
American Heritage Girls Give Away Cookies Rather Than Sell Them

They don't sell cookies; they give them away! Baking and decorating cookies to give to neighborhood elderly was just one of several service projects performed by the young scouts of American Heritage Girls. The American Heritage Girls of Austin holds volunteering as a key component of its program. Each month, the scouts, aged 5-12, meet to serve others. In the last few months, the AHG scouts washed vehicles at a Buda Children's Home, packed hundreds of shoe boxes filled with toys sent to underprivileged youth in third world countries, decorated and delivered cookies to elderly neighbors, and wrapped bandages for a Tandala Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "We are so proud of these girls" says Amy Berti, the Troop's Chairperson.

On Sunday, January 27th, 28 young girls received badges for their hours spent serving others. Over 80 family members and friends gathered at the First Evangelical Free Church in South Austin to congratulate the girls for their efforts. Due to its immediate success, the program is strongly supported by the community. Gordon Falk of Oxford Learning Center said "The mission of Oxford Learning is to equip children to fulfill their purpose in life. American Heritage Girls teaches young people what a valuable contribution it is to help equip others in life. Oxford Learning Center is proud to be a local sponsor of the American Heritage Girls."

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