

Good morning.

Welcome to everyone, including representatives from the Viking Council of the Boy Scouts and Hunger Solutions Minnesota.

I'm glad I could be part of this today, because this is a very important issue we're talking about.

In fact, what could be more important than feeding the people of our state?

I'm told that one in 18 Minnesotans uses our food shelves, and half of those people are children.

The food shelves rely heavily on contributions from private individuals and organizations. They simply cannot get by without those people and groups helping out.

So today we're recognizing the efforts of our local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in their recently completed Scouting for Food drive.

20,000 scouts and their families participated, and they collected an amazing amount of food to help our food shelves.

So right now I'm going to turn it over to some scouts who are going to make a presentation and let us know just how much food we're talking about.