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Girl Scouts Donate more than 7,500 Masks to Essential Workers in Middle Tennessee

NASHVILLE, TENN. – May 22, 2020 – From companies adjusting production lines to create personal protective equipment to seamstresses across Middle Tennessee sewing cloth masks at home, people are stepping up to help equip those on the frontlines of COVID-19 and Girl Scouts are no exception.

Last month, Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (GSMIDTN) launched "<u>Mission: Mask Making</u>" with a goal to record 5,000 donated masks and an opportunity for girls to earn a patch for any masks sewn by May 22. After mask donation submissions came pouring in, GSMIDTN increased the goal to 7,500.

One Girl Scout took the challenge to heart, sewing more than 450 masks herself.

"My mom talked to me about the virus, and she told me about how the hospitals were starting to run out of masks. So, I decided I wanted to make masks!" shares Felicity Owen, a Cadette from Troop 1996. "We ended up making them for lots of people – hospitals, pediatricians, pharmacies, friends, and family."

To date, more than 200 Girl Scouts like Felicity have made and donated over 7,500 masks to organizations in Middle Tennessee, and the challenge isn't over yet! To learn more about GSMIDTN's Mission: Mask Making program, visit <u>gsmidtn.org/masks</u>.

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Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (GSMIDTN) serves more than 14,000 girls in 39 counties across Middle Tennessee. GSMIDTN strives to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how you can be involved in Girl Scouts, visit <u>www.gsmidtn.org</u>.