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**Silver Sage Girl Scouts Donate to
St. Luke's Magic Valley CARES**

On Tuesday, April 10, the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council donated 35 backpacks to CARES (Children At Risk Evaluation Services) in Twin Falls. The backpacks are filled with essential, every day items that children would need and appreciate, especially those children who are going to be placed in foster care as acts of protection.

“We were very surprised and touched by this donation,” explained Kerry Koontz, CARES Program Coordinator at St. Luke’s Magic Valley. “The backpacks will bring excitement and joy to children who are experiencing a really hard time in their lives. What makes this so special is that each individual Girl Scout thoughtfully put together backpacks with items that they realize will bring comfort to another child. That is a wonderful gift of humanity. We sincerely appreciate the work the Girl Scouts invested in this project.”

Local Girl Scouts spent the entire month of March collecting toiletries such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and shampoo, as well as puzzles, books, markers, toy cars and other comfort items for the backpacks.

“Girl Scouts is a community partner and believes service to others is a core human virtue. Through this special service project, girls are helping to make the world a better place for children who are in immediate need,” states Jo Beecham, CEO of the Silver Sage Council.

If you would like to support ongoing efforts of the “Make the World a Better Place” project, call 377-2011. Donated items or funds will support projects within the regions of the Silver Sage Council.

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