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Girl Scouts, from left, Natalie, Riley, Jordan, Aly, and Tessa have fun filling Easter baskets for Winter Nights guests.

Girl Scout Troop 31881 enjoyed a meaningful evening of giving back to the community. On Friday, March 25, the Lafayette sixth graders and their mothers volunteered with the Winter Nights Program. In addition to helping to serve dinner, the girls in the troop shopped for Easter treats for the 17 children who were staying as Winter Nights guests at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church (MDUUC) in Walnut Creek. The Girl Scouts then assembled the baskets with age-appropriate treats and novelties for the children who ranged in age from 1 to 19. The baskets were a wonderful surprise on Easter morning.

This is the seventh year that MDUUC has hosted Winter Nights, utilizing 150 volunteers from March 15 to March 29 this year. The Winter Nights program is run by the Contra Costa County Interfaith Council's Social Justice Alliance. From October to May, congregations of all religions take

turns hosting a group of homeless families. More information is available at www.cccwinternights. org.

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