



The Little Free Pantry created by now sixth graders in Girl Scout Troop #6525 has a sign on the side: "Take What You Need - Give What You Can."

West L.A. Girl Scout Troop Installs Little Free Pantry

Girl Scout Troop #6525 from West L.A. earned their Bronze Award by building a Little Free Pantry. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout, who is in the fourth or fifth grade, can achieve.

To earn the award, the girls had to complete a service project with at least 20 hours of work dedicated to it. They decided to help people who may be facing food insecurity due to the current COVID pandemic. They approached St. John's Presbyterian Church with their idea and requested permission to host the pantry on their property.

With enthusiastic support from St. John's, the neighborhood HOA, and construction help from parent Randy Saumers, the girls started working on the pantry. They

shopped for materials, learned how to use power tools, painted, poured concrete, and successfully installed the pantry at the end of August.

Almost all of the initial discussions happened over Zoom, and the troop was happy to be able to meet in-person to work on the pantry over the past summer. The girls will continue to stock the pantry and care for it in the coming months.

Neighbors are encouraged to donate items or take something if they are in need.

The pantry is located across the street from Clover Ave Elementary at 11020 Clover Ave. For more information or questions, please contact gslatroup6525@gmail.com.

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