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Stephanie Bulanda is going on a mission trip through Girl Guides. Mike Bosta of the Lucan Pharmacy is generously giving a discount to those who want to donate medical supplies for the trip.

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Guide, pharmacist team up to help

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LUCAN - Ever wonder what the Girl Guides do with all that cookie money? Well, Stephanie Bulanda, a local girl guide, has been selected to go on a mission trip which is paid for by those treats.

As just one of 13 girls from across Ontario who will travel to the

Dominican Republic this summer, Bulanda is "excited and honoured" to have been selected for the trip. The 13 Girl Guides aren't going on vacation though, they are on a two week long mission trip. The mission is being planned by Power Trips Inc., which has done over 20 mission trips to the Dominican alone.

A key difference between these trips and other mission-style trips is that it focuses on empowerment rather than just doing work for people. This means that instead of having the thirteen guides build a school (which people in the Dominican could probably do) they will use abilities they have to help teach locals new skills that they can use for a life time. Stephanie, a Clandeboye native will be teaching English, doing arts and crafts, visiting a variety of sick and poor people, playing games with the children and helping out in a number of other tasks. While the

start of the trip is still a month away (1 July to be exact) Bulanda has already started to make a difference for the lives of countless children in the developing country. Working in conjunction with The Lucan Drug Mart, Bulanda has started an effort that will hopefully help dozens and maybe more. After speaking to her boss, the owner of the store Mike Bosta, the drug mart has agreed to donate some supplies to the trip.

Also a 10% discount on Rexall Childrens Cough Syrup, Antibiotic Ointment, Children's Vitamins and Cold and Flu medicine is being offered to those who would like to help out with the trip. Simply go to the Lucan Pharmacy, purchase one of these discounted items, then donate it to the mission trip where it could literally save lives. The antibiotic ointment you donate could prevent dozen of children from getting an infection. It has never been so easy to make a difference in someone's life.