

Harry Chapin Hunger Activist



Girl Scouts of Suffolk County has partnered with Long Island Cares, The Harry Chapin Food Bank to offer the "Harry Chapin Hunger Activist Patch Program".

Long Island Cares provides emergency food where and when it is needed, sponsors programs that help families achieve self-sufficiency, and educates the general public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island.

The Harry Chapin Hunger Activist Patch will give Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn about hunger on Long Island. Through hunger awareness education, Girl Scouts will learn to Discover, Connect and Take Action to assess the needs in their own communities. The girls will then participate in activities that will engage, educate, and empower them to fight hunger where they live. Volunteering will be a key component to this project where Girl Scouts contribute time, innovation, and care to hunger advocacy.

Girl Scouts must complete ALL the activities below in order to earn the patch:

- **DISCOVER: Hunger 101:** was developed to serve as a principal education component of the Food Bank. It is a role-play and discussion activity that raises awareness and understanding of hunger and its many causes. The activities aim to engage participants, expose the realities of hunger issues, and create opportunities to respond actively and appropriately in our communities. ALL troops must complete a hunger 101 education workshop. To schedule your workshop, contact Christine Brown at Long Island Cares at 637-582-3663 x120 or cbrown@licares.org

- **CONNECT: Hunger essay:** All girls will be asked to write a brief essay on hunger in their community. This activity can be determined by troop level, and age appropriateness. Examples of this activity can be: Daisy Girl Scouts can draw a picture of their hunger free vision; Brownie Girl Scouts can write a paragraph of hunger awareness; Juniors through Ambassadors will be asked to write a 250 word minimum essay on hunger in their community. For questions regarding essay/picture requirements, contact girlscouts@gssc.us
- **TAKE ACTION: Conducting a food drive:** Participation in GSSC's Food for Friends Food Drive is a requirement for earning the Harry Chapin Hunger Activist Patch. Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts must contribute at least a 1 00lb donation of food per troop. For higher level Girl Scouts, Juniors through Ambassadors, a donation of at least 250lbs per troop must be donated to a food/community drive on a much larger scale. To learn more about GSSC's Food for Friends Drive, email girlscouts@gssc.us. If needed, Long Island Cares staff will work with troop leaders and Girl Scouts to brainstorm food drive ideas and determine most wanted donated items. To learn more about food drive ideas and most needed items, contact Christine Brown at Long Island Cares at 637-582-3663 x120 or cbrown@licares.org
- **TAKE ACTION: Volunteering at a local pantry/soup kitchen:** Volunteering is the key component of community service and advocacy. Girl Scouts will be asked to volunteer at a local pantry or soup kitchen. Hours will range depending on the level of the Girl Scout Troop. Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts will need to commit to one hour of volunteering, Juniors and Cadettes will need to commit to three hours of volunteering, and Seniors and Ambassadors will need to commit to eight hours of volunteer service. For an updated list of local pantries and soup kitchens, visit www.licares.org and click on the "Where to Get Help" quick link on the homepage.

When you complete the program, [click here to get your patches](#).