Girl Scouts of Colorado *Kits for Kids Troop Guide*

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Dear Girl Scouts:

THANK YOU for choosing to support Project C.U.R.E. by participating in our **Kits for Kids** program. **Kits for Kids** will provide the Girl Scouts with the opportunity to improve the lives of children worldwide. This is a great hands-on way to act locally and give back globally.

The goal of **Kits for Kids** is to provide simple hygiene products and medical supplies to families in developing countries. More than 6.9 million children under five years of age died in 2011; nearly 800 every hour. 58 percent of these deaths are caused by infectious diseases. A **Kits for Kids** bag contains items to help parents treat children's symptoms and minor illnesses.

Kits for Kids is a program of Project C.U.R.E. (www.projectcure.org), a non-profit organization founded in 1987, the world's largest distributor of donated medical supplies to communities across the globe, touching the lives of patients, families and children in more than 130 countries.

Following is information on how to participate in the **Kits for Kids** program, along with helpful ideas and resources.

If you have questions about the program or Project C.U.R.E., please feel free to use the contact below.

Thank you for your support!
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Kits for Kids & Global Action Award

Kits for Kids is a simple community service project that provides Girl Scouts with the opportunity to "make the world a better place." **Kits for Kids** reflects many of the objectives in the Girl Scout Journey series, *It's Your World, Change It!* and also aligns with the Girl Scouts Global Action Award.

The Girl Scouts Global Action award, developed in partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), is an exciting and enriching way for Girl Scout Daisies to Ambassadors to participate in realizing the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which aim to reduce extreme poverty and impact major world concerns by 2015.

The alliance between WAGGGS and the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals embraces WAGGGS's mission of empowering girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as engaged and responsible global citizens. Around the world there are 145 WAGGGS member organizations, of which GSUSA is one, serving girls in wide-ranging "Scouting "endeavors. The eight United Nations' Millennium Development Goals are:

1. Ending hunger and poverty
2. Education opens doors
3. Empowering girls
4. Helping children survive
5. Keeping mothers healthy
6. Preventing diseases
7. Saving the planet
8. Promoting peace through partnership

By earning the Global Action award, girls can learn in a fun and educational way, about serious issues affecting global communities. Each Girl Scout who completes activities will join in WAGGGS' international movement of 10 million girls who, together, are sowing the seeds of social change. The Global Action award offers girls an opportunity to *advocate for themselves and others, both locally and globally*—one of the five national Take Action outcomes.

The Global Action award is designed to complement GSUSA's national leadership Journeys and reinforces the same leadership goals of: **discovering** oneself and one's values; **connecting** via teamwork with other members and by reaching out to the local and global communities; and **taking action** to improve the world.

*How does **Kits for Kids** make a difference?*

Hygiene products and basic medicine cabinet items are often scarce in the developing world. If a child gets hurt, families might have to travel a long distance by bicycle, bus or even on foot to receive care at the nearest hospital or medical clinic.

Project C.U.R.E. developed the **Kits for Kids** program to provide parents and children in developing countries with supplies they need to help treat their child's symptoms and illnesses. This small but powerful package contains basic items such as soap, hand sanitizer, pain reliever, adhesive bandages and bug bite lotion in a reusable **Kits for Kids** bag.

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How to Get Involved

Kits for Kids is Easy as 1-2-3-4-5!
Here's how the **Kits for Kids** program works:

1) Request Kits for Kids Bags
- Request as many as you'd like to fill!

2) Pay $5 Donation per Kit
- Shipping & processing donations can be made by making the donations online ($5 per Kit) prior to receiving the bag. Please visit the Project C.U.R.E. donations page here.

3) Fill your Kit(s) with the following items:

Junior acetaminophen tablets
Junior ibuprofen tablets
Box of adhesive bandages
Triple antibiotic ointment
1% hydrocortisone cream
Toothbrushes (min. 4)
Hand sanitizer (travel size)
Elastic bandage
Safety pins
Sling
Dressing tape
Comb
Facial tissues (travel size)
Blunt scissors
Tweezers

*Please include all items above

4) Drop Kits
- Drop Kit at the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse:

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5) Track Kits!
- Find out where your Kit will land by using the bag tag on the Kit.

Where will my Kits land?

Once packed, the Kits for Kids are then shipped, along with other medical supplies and equipment, in Project C.U.R.E.'s cargo containers to developing countries. This is a great opportunity to learn about global issues and how Girl Scouts can make a difference. Here is a list of some of the countries served by Project C.U.R.E. --

Argentina	Belize	Burkina Faso	Chile	China
Colombia	Cuba	Ethiopia	Ghana	Haiti
India	Jordan	Kenya	Lebanon	Malawi
Mexico	Nigeria	Peru	Thailand	Zambia

For a complete list, please click here.

What if we can't afford the $5 processing fee for our ***Kits for Kids****?*

Consider working together as a troop to raise money for your processing fees. You can have a bake sale, car wash or find someone willing to help sponsor your kits. You can also involve family and friends in the **Kits for Kids** program by asking them to consider donating an item (or two) from the list of suggested medical/hygiene items to be included in each Kit. Remember that when you are representing Girl Scouts you can't directly fundraise for another organization, but you can raise funds for your troop to help the cause, and use those funds to purchase items or put toward the $5 process fee.

Be sure to tell your family and friends why you are doing the program and what a difference it will make to those in need!

Helpful Resources:

1. Brief description of Project C.U.R.E.'s Kits for Kids Program.
2. A list of countries where Project C.U.R.E. has provided medical relief.
3. Three minute video about Project C.U.R.E.
4. Global Action Award Requirements.