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Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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The Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland appreciates the on-going partnership with the Salina Area United Way. As the premiere leadership organization for girls, it is vital that we have community support to deliver our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

With increasing cutbacks from schools and other government-funded services for children, organizations such as the Girl Scouts and the United Way play an even more important role in ensuring our children have the life skills they need to be successful.

Funding from the Salina Area United Way will help us meet our goal to help middle and high school girls stay engaged and make academic progress. Our S.M.A.R.T. Community Improvement Grant Goal is to improve life-skills of youth in the community and prepare them for adulthood by increasing skill development. By providing the pathway for our community's girls to make appropriate academic progress and healthy decisions, we are integral to strengthening the Salina Area United Way's goal to improve education in Saline County.

Thank you again for supporting the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland and the many other agencies in the Salina area who participate in the SMART Community Improvement Grant program.

Warm regards,

Shelly Prichard

Chief Executive Officer