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Eagle Scout Presents Check To Parish For Animal Shelter Operations

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GONZALES – An Ascension Parish Eagle Scout raised \$814 from donations he collected for a service project and presented it to Parish President Tommy Martinez to go towards the parish’s Animal Shelter.

Troop 65 Eagle Scout Shelby Savoy presented the check during the parish council meeting on March 20.

“I wanted to bring awareness to the Animal Shelter and I asked the public to bring donations, money or things to bring,” Savoy said. “I got \$814, 366 pounds of dog food, 60 pounds of cat food, 58 pet blankets, seven pet beds, 32 toys, 23 cat toys, 13 cat scratchers and one box of kitty litter.”

Savoy is the son of Bart and DeShay Savoy of Gonzales and a St. Amant High School junior. He has been in scouting for eight and a half years and the fund raising project was his final project to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

“Shelby reached his goal and did a wonderful job,” President Martinez said. “We’re very proud of him. We definitely need his donation because we have zero funds dedicated to the Animal Shelter. We are fortunate that we are able to keep our shelter open without dedicated funding.”

According to information from the Boy Scouts of America, only about 4 percent of all scouts earn the rank of Eagle. The scout must earn 21 merit badges, while also planning and carrying out a service project to benefit the community. In addition, the scout must have held a troop leadership position during his scouting tenure.

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The Eagle Scout candidate must undergo a rigorous board of review in which his district, council and troop leaders evaluate his “attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting.” Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout must happen before a boy’s 18th birthday.



Shown from left to right during the check presentation: Ascension Parish Health Department Director Kenny Matassa, DeShay Savoy, Shelby Savoy and Parish President Tommy Martinez.

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