



Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America to address the issues of hunger, homelessness, and poor health in our nation year round. In this effort, the Boy Scouts of America is partnering with some of the nation's most respected service organizations, including the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. These organizations, and thousands of others, will work to provide opportunities for youth and volunteers to fight hunger and homelessness, and teach the habits of healthy living. By working together, we can improve our young people, our communities, and the nation.

Meeting the substantial needs of every community is dependent on its citizens to answer the call of volunteerism. There is a natural fit between the Boy Scouts of America and other community organizations. Service learning is an integral part of the Scouting program. As a result, youth and adults seek opportunities to volunteer. Community organizations need volunteers to help them fulfill their missions. Working with these organizations creates a win/win situation for everyone.

Starting in 2004 the **Good Turn for America Website** has afforded units the opportunity to enter information about their service projects. Information collected includes the number of youth and adults that participated in the project, type of project, how many hours were given per person, and what organization/person benefited from the project.

Last year Des Plaines Valley Council posted over 13,000 hours on the Good Turn for America Website at <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org>. This year we have set a goal of 45,000 hours but we are running far short of our goal so we need your help. All service hours that your unit performs including Eagle Projects can be recorded. You can post hours from any service projects from the beginning of this year. If you need additional information, your account number, or you simply need help with the website please contact your District Executive or Bob Johnson at bjjj5456@aol.com.