will be offered six times throughout the year and each session will last one month.

Girls who participate in the virtual reading groups will read and discuss books selected through parent, teacher and girl recommendations.

Volunteer-led webinars and bulletin boards are integral components of the virtual groups.

"The virtual reading groups are particularly beneficial to Girl Scouts

who reside in rural communities," said Amy Foster, director of program services, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

"By using our resources and technology, we are able to bring girls together from all eight counties of our jurisdiction."

This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country.

Since opening its doors, Target has given five percent of its income to organizations that support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism.

That translates to more than \$3 million every week.

"At Target, our local grants are making a difference in the communities we serve," said Laysha Ward, vice president,

community relations, Target.

"We're proud to partner with Girl Scouts of West Central Florida as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work."

GSWCF is a community-based organization, delivering program activities that meet the needs of the communities served throughout its eight-county jurisdiction, enriching the lives of girls and earning the support of the community.

The new Girl Scout Leadership Experience encourages girls to discover, connect, and take action in the world around them.

Programming is girl-led at all age levels, wherein girls learn by doing and through cooperative learning.