Julia Burks, Battlefield High School student, Girl Scout

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Connie Moser, Nights at the Round Table

Host of The Nights at the Round Table, Chair of the Neabsco Action Alliance (link), and member of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce Connie Moser sat down this week with Julia Burks, member of the Girl Scouts and student at Battlefield High School.

Julia Burks, a freshman at Battlefield High School is also a member of the Girl Scouts. As a member of the Girl Scouts, Julia has made a commitment to help the hungry children in the Manassas community through the Girl Scout Gold Award project. The Gold Award project, which started this past spring provides weekend food packs for the students in need at Alvey Elementary school in Haymarket, Virginia.

"Julia discovered, through research and conversations with organizers of a Manassas weekend food program, that despite living in the seventh most affluent county in the nation, children go hungry on the weekends and arrive at school hungry on Monday mornings. The city's program, Manassas Backpack Snack Attack, is now in its third year of providing weekend meals to 42 students in the city's public schools." - Cindy Brookshire, PrinceWilliamToday.com

"Julia has partnered with the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, The Sound Church, St. Katharine Drexel Mission, The Haymarket Bicycle Shop and other Girl Scout troops in her service unit. She has also received a "What Will You Bring to the Table?" grant from generationOn, the youth division of Points of Light Institute to support her project."- Cindy Brookshire, PrinceWilliamToday.com

"Donating food to a local food pantry is one way to help," said Julia Burks. "There are others. Kids can wear orange, the color for hunger awareness. Parents can call **1-866-527-1087** and ask their senators and congressmen and women to protect programs that feed kids." The toll free number is provided by Feeding America.

For more information on Julia Burks' Gold Award Project, contact Strong at <u>FoodforAlvey@gmail.com</u>.

Julia has also teamed up with Haymarket Regional Food Pantry to help raise awareness.