



\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

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**Interfaith families receive big blanket donation from Girl Scouts and Sleep Experts**

*Executives to reveal total items collected during Blanket Drive for DFW homeless shelters*

**DALLAS** – Homeless families receiving assistance at Interfaith Housing Coalition will receive a holiday gift of warmth when the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and local retailer Sleep Experts deliver loads of blankets, sheets, comforters and pillows donated by the North Texas community during the Sleep Experts Share the Warmth Blanket Drive.

Now in its ninth year, Share the Warmth continues to gain momentum thanks to increased participation from the Girl Scouts. Based on early estimates, more than 2,000 girls from the Northeast Texas and Texas Oklahoma Plains councils have earned a Share the Warmth patch this year. All items collected will be distributed to Interfaith in Dallas, as well as The Samaritan Inn in Collin County and Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30am CT

**WHERE:** Interfaith Housing Coalition - 5600 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75206. Media may park in main lot on Ross between Hope and Matilda.

**WHO:** Approximately 20 Girl Scouts  
Kimberly Williams, CEO of Interfaith Housing Coalition  
Christine Cook, President of Sleep Experts

**WHAT:** Girl Scouts and volunteers will unload and sort donated blankets. Executives from Interfaith and Sleep Experts will make brief remarks, announce total items collected, and present community service patches to the girls. Executives and select Girl Scouts will be available for interviews.

**About Interfaith Housing Coalition**

Interfaith is a faith-based agency that helps working poor families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. For more information visit [www.ihcdallas.org](http://www.ihcdallas.org).

**About Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas**

Girl Scouts is the premiere leadership organization and is the largest pipeline for female leadership. For information visit [www.gsnetx.org](http://www.gsnetx.org).

**About Sleep Experts**

Sleep Experts, a mattress retailer with 48 locations in North Texas and Austin, shares the gift of sleep with families in need by donating customers' old mattresses to local non-profit organizations. For more information, visit [www.sleepexperts.com](http://www.sleepexperts.com).

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