



HIGHEST AWARDS YEARBOOK

Recognizing Orange County 2018 Highest Awards Girl Scouts:
Bronze Award Girl Scouts, Silver Award Girl Scouts, and Gold Award Girl Scouts

*Earned between
October 2017 - September 2018*





The Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in the world for girls.

Open to Girl Scouts in high school, this pinnacle of achievement recognizes girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership by tackling an issue they are passionate about – Gold Award Girl Scouts are community problem solvers who team up with others to create meaningful change through sustainable and measurable “Take Action” projects they design to make the world a better place.

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable changes in their communities and around the world by earning the Highest Award in Girl Scouting. Originally called the Golden Eagle of Merit and later, the Golden Eaglet, Curved Bar, First Class, and now the Girl Scout Gold Award, this esteemed accolade is a symbol of excellence, leadership, and ingenuity, and a testament to what a girl can achieve.

Girl Scouts who earn the Gold Award distinguish themselves in the college admissions process, earn scholarships from a growing number of colleges and universities across the country, and immediately rise one rank in any branch of the U.S. military. Many have practiced the leaderships skills they need to “go gold” by earning the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award for Girl Scout Cadettes in grade 6-8, and the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award for Girl Scout Juniors in grades 4-5. In addition, Gold Award Girl Scouts have the opportunity to apply for academic scholarships and recognition as a [National Gold Award Girl Scout](#), an honor given by Girl Scouts of the USA to 10 Gold Award Girl Scouts annually.

Over the years, the Girl Scout Gold Award has inspired nearly 3,000 Orange County Girl Scouts to find greatness within themselves and create sustainable solutions to issues they deeply care about. This year, **108** OC girls earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. These young women join a sisterhood of amazing women who have made a difference locally and globally and Girl Scouts of Orange County salutes these dedicated and determined young women for making the world a better place through their completion of the steps to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. The outstanding young women featured in this yearbook have demonstrated their courage, confidence, and character by leaving a lasting mark on society, changing the world forever and for better!



2017-2018 Gold Award Girl Scouts at the annual Girl Scouts of Orange County Recognition Event held at the Disneyland Hotel in June 2018: *(back row; left to right)* Olivia Massick, Jordan Lee, Kayla Yasuda, Jessica Sakamoto, Kristen Nguyen, Alisha Sehgal, Julia Qualls, Brianna Katsuda, Madeline Salvatierra, Shalini Rao, Katie Robinson, Arpa Boghazian *(third row; left to right)* Julia Offenberger, Aubrey Mills, Emily Pearce, Erin Tilley, Alyssa Sanford, Amy Leung, Aline Tusan, Lauren Gergens, Shelby Chickman, Gillian Ippoliti, Jennifer Nguyen, Vivian Dang, Allison Gardiner, Lauren Skinner *(second row; left to right)* Aleece Hanson, Maddison Zone, Jennifer Pippert, Natalie Bergler, Alexandra Geltman, Jamie Bald, CEO and First Class (Highest Award) Girl Scout Vikki Shepp, Cristina Chiappini, Rasneek Singh, Lauren Best, Caroline Calvano, Emily Fiduccia, Maya Kvesic *(front row, left to right)* Julianna Resong, Katie Nguyen, Elizabeth Benedict, Tatiana Knuf, Lucy Vu, Tiffany Nakamura, Sharleen Loh, Josilyn Grant, Linda Tang, Mikayla Winfery, Kristi Ryono

Content in this yearbook is aggregated from Bronze Award and Silver Award Report Forms and Gold Award Girl Scout profiles.



Girl Scouts of Orange County 2018 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Kalyn Amiri
Sarah Ando
Jillian Axton
Emily Baker
Jamie Bald
Sara Bassiri
Elizabeth Benedict
Brisa Bernal
Anushka Bhaskar
Malia Blackmun
Arpa Boghozian
Emma Botros
Katie Brubaker
Caroline Calvano
Tiên Chau
Christine Chen
Cristina Chiappini
Shelby Chickman
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Vivian Dang
Grace Dennen
Nisha Desai
Lyna Dinh
Dimitra Doiphode
Thuong Duong
Emily Fiduccia
Kelly Fowler
Allie Gardiner
Lauren Gergens
Catherine Grattan
Christina Grattan
Tiana Ha
Lauren Hamel
Aleece Hanson
Sarah Harwell
Eden Hawes
Keira Healy
Sabrina Horn

Jacqueline Hua
Charlenna Huynh
Claire Jacobs
Maya Jedrzejczak
Daania Kalam
Lauren Kettner
Tatiana Knuf
Kelly Kurtz
Maya Kvesic
Cassie Laird
Cindy Le
Rosa Le
Amy Leung
Jennifer Liu
Rosslyn Lyell
Sydney Mangus
Ashley Messineo
Aubrey Mills
Anna Moneymaker
Anh-Thy Nguyen
Grace Nguyen
Jennifer Nguyen
Katie Nguyen
Kristen Nguyen
Tran Nguyen
Vy Nguyen
Lauren O'Banion
Julia Offenberger
Kristine Okereke
Rebeca Oropeza
Emily Ozima
Shreya Pavani
Robin PhamTuong
Nina Phan
Nhu Phi
Jennifer Pippert
Laurie Quach
Mariam Razak

Katie Recker
Amber Reddish
Sarah Ricker
Olivia Rizzuto
Madeline Salvatierra
Alyssa Sanford
Nidhi Satyadev
Ashley Scanaliato
Sarah Schoenbaum
Alisha Sehgal
Rasneek Singh
Larissa Skelton
Lauren Skinner
Isabella Smith
Serena Starks
Ivy Ta
Linda Tang
Erin Tharp
Paige Thompson
Vivian Thong
Erin Tilley
Karyn Tindbaek
Hannah Tjoa
Jocelyn Tran
Tu Trinh
Aline Tusan
Taylor Van Rossum
Lauren Vinh
Lucy Vu
Annette Wissuchek
Monica Zmudzinski
Maddison Zone

*2017-2018 Girl Scout
membership year



H.E.A.T. Healthy Eating and Training

Health/Children's Issues: Nutrition/Mentoring

Partnered with: City of Anaheim

Kalyn Amiri

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 1022

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University/Teacher

Kaylyn created and conducted her H.E.A.T. Program to encourage children to have healthier eating habits and to exercise daily to decrease childhood obesity. To tackle this project, she developed a daily schedule including a warm up, an ice breaker game, an activity, a healthy fact, and game. She identified some key individuals who could advise her, including experts in health, exercise, and recreation. Kaylyn trained the Anaheim Community Services STARS Program Staff who will use the program to inspire children to have healthier lifestyles.

"As I worked on my Girl Scout Gold Award, I was excited to hear the feedback from the STARS staff members that the kids wanted to do the H.E.A.T. program. I am proud that my program was enjoyed by the kids, and I am hopeful that it will make a positive impact on improving the quality of life for children."



One Drop at a Time

Environment and Sustainability: Water Conservation

Partnered with: El Modena Nature Center

Sarah Ando

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 Wisteria

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School

Career Goal: Graphic Designer

With California still in drought, Sarah saw her chance to create a difference in her community. She sought out to help by educating the younger generation about the current drought, its effects, and the importance of conserving water. For her project she worked with the El Modena Nature Center, Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL), and various other groups within her school to bring a lesson plan geared towards 5th Graders to life. The lesson plan was then turned into a field trip where the groups within in the school paired up with the students to learn to be water-wise.

"When trying to achieve a goal, one must learn and discover efficient communication among a strong team, flexibility within plans, and a passion that fires motivation. Through achieving my Girl Scout Gold Award, I have learned all these valuable skills, and I strongly encourage others to find the skills within themselves to achieve their goals."



Best Buddies

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Isaac Sowers Middle School

Jillian Axton

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1313

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Point Loma Nazarene University (Education)/Teacher

Jillian began a program to minimize the barrier between mainstream students and students with disabilities. She chose this project because she is passionate about having an impact in the lives of youth with disabilities. Societal stereotypes often create a barrier between children with disabilities and mainstream children. Her project addressed the barrier by bringing both groups together every month to interact. Her project benefited both groups. Jillian's project will have an impact on the school and in the community as these children begin to displace stereotypes society gives about people with disabilities. Her project will be sustained through the special needs department at Isaac Sowers Middle School.

"Through this project, I have strengthened my skills of communication and leadership. I was given the opportunity to teach others how to lead and how to put aside their differences and communicate with one another. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has taught me that I have the power to start making the changes society needs."

Music and Concerts for All!

Disability: Access

Partnered with: Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center

Emily Baker

South Coast Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 1440

Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Music/Psychology)/
Music Therapist

Emily's Girl Scout Gold Award project brought the joy of listening to classical music to children with physical and/or economic disabilities. Students participated in a series of music lessons designed to familiarize them with programmatic music (music that tells a story). She also helped students understand the basic expectations for an audience (being a quiet and appreciative listener). Her students attended a concert at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa. Emily's goal was to help students understand classical music and to share in the joy of hearing a live musical performance.

"I have learned that teaching requires a great deal of leadership and confidence. The most enjoyable part of my project was bringing my students to the Segerstrom Performing Arts Center to see the Orange County School of the Arts Season Finale. The Segerstrom Center is such an important and vibrant performance venue. Being able to provide this experience to the students was fantastic."



Promoting Literacy

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Canine Literacy Program of the Orange County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals & Oka Elementary School

Jamie Bald

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 458

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Elementary School Teacher or Principal

Jamie's love for animals and 3rd grade dog-reading experience led her to help the Title 1 Oka Elementary School for her Gold. She connected with Barbara Murphy of the OCSPCA Canine Literacy Program and implemented the 6 week CLP in Mrs. Gutierrez's 3/4 combo class. This helped students improve oral language skills, fluency, and comprehension. Surveys/reading assessments showed most students had increased confidence reading out loud to their peers after the CLP. Jamie then implemented a K/3rd weekly Reading Buddies program to further build confidence reading aloud, and organized a Mesa Verde Library Dog-Reading Day for community reading resource awareness.



"Throughout my Gold Award, I have developed my leadership skills, communication skills, and have learned how to present myself to varying age groups. I saw the confidence gained from reading to dogs, and now also understand the power of a prize for third graders. The teachers I worked with showed me how to lead with a purpose and with passion. Without the people I worked with, I definitely wouldn't be where I am today."

Dream for the Stars

Children's Issues/Education: Mentoring/Career Training

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim, Schools

Sara Bassiri

Northeast Region: Orange Villa Service Unit, Troop 1733

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Sara saw the need for a more empowered generation of young girls. She took action by creating her Dream for the Stars Workshop at the Boys and Girls Club-Anaheim. Sara believed that through education and application each girl would walk out of the workshop more self-confident than ever before. Each week she taught a new leadership skill and engaged them with fun activities utilizing that week's skill. Following that day's workshop, each girl wrote what they had learned, filling a board with inspirational thoughts. After every workshop, the girls would come pouring in demanding, "Is it girl power day again?"



"As I spent numerous hours teaching the young girls leadership skills, I, myself, became a better leader. Not only did I teach them, but they taught me the importance of sisterhood and respect for oneself as well as others. The ambition of these girls to be their best and inspired me to continue my effort to better my community and world by reaching out, because every new smile goes a mile."



Monarch Butterfly Waystations

*Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces
Partnered with: The Monarch Butterfly Society*

Elizabeth Benedict

Central Coast Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Troop 897
Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Environmental Scientist

Elizabeth chose to make Monarch Butterfly waystations for the environment concerns for the Monarch Butterflies and their integral part in our ecosystem. Elizabeth's project objective was to assist the Monarch Butterflies through their migration from Mexico to Canada, and on their way to Canada they need places that they can naturally lay their eggs and eat from milkweed plants. Southern California is a hub for Monarch Butterflies because of the natural growing milkweed and pollinator plants that support the Monarch's diet. Each site where Elizabeth planted Monarch Butterfly waystations, involved a group of different volunteers. Participants learn to build their own waystations during their tenure volunteering. Elizabeth's project will be sustained beyond her involvement because of the generosity of The Monarch Butterfly Society, Bee Club, and Gardening/Ecology Club of the Orange County School of the Arts.

"I learned positive values, gained practical life skills, sought challenges in the world, and developed critical thinking throughout the process of building my Monarch Butterfly Waystations. I gained these leadership skills working hard to produce a waystation that not only is helpful to the environment, but beautifies the natural area. I developed healthy relationships, promoted cooperation/ team building, resolve products, and felt more connected to my community. I developed these skills by trial and error throughout my Gold Award process in every aspect of my project, from finding better paint for the tires to bringing together a variety of people in the community to create these waystations."



Blossoming Friendships

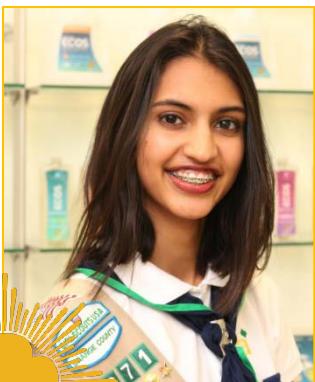
*Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues
Partnered with: Commonwealth Elementary School*

Brisa Bernal

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 394 M.S.S. Sovereign
Girl Scout Ambassador, High Troy High School

Brisa refurbished a sensory garden on her old elementary school's campus for the purpose of facilitating interaction and the creation of friendships among students both with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. She worked closely with the best buddies club at her high school as well as the teachers and staff at Commonwealth Elementary School to develop a plan to make this refurbishment happen, including a budget and timeline. Brisa left the garden in the hands of the students, who will maintain it and use it to find common ground to collaborate and develop lasting friendships.

"In taking on a project like this, I learned that getting others involved is truly the best way to address an issue because it teaches you how to work as a team and collaborate to find the best solutions. Earning my Gold Award truly was the best way I could help others while doing something I was passionate about."



Special Needs, Special Love

*Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues
Partnered with: Balwant Rai Mehta School (Vidya Bhavan)*

Anushka Bhaskar

Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 871
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Harvard University/Doctor

I created a teacher training curriculum for special needs teachers/advocates in India after witnessing first hand (during a prior trip to India) the lack of resources for teachers that serve a 400+ special needs community. I worked with special needs teachers here in the US, who provide supplementary experiences online, and companies that provide accessibility ware to create a full curriculum for communities across North India that support special needs students and their families. Additionally, I orchestrated and oversaw the creation of a sensory room for special needs students and their teachers to use at the Balvantray Mehta School.

"As I worked to bring the resources from one community to another, I saw the power of collaboration and the willingness to work for the greater good can bring change in a community. Over the course of my work, I found that true leadership lay in listening to the need of those I was serving as a servant leader."

Community Outreach Dance Program

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts
Partnered with: Los Alamitos High School Dance

Malia Blackmun

Central Coast Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent
Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Brigham Young University (Business)

I wanted to bring awareness to the community regarding changes adopted by LAUSD regarding freshman physical education options. These changes occurred at the end of my freshman year. The Dance Program classes at LAHS were no longer counted as P.E credits for incoming freshman the following year. This drastically affected program enrollment. My goal for my project was to provide a dance clinic to younger students on a continual basis to get them excited about the dance program and provide them something to look forward to in high school. This dance clinic is now being offered semi-annually with great success.

"This project has taught me that with hard work and dedication, great things can happen. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to lead at such a young age. I know that my leadership skills will continue to develop/strengthen as I continue with my education, enter the work place, volunteer in my community, and help and lead in church. It is rewarding to see younger kids excited about participating in the dance program."



Green Thumb

Environment and Sustainability: Farming
Partnered with: Senior Centers and Kiwanis Club of Edison High School

Arpa Boghozian

Central Region: Newport Mesa Service Unit, Troop 2618
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Director for Sustainable Agricultural Corporation

Arpa aimed to increase elderly participation in recreational garden activities and provided educational lectures about environmental awareness. In 2017, the curriculum was presented to four senior centers, each group consisting of 15-30 individuals, and the Kiwanis club of Edison High School will carry forth the lectures for years to come. In addition, the building of the raised beds will aid in better planning of the small plots and provide accessibility so that more seniors may participate in efforts of sustainable gardening.

"I was amazed at the success of the project and how it bridged the gap between high school students and the elderly over the common topic of sustainability. I learned that the hours spent planning and coordinating a project rewards itself in the final outcome. I hope that I can continue educating communities about sustainability through the continuation of this project and through my own passion for environmental sustainability."



Homeless not Hopeless

Poverty/Education: Homelessness
Partnered with: Mercy House Living Centers

Emma Botros

Central Region: Newport Mesa Service Unit, Troop 2618 Belle Navire
Girl Scout Ambassador, Newport Harbor High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Orange Coast College/Oregon State University (Bio Health)/Physician and help the homeless

Emma started the Homeless not Hopeless Club at Newport Harbor High School to share her passion for helping the homeless with her fellow students. She wanted to provide opportunities for students to meet homeless people and see that most are just people who have found themselves in very bad situations. To tackle her project, Emma held meetings during lunch where she explained the causes of homelessness and how to help. Emma took her students to homeless shelters in Orange County to see for themselves the importance of helping and maybe discover their own passions for helping the homeless as well.

"As I led my club activities at Newport Harbor, I learned that being a leader can be overwhelming, tough, and frustrating at times, but also extremely rewarding and fulfilling. I learned that I am very capable of being a leader and instructing other students. I also learned that I know a lot about homelessness and it makes me happy to share this passion with others."





A Chance to Dance Given by Dancers

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: San Juan Hills High School Dance Team/Mission Basilica

Katie Brubaker

South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 528

Girl Scout Ambassador, San Juan Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: International Relations

Katherine created a dance program to encourage children who would not necessarily have the opportunity, to explore the art of dance, as well as provide a means of exercise, stress relief, self-expression, musicality, self-discipline and a strong work ethic. Katherine developed a dance curriculum, found space to hold the classes, purchased ballet barres, obtained volunteers from the local high school dance team to teach the program in week long summer camps and after school. The program intends to expose and inspire the children to pursue dance and be passionate about the arts.

"In exposing children who would not necessarily have a chance to learn the art form of dance, I learned that being passionate about something, is infectious and will inspire the community and volunteers to become involved. In completing my Girl Scout Gold Award Project, I learned that I have the necessary organizational and people skills as well as the flexibility to not only make a project sustainable, but to go beyond my initial expectations for the project once the community saw its benefits."



The Hope House

Children's Issues/Health: Mentoring/Mental Health

Partnered with: El Toro High School

Caroline Calvano

South County Region: Rancho Portola Service Unit, Troop 168

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Toro High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Author

Caroline chose to address teenage anxiety and depression and increased suicide, anxiety, and depression rates in teens. The target audience was students at El Toro High School and her goal was to impact the lives of her fellow students through her project. The impact was measured by the results of two surveys to the teachers. The project will continue at the school with bins and murals installed permanently and younger Girl Scouts who will help to keep the project going.

"I learned to delegate tasks and let it go when people don't hold up their end of the deal, because I know there are other people I can trust to get the job done. I learned to consider others' feelings, lives, and responsibilities. Lastly, I learned how to work diligently and consistently without getting overwhelmed, something that was aided by my delegation."



Senior Citizen Elimination on Abandonment and Loneliness

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Senior Serv

Tiên Chau

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Cypress High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Nuclear Power School (Medical/Engineer)

Tiên's project addressed the issue of senior loneliness and abandonment. She organized students to volunteer at different centers to spend time with the seniors. Students were able to learn more about the senior citizens and see that every product they helped organize, or every chance they had to help them in person, made a big difference in their lives and reduced loneliness.

"I worked weekly with school students to address the issue of senior loneliness and abandonment. I am able to learn more about the living style of senior citizens and see that every product we helped organize, or every chance we got to help them in person, made every little difference in an elder's life of senior loneliness and abandonment. Seniors stated that they want to get their grandchildren to join this club in order to help their social life."

Preserving Memories for Alzheimer's Patients

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: Alzheimer's Family Center

Christine Chen

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1288
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Christine's project was aimed to bring awareness to the increasing rate of patients with Alzheimer's in the country. To complete this project, she worked closely with the Alzheimer's Family Center. Christine conducted multiple workshops and distributed brochures to various age groups on how to creating themed remembrance books to help Alzheimer patients remember and preserve their memories. The workshops were tailored to "train the trainer" so one could run their own workshop, thus sustaining this project to reach many more patients in other facilities. At the end of the project, Christine donated fourteen themed books to the center.



"By completing my Girl Scout Gold Award, I gained strong leadership and communication skills from teaching multiple workshops. It was rewarding to help patients tap into past memories, which can help them reminisce and preserve their memories. The books also created a personal connection with loved ones by stimulating dialogue between family members and patients. I feel grateful to have spread awareness about the Alzheimer's disease and positively affect hundreds of lives."

Good Food, Healthy Habits

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Fit Body Boot Camp

Cristina Chiappini

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 330 Aku Aku
Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Iona College (Business)/CEO for a major corporation

Cristina's goal is to share her love of eating food that is good for the body and an active lifestyle. Cristina had a group of the fitness club owner, her on staff nutritionist and an independent chef and together they held a 30-45 min series of classes with nutritional info and healthy food options disguised through fun and games. Cristina also got in contact with a 4th grade teacher who did and will continue to present her lesson which teaches the kids to read nutrition labels and make healthy snacks.



"I learned how to plan meetings, assign people jobs, and time management. We had some obstacles, but I learned how to be flexible and work around them. This project allowed me to realize that I am able to work around road blocks and still get the final project finished without problems."

Vikings for a Better World

Children's Issues/Environment and Sustainability: Mentoring

Partnered with: Sowers Middle School

Shelby Chickman

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1313
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Southern California/Geneticist

Shelby started an after-school club to teach middle school students about sustainability and how to live greener lives. She wanted to teach them simple life practices that they could start now and use forever. To help with this, she created a team of like-minded partners to help lead the class and teach the activities. Shelby went to the local middle school with this project and had a full class each week. The class was passed down to a younger classman who is excited to lead the next generation.



"When working with these younger students, I realized how much I enjoy teaching and it helped strengthen my leadership skills. I was taught patience by some of the more energetic students and this project showed me what I am capable of. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has strengthened my love for teaching and my desire to build a better world."



Library Expedition

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Westminster Branch Library

Helen Dang

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 21004 Lien Doan Bach Dang Giang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Career Goal: Civil Litigation Lawyer

Helen worked with a team of volunteers to create Reading Level Book Logs that categorized over 800 books by the reading levels of three popular reading programs used by local elementary schools in Orange County. She distributed these book logs to Westminster Branch Library as a new resource that children could use to determine their appropriate correct reading level. She also hosted the Library Expedition during which children enjoyed games promoting literacy and learned about the various resources the library has to offer to further their academic progress. Her project will be continued by the Children's Services Librarian.

"The ten months I spent carrying out my Girl Scout Gold Award to give back to the community were also the ten months I spent developing some of the most important life skills. As my volunteers and I collaborated in efforts to promote literacy, I strengthened my communication and delegation skills. After completing the Library Expedition, I came to realize that anyone can make a difference in their community if they are passionate enough."



Food Waste for Thought

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: CallRecycle

Vivian Dang

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 21004 Lien Doan Bach Dang Giang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Pediatrician

Vivian chose to raise awareness about food waste and food waste diversion because she learned that many restaurants in her community, especially Vietnamese owned restaurants, produced a lot of food waste. She created, translated, and distributed brochures that contained information on how restaurants could reduce the amount of food waste they generated. Vivian was able to reach out to 30 local restaurants and 3 different trash hauling companies. These trash hauling companies will continue to distribute the brochures to restaurants who need them.

"As I worked with several different community organizations to address the issue of food waste in my community, I learned how important networking and having strong communication skills can be. Through my Gold Award, I have become more connected to my Vietnamese community and have discovered a new passion for inspiring others to reduce food waste in any way possible."



Less Stress More Success for High School Students

Children's Issues/Education: Mentoring

Partnered with: San Juan Hills High School

Grace Dennen

South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 2249

Girl Scout Ambassador, San Juan Hills High School

Career Goal: Biologist

Grace's main focus was to help reduce stress for high school students through tutoring, counseling, and study materials. NHS will maintain the new tutoring program. The school psychologists, will be available for all SJHHS students five days a week from 7:30-3pm. The "Counselor's Corner" on the school website has been updated with useful information about stress management. The AP review book exchange will be overseen by a current Junior at the school with the help from NHS and the Social Science Department.

"As I worked on my Girl Scout Gold Award project at my high school, it gave me an opportunity to look inward and learn to be less concerned what other people thought of me. It taught me to do what it right, not necessarily what is comfortable. I know that in the future I will have more confidence when trying new things."

Summer STEM Camp

STEM: Technology

Partnered with: Fullerton School District

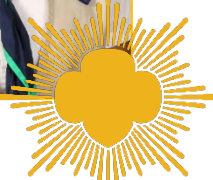
Nisha Desai

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Sunny Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles/Math Teacher

Nisha created a week long STEM Camp in order to address the lack of exposure to practical applications of STEM in her community for elementary aged students. Because children are constantly bombarded with technology in every aspect of their lives, she sought to provide an outlet for them to use their STEM knowledge to inspire positive change—by coding apps to help the community. Collaborating with a local school district and a Computer Science major from UCLA, Nisha hosted the camp with a team of high school students to assist her and who will continue to conduct this camp annually.



"Conducting this STEM camp provided me with the skills necessary to carry out a project and lead a team, including responsibility and dedication. Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award has fomented my desire to pursue a future career in mentoring children and inspiring them to always strive to reach their full potential."

Mental Illness in the Youth of Today

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club

Lyna Dinh

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu

Girl Scout Ambassador, Bolsa Grande High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Neurology

Lyna presented to the Boys and Girls Club at her high school about what depression was and some of the possible treatments for depression. She reached out to her school's Friday Night Live club to obtain information necessary for her project and to continue her project after she leaves. She also asked her journalism team for help with a flyer she made, filled with the possible resources of depression. Lyna focused on depression because of the stigma surrounding the mental illness and the number of people that do not get treatment for depression.



"I learned how to interact with others and ask for help when I need it. I also learned how to speak with confidence and the appropriate times to be caring or assertive. After earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I learned that with some help, I could create a small change that could greatly impact another's life. This project has inspired me to speak up and defend people who are not able to defend themselves."

Earth Week

Health/Environment and Sustainability: Global Health

Partnered with: NHS Environmental Club, Irvine Unified School District, Youth Action Team

Dimitra Doiphode

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1214

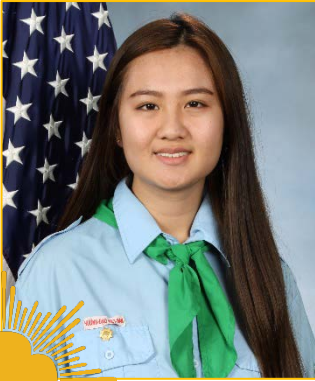
Girl Scout Ambassador, Northwood High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Computer Science)/Computer Engineer

Dimitra created Northwood High School's first Earth Week, through the school's Environmental Club, which consisted of educational activities to teach students about how to live a more sustainable life by making changes to benefit their own health, as well as, the environment. Dimitra also conducted environmental trivia and plant-making at two other schools to encourage students to learn more about the environment and become interested in caring for the planet. Her project will be sustained as an annual event by the school's Environmental Club as well and it has also been proposed to be implemented throughout Irvine Unified School District.



"The process of earning my Girl Scout Gold Award helped me improve as a leader as I persevered through obstacles and collaborated with various individuals and groups to reach my goals and, most importantly, benefit the community. This project has also inspired me to continue working on environmental issues as a member of my college's (Cal State Fullerton) Environmental Sustainability Commission."



Unplanned Pregnancy Awareness Seminar

Health/Education: Global Health

Partnered with: Women's Health Care Clinic

Thuong Duong

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 2506 Lien Doan Thang Long

Girl Scout Ambassador, Marina High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Irvine/Dermatologist

Thuong raised the awareness to the youth (age 13-19) and their parents about the harms of unwanted teenage pregnancy; such as the interference from education, contraceptive failures, shock, depression, and higher chances of illness for the baby. As today's teens are faced with incredible pressures to be sexually active, Thuong has chosen to implement an educational seminar. The seminar provided knowledge about human sexuality and reproduction in order for the teens to have a better understanding of the world around them.

"Coming out of my project, I learned that nothing in life is easy. Although planning and putting together my project was challenging and strenuous, I did the best I could and by putting together my team, I was able to put my project into action. I learned that even if there are many obstacles ahead, there will also be people beside me who are always willing to help."



I'm Better When I'm Dancing!

Arts, Culture, and Heritage/Health: Performing Arts/Fitness/
Mental Health

Partnered with: Fulton Middle School

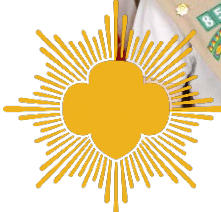
Emily Fiduccia

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 24 Rising Stars

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Chapman University (Applied Human Physiology)/Dancer/
Physical Therapist

After experiencing firsthand how different high school is from middle school, Emily decided to host a three-day workshop for middle school students to show how dance can help to relieve stress and aide in the transition from middle school to high school.



Colette House Activity Room and Art Nights

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Colette House

Kelly Fowler

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 859 Odyssey

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Kelly created an art room out of a storage room and hosted monthly art nights at the Colette House, an organization that takes in homeless women and children. At the transitional home, the mothers often have serious conversations with case managers that are not fit for their children to hear. By transforming the old and cluttered storage room into an activity room, Kelly had made a place the children could go to while their mothers dealt with adult business. With recruits from Saints Simon and Jude Church, Kelly was able to teach the children valuable life skills, lessons, and interaction skills.

"After working nonstop with family, volunteers, and children, I learned how to be resourceful and helpful in busy or chaotic times, as well as learning valuable life and communication skills. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can make a difference and inspire others to make a change."

Bringing Baseball to Juarez, Mexico

Sports: Underprivileged Kids

Partnered with: Ministerio De Restauracion Mahanaim

Allison Gardiner

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 1855

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Texas at Arlington/Computer Programmer/
Professional Softball Player

Allie felt that God put this project idea on her heart while talking with her pastor. Juarez is known as an incredibly dangerous, impoverished city. Children often have to take care of themselves and their younger siblings from a very young age. Because of this, most children drop out of school by the end of 6th grade, if not earlier. Allie felt that by starting this league, it would give the kids a safe environment and passion away from their home and school lives. Her church's sister church, Ministerios de Restauracion Mahanaim, agreed to continue the program beyond her involvement.



"When you feel God put something on your heart, go for it with everything you have. He will be with you through it all. But be humble in everything you achieve, giving Him the glory. Everything you accomplish is God working through you. He will empower you in everything He asks you to do; be an obedient servant of Him and He will reward you."

Building a Better Body by Bowling

Health: Fitness

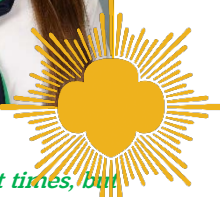
Partnered with: Fountain Bowl

Lauren Gergens

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 458

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Lauren addressed the issue of the physical and mental health of teenagers. In recent years, technology has advanced at a rapid rate and grasped the attention of many young adults. The games and the screens they give their attention to are detrimental to their health both physically and mentally. No longer is exercise a part of daily living, but teens are also not working out their brains. By creating a bowling club, Lauren was able to provide two hours of exercise a week for teenagers in a technology free zone.



"Leadership is a labor of love when you are in a volunteer organization or position. It can be a burden at times, but ultimately, the fruits of your labor outweigh all the hardships and make all your hard work worthwhile. If serving is beneath you, leadership is beyond you." – Anonymous

T.A.S.E.P. for Seniors (Technology Assistance, Safety, Ergonomics, Psychology)

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

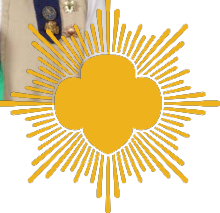
*Partnered with: Oakmont of Capriana Senior Living Facility,
Senior Citizens Club of Fullerton*

Catherine Grattan

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 164

Girl Scout Ambassador, Brea Olinda High School

Catherine chose this project because of the lack of technological knowledge possessed by senior citizens. She addressed the issue of senior citizens not being as active citizens in the 21st century as they could be. Senior citizens getting left behind as the world modernizes is a global phenomenon, with technology improving everywhere. In Orange County, Catherine and her 14 volunteers helped senior citizens at a senior center and living facility. She also had a crime analyst speak on cyber safety. Catherine's project will be continued by the Elders Media & Communications Club and other peers from her high school.



"Aiding senior citizens in technology helped me develop better communication, confidence, responsibility, patience, and perseverance. I've learned that regardless of age, I can communicate effectively with adults and that it doesn't take much but determination and communication to unite a group of people towards one cause. I have a desire to interact with senior citizens more as they thoroughly enjoyed talking to us and I realize now that being a senior citizen can be lonely."



Home Safety and Emergency Preparedness for Senior Citizens

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Brea Senior Center

Christina Grattan

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 164

Girl Scout Ambassador, Brea Olinda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Biola University/Nonprofit Management or Tourism

Christina created an Emergency Prep and Decluttering program because she noticed how seniors live in unsafe crowded conditions. She cared about their well-being and reached out to her local senior center. By working with city workers, businesses and non-profits she was able to get the resources to start this life-changing program. Each week, fifty seniors learned valuable information about fire safety and disaster awareness. Christina got volunteers together to help seniors clear a pathway and declutter their homes. The center and a contractor from her church are continuing the program and they are excited to further develop it.

"My leadership skills have radically improved. I am no longer afraid to contact corporations and businesses. I am so excited to do my best to change the world! I want my project to inspire others to achieve the unthinkable because it can be done. Don't be afraid to take risks. You will never know what amazing things you are capable of unless you push your limits and give it your all."



Exploring Art

Arts, Culture and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Rainbow Art and the Bruggemeyer Library of Monterey Park

Tiana Ha

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 963 Liên Đoàn Quang Trung-Ngọc Hồi

Girl Scout Ambassador, Mark Keppel High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Pharmacist or Optometrist

Tiana created "Exploring Art," a program dedicated to encouraging a positive view of art by helping people realize its benefits and necessity. Tiana collaborated with a local art school to plan a course in which students learn how to express themselves using different art mediums. She also provided them with a chance to share their stories with their community through an art display. Tiana left art supplies, brochures about the benefits of art, and sample lesson plans for the librarians, who agreed to collaborate with the art school in the future to continue encouraging the exploration of art.

"As I worked with the librarians, art instructors and teen participants, I learned better communication skills and was able to develop my problem solving abilities. Although many unexpected problems surfaced along the way, completing my Girl Scout Gold Award project showed me I am capable of a lot more than I expected. I stepped outside of my comfort zone, organized a sustainable project, and, most importantly, sparked a change in my community."



Everyone's an Artist

Arts, Culture and Heritage/Disability: Art/Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Best Buddies International

Lauren Hamel

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1313

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Surgeon

Lauren created a six week art program and art show to help push the boundaries of special needs students and help initiate friendships through a common task. She decided to work with the club Best Buddies at her High School. She contacted members of the international board to gain insight on her craft ideas along with studying the turnout before and during the crafts to see if it was improving. She left behind future craft ideas for upcoming board members so they could use these in the following years.

"As I worked with students of all abilities, I learned that everyone has a special quality or even many that they can contribute to a group. I further learned the value of acceptance no matter what and how just one minute of your time can make someone's day. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has inspired me to never give up on anything or anyone despite obstacles."

Conozca la historia fascinante de Santa Ana/ Santa Ana History Days

Civic Engagement/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Community Development/Historic Preservation

Partnered with: Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

Aleece Hanson

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 46

Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA)

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Accepted: California State University, Long Beach/
Lawyer or Civil Servant/Policy Maker

Aleece brought three different groups of people together to promote the appreciation of diversity and the pursuit of knowledge. She executed this project by meeting with leaders at 3 different museums and presenting the need to reach out to the majority of Santa Ana's population. She gained approval to translate tour scripts and proceeded to recruit and train students from her school to provide bilingual tours. These tours helped city families learn about history while providing an opportunity for high school students to practice their Spanish and promote the preservation of the city's historical museums.

"I learned how to professionally communicate with adults/people in leadership positions. I had to send many emails and have numerous meetings with experienced historians. They were great role models and were happy to help an enthusiastic history nerd like me. This project also helped me prepare concise and informational presentations that clearly outlined my goals for each group I addressed. Finally, I learned excellent skills about problem solving and working with a team."



Read for a Cure

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Partnership (EBRP)

Sarah Harwell

Northeast Region: Anaheim Hills Service Unit, Troop 1541

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fairmont Preparatory Academy

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton/ Policymaker or Journalist

Sarah created a team to write, edit, illustrate, and layout a children's book to raise awareness about rare skin disease, epidermolysis bullosa. The storyline was targeted to teach children a game that the subject of the book, Carlos, can play. With the aim to raise awareness, she worked with Carlos' family, editors from her school newspaper, a local graphic designer, and multiples of editors from college students studying English at local universities. The book will be sold and read at local libraries, and annual EBRP events in Orange County.

"Working on this book, it became a long and tedious process of continuously editing, writing, and laying out with other people. Curating a team in which I needed help, and my other members needed help became difficult as I tried to create the ideal book in which the message was executed well. I learned more about the struggles of children with EB, and was able to learn much about working with others."



The Power of Kindness

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Huntington Beach High School

Eden Hawes

Central Coast Region: Surf City Service Unit, Troop 1894 Lehua

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Orange Coast College and Goldenwest College/
To be in the film industry and an ASL Interpreter

Eden Hawes recently just impacted all those who saw with her powerful PSA video about the importance of kindness. She gracefully showed the viewers how kindness is essential to society within her video. To execute this project, she wrote interview questions, scheduled interview dates, set up the interviews in a professional tv studio, edited the video, and reached out to organizations and people to show or watch her video. Huntington Beach High School and Talbert Middle School will be showcasing her video every year to teach the youth how kindness is a solution to end hate, crime, and violence.

"From working with more experienced mentors in the film industry to scheduling interview dates and times, I learned how to properly manage my time and work with other people in a project. My confidence grew after earning my Gold Award because it showed me that if I am passionate about something, I can realistically change the world one step at a time."





College 101 – What to Expect as a Homeschooler in College

*Education/Children's Issues: Career Training/Mentoring
Partnered with: Homeschool Association of California*

Keira Healy

Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 532
Girl Scout Ambassador, Ar Bhean Academy
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Cypress Community College/Therapist

Keira presented at a large, California-wide homeschooling conference to help college-age homeschoolers feel more ready for college. Many college-age homeschoolers don't end up going to college because they're too afraid that they won't know how to navigate it, and the best way to combat fear is with knowledge and preparedness. Surveyed audience members overwhelmingly said they felt much better after seeing the presentation. The project has been taken on by the organization that puts on the conference and made a yearly presentation.

"I had never assembled such a large group and put together an event like this before. It was a lot of responsibility and leadership to take on that I wasn't used to. However, now that I've done it and know that I'm capable of pulling something like that off, I feel much more confident in continuing to do things like this."



Wolverine's Military Alliance Committee

*Military/Veteran's Affairs: Veterans' Assistance
Partnered with: City of Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee*

Sabrina Horn

South County Region: Mission Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1217
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Nursing)/Nurse

Sabrina created this club at her high school in order to support the local troops with her community, as well as, get the youth involved on a greater scale and educated in the city's government. The target audience was both educating the youth and the military troops who received a variety of impactful letters throughout the year. Sabrina's project impacted many students within her community as well as Veterans and Servicemen from all over the country. Her project will be sustained because another student who she has selected will be taking it over the following year.

"As I worked every day with high school students, I realized my capability in making a change within my community and inspiring others to do better. After completing my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I now have more confidence when organizing and leading a group in order to complete tasks. I have learned that no matter what obstacles may come up, if you set your mind to it anything is possible."



Youth Empowerment: Mental Health

*Health: Mental Health
Partnered with: Youth Mental Health Task Force*

Jacqueline Hua

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 963 Liên Đoàn Quang Trung-Ngọc Hồi
Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Massachusetts College of Pharmacy/Pharmacist

Jacqueline recognized that mental health affects everyone, not only in her community, but everywhere, and this issue is often overlooked due to the social stigma surrounding mental illnesses. Jacqueline's Girl Scout Gold Award project addresses this issue. In order to accomplish her goal, she worked with the community to hold a youth empowerment mental health fair where she educated the youth, parents, and authoritative figures about mental health disorders. Her project will continue through the Youth Mental Task Force which is a group of organizations that host an annual conference each year regarding mental health.

"Working closely with healthcare professionals has inspired me to pursue a career in this field. I believe that treatment of any kind of illness, be it mental or physical, can only be accomplished by recognizing that a patient is not defined by their illness but their qualities as a person. I wish to dedicate my life to help people seek the help they deserve and inspire them, like those I have encountered on this journey."

Express Yourself

Arts, Culture and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: KidWorks

Charlenna Huynh

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 3997 Lien Doan Chi Linh

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton
(Hospitality Management)/Hotel Manager

Charlenna's vision was to help kids use their creativity to express themselves artistically rather than spending time on technology. She partnered with Kidworks, an organization that strives to help kids succeed. The issue she addressed was technology overuse. She created art lessons so kids could experiment with art and bring their creations to life. Initially shocked at the level of technology use, after her program, their usage decreased by at least 2 hours per week per student. By the end, after discovering their inner artist, all the kids reported they reached for a paintbrush before their electronics.



"As I worked with different students and volunteers to address the overuse of technology, I realized the importance of listening to kids and how they work. I discovered that I can encourage creativity. I learned many things about working with children, and with a team, including patience. My Gold Award showed me that I can make a difference in my community, by building a strong, supportive team."

HORIZONS

Civic Engagement: Politics

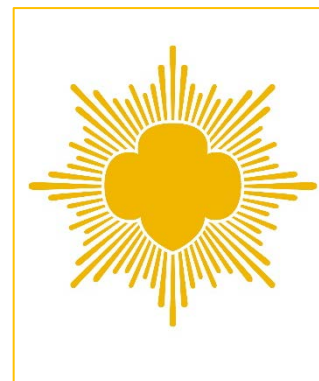
Partnered with: City of Westminster – Water Division

Claire Jacobs

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1288

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Addressed the lack of student awareness and involvement in current socio-political issues.



Water Safety

Public Safety: Water Safety

Partnered with: Placentia- Yorba Linda Unified School District

Maya Jedrzejczak

Northeast Region: Placentia Service Unit, Troop 1468

Girl Scout Ambassador, Esperanza High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles/Biology

Maya educated the students aged 5-13 years old at local elementary schools and Esperanza High School. Water safety rules do not only apply to surrounding schools, they apply all over the world. Maya also gave away hundreds of small prizes that the kids could keep and reflect on the lessons they learned. The colorful poster and presentation will impact their friends and family in a positive way, because now everyone can be safer around the water.



"I am a student athlete and a swim instructor, so it took a lot of my work experience to teach this important topic of water safety. My leadership skills will grow in the future because I know I have capability to teach important lessons to others. Leadership is a vision, creativity, thoroughness, managing, team building, taking risks, serving and improving. I show that in my project."



Disaster Preparation

Disaster Relief: Natural Disasters

Partnered with: Recycle for Cause Club at Yorba Linda High School

Daania Kalam

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 1011

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/STEMinist (something STEM related)

After the horrific fires, snow storms and hurricanes that had battled the United States as a result of climate change, Daania chose to focus on preparing for disasters. Unfortunately, many families are ill prepared for disasters. Daania's project was intended to aid families in their preparations for natural disasters. The Yorba Linda High School club, Recycle 4 a Cause, helped create the presentation. The project was able to provide valuable information to many people in her community and is a presentation that will be held for years to come, as it is now an annual club event.

"I learned that Murphy's law will always come hunt you down, but you just have to prepare to push past it. To succeed one must bear the hurdles and be flexible in order to reach the finish line. The struggles that I faced during the project are what made the ability and happiness of helping others taste sweeter."



Reach Out to Knowledge

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: University Park Library

Lauren Kettner

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 2065 Crossroads

Girl Scout Ambassador, Portola High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Architecture

Lauren created interactive games for students to play over the summer. Each of the games was education based and helped the children retain knowledge. Lauren chose her project because of the connection she has to education and helping younger students. She helped younger elementary students at the public library to play games to help reduce the loss of knowledge over summer break. Over 80 different children came to each of the seven events. Each child could work at their own level and what they felt showcased what they have already learned in school. The library will continue to support this program because of the many community members who attended.

"Through my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I learned more about myself and how my leadership skills are able to apply to many pieces of each project. I was able to fully develop and direct each program better than the last because of what I noticed at each date."



Book Buddies

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Dana Hills High School

Tatiana Knuf

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 1130

Girl Scout Ambassador, Dana Hills High School

Tatiana's project was to develop a program in her community to increase opportunities for special education students to have meaningful experiences while developing an increased love for reading. Combining two of her favorite activities, a love of reading and interest in working with special needs students benefits her community with an experience rewarding and fun for all involved. In our nation and around the world there are disabled people. Partnering with the library and the special education students to create this program serves to inspire others to put similar programs in place in their communities.

"This project required me to take on a leadership role at a level I have not previously experienced. I communicated a completely new idea and obtained commitments from many different constituents. I learned how amazing a community can be to support the cause of helping others. I learned that I can make a difference in our world by not only helping others myself but by also leading others to be involved on a larger scale."

Marketing Campaign and Meal Plans for Food Pantry

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: McKinney-Vento Food Pantry

Kelly Kurtz

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 1022

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Santiago Canyon College/Physical Therapist

Kelly created and distributed her meal plans and flyers to encourage children and their families to live a healthier, more nutritious life. To tackle this project, she developed a project plan including a timeline and budget and identified some key individuals who could advise her, including experts in nutrition, meal planning, and childhood poverty. Kelly distributed her recipes and meal plans to the food pantry and also to Second Harvest Food Bank, who will use it to promote a healthier and more nutritious lifestyle.



"As I worked each week with the volunteers, staff, and families at the food pantry, I learned valuable people and communication skills. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that with anyone's involvement, any issue can be taken care of and lessened. Together, we can make a positive impact on our world."

Produce Equals Senior Health!

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: The OC Food Bank

Maya Kvesic

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 458

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Molecular Biologist

Maya surveyed low-income seniors in three different ethnic communities to see how many servings of fresh fruits and vegetables the seniors were consuming on a daily basis. After analyzing the data collected, Maya created monthly nutritional cards to help the seniors understand the importance of eating healthy, including simple recipes, basic shopping tips, and an activity promoting physical health. Maya's data and nutritional cards were shared state-wide through the Food Bank network and was also shared nationally through the Federal Senior Food Box Program.



"I learned that I can accomplish anything I put my mind to! I am really proud how my Girl Scout Gold Award turned out and I could not have asked for better outcomes. I learned to assign tasks to other people, manage a project within a timeline, and most importantly, I gained the confidence to ask other people for help to obtain a goal."

Let's Get Movin'

Children's Issues/Health: Self-esteem/Fitness

Partnered with: Talbert Middle School

Cassie Laird

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1894 Lehua

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Orange Coast College/Physical Therapist

When Cassie was in middle school, she was frightened to share her personal creativity with her peers because it opened her up to criticism and judgment of sometimes cruel students. She later realized that many middle schoolers feel the same way. For her Gold Award project, she developed and implemented a six week workshop that focused on building confidence and creativity through movement called, "Let's Get Movin'". During the workshop the students created movement pieces that reflected their personal feelings. Not only did they share their feelings and creativity and build their confidence, but they created personal unexpected bonds.



"I learned that others are not always as excited or as committed to your project as you are. As a leader you must excite and motivate your team and infuse them with the passion that you have for the project; only then will they be completely committed to your vision."



Shattering Innocence

Children's Issues: Child Abuse

Partnered with: Child Abuse Prevention Center

Cindy Le

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Garden Grove High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Irvine Valley College (Biology)/Pediatric Surgeon

Cindy's project involved educating and raising awareness on child abuse to students. She created informative presentations and presented at mental health fairs, mental health summits, and a support group. She then gave each organization digital and physical pamphlets of her presentation for future references. With her presentations, she was able to provide her audience with information such as the risk factors contributing to child abuse and the physical, mental, and behavioral indicators seen to identify it. Additionally, through this, she was able to help students become more aware of what constitutes child abuse and how to prevent it from happening.

"During this project, I had to learn how to lead a big team to help me finish my project and I had to contact many different organizations to discuss about my presentations. I'm usually a nervous and shy person when it comes to talking to people, but throughout this project, I learned how to open up when presenting and talking to my audience. I learned that I can do whatever I put my mind to."



Knot for Chemo

Health: Self-Esteem

Partnered with: Knots of Love

Rosa Le

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 515 Lien Doan Lac Viet

Girl Scout Ambassador, Oxford Academy

After witnessing her sad, little cousin stuck in the hospital for months battling leukemia and chemotherapy, Rosa felt the need to bring up the self-esteem of patients fighting through illnesses. Rosa gathered volunteers and created a crocheting program at Brookdale Valley View, where the residents made blankets to donate to Knots of Love, who then delivered them to patients all around the world battling life-threatening illnesses. Receiving a hand-made blanket lifted up the patients' spirits. To this day, the program's coordinator at Brookdale is continuing Rosa's program with the use of extra yarn and crochet hooks Rosa donated.

"Other than learning skills like communication, leadership, patience, and teamwork, I learned that there will always be obstacles along a journey, and that it's most important to overcome those obstacles and not give up. Perseverance is key. I also realized that no matter how big or how small, everyone can make a difference, whether it's one blanket at a time or anything else."



Practice Responsibility: Support Athletic Trainer Licensing

Civic Engagement/Health: Politics/Fitness

Partnered with: CATA

Jennifer Liu

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 Wisteria

Girl Scout Ambassador, Arcadia High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Physical Therapist

Jennifer created an advocacy group with athletes in California to advocate for the passing of AB 3110, which would help make sports safer for athletes. Athletes need to be protected from unregulated athletic trainers because unqualified individuals can severely or even permanently harm athletes. To tackle this issue, Jennifer worked with Assembly Members, fellow advocates (they will carry the fight for regulated athletic trainers), CATA, and athletic trainers to help increase awareness of unqualified individuals administering care in California. She made social media connections for global impact, received 200+ signed letters of support, and helped support athletic trainers in California.

"As I worked with many students and adults concerned about unregulated athletic trainers providing care to athletes, I further developed communication, persuasive, and writing skills. I learned about a portion of California's legislative process. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award taught me that working efficiently, and collaborating with others is crucial for success."

Vietnamese Health Misconceptions

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Nhan Hoa Healthcare Clinic

Amy Leung

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 Wisteria

Girl Scout Ambassador, Oxford Academy

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles/Cardiologist

Amy encouraged Vietnamese families to change their bad eating habits because she recognized these habits in her relatives. Although the project focused on the Vietnamese, the misconceptions are in many immigrant cultures. Amy chose the Westminster area because it's the 2nd largest Vietnamese population in the US. Using her health fair with the Nhan Hoa Clinic and other health organizations, she educated about 150 families. Her fans and video featured at the health fair will be carried on through the Nhan Hoa website, YouTube, and Facebook as well as the health organizations that will continue to use her material.



"As I worked with a group of wiser and more experienced individuals, consisting of people like health promotions managers and doctors, I learned that it is the small things that earn their respect and trust. I discovered how to throw myself in the deep end and figure it out on my own. I learned that health education is about the human interaction and potential of making a difference."

Save Lives: Texting and Driving Awareness

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Partnered with: Los Alamitos High School

Rosslyn Lyell

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 979

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, San Diego/Foreign Language Teacher

Rosslyn created a video and surveys to help spread awareness of the dangers of texting and driving because so many people continue to text on the road, despite the danger. She created a video where a student died because of a texting and driving accident. She also developed a survey to measure the increase in knowledge inspired by the video. The video/surveys were given to approximately 300 local high school students, parents, teachers and administrators in the community. The results of the surveys showed that the targeted audience increased their knowledge of the statistics of texting and driving dangers.



"Thanks to the support of the people in my community, I was able to make a difference in my community. I learned better people skills, how to motivate a team and how to be flexible. Earning my Gold Award helped show me that I can try to change the world starting with a problem we face daily. Even if I cannot change the world, I can try to make a difference within my community."

Baby Slings for Haiti

Human Rights/Poverty: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Irvine

Sydney Mangus

South County Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 145

Girl Scout Ambassador, Laguna Beach High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Grand Canyon University (Business Management)

Sydney made baby slings that allow the mother to carry her child with while leaving her hands free. In January 2018, roughly 80 slings were given out to the women of Haiti. The team taught mothers how to properly wear the slings, and Sydney's project advisor from Haiti assisted in teaching mothers how to make them. Sydney sent instruction sheets with the slings that explained how to sew the slings, that way the women in Haiti can learn how to make them themselves. In addition, community members and the mission team in CA will continue to help sustain this project.



"Through the use of teamwork, I was able to provide a simple solution to a major problem. I gained leadership ability, and a new perspective on people around the world. Through my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I am able to inspire people to take action to solve the small issues surrounding them, and get involved on a larger scale. This experience has been very eye opening and life-changing."



Operation Healthy Lifestyle

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Operation Healthy Lifestyle

Ashley Messineo

South County Region: Lake Forest Service Unit, Troop 939

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Toro High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Rice University (Kinesiology/Sport Medicine (Pre-Medicine)/Sports Medicine Physician

Ashley's interest in physical and mental health care was the catalyst for her creating the "Healthy Hints" Club. The club promoted healthy lifestyle practices for nutrition, exercise, stress and mental health. Her high schoolmates took an interest in the information the club provided. The club evolved into a Mental Health Fair for the 2,400 ETHS students. Hundreds of students attended the fair gathering information on physical and mental health issues. A focus group reviewed the fair and plans set for an annual event. ETHS administrators recognized the importance of mental health for teens. Bimonthly, "Wellness Wednesdays" events are now conducted.

"My Girl Scout Gold Award project provided an opportunity to inform other teens about the resources available from the school district. My club gave students skills to develop a healthy lifestyle and promote mental health skills. This project improved my organization and leadership ability. I planned and met with several people to have a successful health fair. A focus group with other students planned on the fair to continue and the school now has bimonthly wellness days."



Arthritis Awareness

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Arthritis Foundation and The Painted Turtle

Aubrey Mills

South County Region: Rancho Portola Service Unit, Troop 375

Girl Scout Ambassador, Mission Viejo High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Teacher

Aubrey hosted an awareness fair to educate the community about Juvenile Arthritis. The event featured a petting zoo, live music, arts and crafts, an Olympic soccer Gold Medalist who suffers from arthritis, and guest speakers such as a rheumatologist, physical therapists, and a youth who suffers from Juvenile Arthritis. Guests who suffer from this disease gained valuable resources while others gained awareness about this condition. Aubrey also started an Arthritis Awareness Club which created over 1200 craft bags for children in the hospital.

"As I planned and hosted my Arthritis Awareness Fair and led the club that I created, I learned how to be an advocate for myself and others. I realized that I have a passion for spreading awareness about the condition that I have lived with for nine years. I learned how to take something that is a challenge in my life and turn it into something positive that can help myself and others."



The Thes-Bean Mentorship Program

Arts, Culture, and Heritage/Children's Issues: Performing Arts/Mentoring

Partnered with: International Thespian Society

Anna Moneymaker

South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 2249

Girl Scout Ambassador, San Juan Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Fordham University/Writer

Anna addressed the issue of students feeling overwhelmed and intimidated by high school and needing someone to mentor them and be their positive role model. She hoped to inspire some students to stay in the theater program, or if not, at least gain confidence and feel more ready to take on the challenges of high school. Both the students being mentored and those who mentored benefited from this program. The older students learned the responsibility of being a role model and those who looked up to them gained a friend and a leader in their lives.

"I enjoyed connecting people together, forming bonds, and encouraging a healthy and supportive student environment. In the beginning, I doubted my ability to coordinate, plan events and even communicate efficiently, but I was wrong. After earning this award, I know that I am capable of all of these things, and more."

No Fears - We Have Peers!

Children's Issues/Education: Mentoring

Partnered with: Foothill High School

Anh-Thy Nguyen

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 5194 Lien Doan Huong Dao Truong Son
Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside (Biology)/Pediatrician

Anh-Thy created Knights for Knowledge to give all students opportunities to receive extra academic help. Her project addressed the issue of students' unequal access to extra academic support. Worldwide, there are students who need extra academic help who are unable to pay for tutors, so this program is a step to help those students. Through surveys and comments, it is clear that Anh-Thy's peer-tutoring program helped many students achieve their academic goals. Knights for Knowledge will be organized and led by a peer-tutoring board, and Anh-Thy's program is now a model for the Tustin Unified School District.

"Creating Knights for Knowledge allowed me to give back while doing something I love: teach. With the constant support from Dr. D'Errico (my project advisor) and my peer-tutoring board, I was able to build a program that will continue to help students improve their grades while they build relationships with the peer tutors. Creating a program from scratch requires continuous dedication, meticulous planning, and endless support, but the results are well worth the effort."



Project Smile to Smile

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: Social Assistance Program of Vietnam

Grace Nguyen

South Coast Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet
Girl Scout Ambassador, Esperanza High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Lawyer

Grace created a dental program called Project Smile and Smile. This program consisted of a lecture from a dental professional, interactive activities, and two videos, one in English and one in Vietnamese that taught children how to maintain proper dental hygiene.



Colors of the American Dream

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Fountain Valley High School

Jennifer Nguyen

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 21004 Lien Doan Bach Dang Giang
Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Long Beach/Physical Therapist/
High School Counselor

Jennifer created an annual event called "Diversity Day" - a fair hosted on her school's campus where cultural representatives gathered together to set up booths, have an open discussion, and educate students about their cultural background. She also painted a mural depicting students of different races and religions in graduation gowns, symbolizing how despite our different ethnic or cultural backgrounds, we all have the opportunity of receiving an education and pursuing our dreams. The mural and cultural fair serve to help her community become more open-minded about the many unique backgrounds that make up our cities and our entire nation.



"Leading my team of volunteers to address racial prejudice in my community allowed me to grow into a self-motivated learner and expanded on my people skills. I got to collaborate and make connections with people from all kinds of different backgrounds, and this project allowed me to advocate for a social justice topic I am passionate about while also encouraging my community to get involved!"



Healthy Lifestyle

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Clubs

Katie Nguyen

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Irvine Valley College (Communications)

For Katie's project, she aimed to educate children on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle through the knowledge of nutrition as well as daily fitness exercises. She held four individual workshops at her local Boys & Girls Clubs and held various presentations and open discussions about the basics of eating right and working out daily. Through this, Katie was able to make the kids more mentally aware of the problems that arise with living an unhealthy lifestyle.

"Throughout this project, I was able to learn many leadership skills and gain confidence when reaching out to the community. Becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout has taught me that if I am able to present a problem with assertiveness, it shows that I am a leader which is something that will hold on to me forever."



Human Trafficking Awareness

Human Rights: Human Trafficking

Partnered with: Rescue One Foundation

Kristen Nguyen

South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 1060

Girl Scout Ambassador, San Juan Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Davis (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)/Dentistry

Kristen organized and hosted several human trafficking awareness nights for her community of Ladera Ranch. Kristen partnered with several local non-profit organizations focused on helping victims of human trafficking and helped raise awareness to all. She created a project plan including a timeline to meet with key individuals from these local organizations. Kristen organized several nights of human trafficking awareness for her high school and local community. As the co-president of the International Justice Club at her high school, Kristen was able to teach underclassmen all the steps to host these awareness nights annually.

"As I helped and organized these awareness nights for my community, I learned how impactful this topic is and encouraged others to take action and volunteer. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can confidently speak in public and identify world issues - inspiring others to get involved and help dissolve this problem in our society."



The Voice, Value and Virtue of the Vietnamese

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: GDPT Lien Hoa

Tran Nguyen

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 2454 Lien Doan Van Lang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Rancho Alamitos High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Business Woman

Tran taught about the Vietnamese heritage in order for the heritage to thrive rather than allow it to disappear as the younger generation adjusts to the American lifestyle. She distributed interviews and tests to test how students' knowledge, spirit and appreciation have changed from the beginning to the end of the project. Older students at the GDPT Lien Hoa have continued to teach these lessons and add more on top of what is already provided in order to promote spirit in the community.

"As I taught the children each week, I learned how to have patience and how to stay calm during stressful situations. I realized that I have a passion for working with them and teaching a class is exciting because I can develop a strong relationship with each student. Earning my Gold Award showed me that I can step outside of my comfort zone and tackle challenges that come my way."

Decomposed System

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: National Honor Society and Random Acts of Kindness

Vy Nguyen

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 2454 Lien Doan Van Lang

Girl Scout Ambassador, Cypress High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Nurse

Vy created a composting system which required many volunteers in order to accomplish the goal. She first developed the idea to make a composting system when she was visiting her junior high school. Vy noticed the poor environment and wanted to help the school and students. She then found volunteers from her school and other organizations that were willing to help her. Vy educated the students about the importance of the environment to treat it like your friend and take care of it.



"When I first decided to work with junior high students, I learned the leadership skills and people skills that helped me get through the whole process. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can identify the community issues around me, and to help advise other girls to do their Girl Scout Gold Award project."

Distracted Driving Awareness

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Partnered with: City of Torrance - Police Department

Lauren O'Banion

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 1022

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Utah/Environmental Attorney

Lauren created and conducted her Distracted Driving Education Program at Yorba Linda High School. The goal of the program was to spread awareness and educate teens about the dangers of distracted driving in order to decrease the amount of deaths and car accidents. To tackle this project, she developed a project plan including a timeline, budget and identified some key individuals who could advise her, including experts in traffic safety, police officers and educators. Lauren presented her program to teachers and students to influence safe driving habits and warn people of the dangers of distracted driving.



"As I worked daily with students and teachers, I learned important people skills. I also learned how to be an educator and leader when I had meetings with staff members and educated students about safe driving habits. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can identify community issues and hopefully save a life."

Freckly Mag: A Zine That Unites and Empowers ALL Women

Human Rights: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: LA Zine Fest

Julia Offenberger

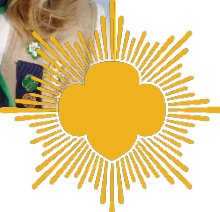
South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 1060

Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Berkeley or

University of California, San Diego/Creative Director

Julia turned to Zine culture to make her voice heard within a divisive socio-political climate. She hoped her voice would serve as an inspiration for young women and created a zine called FrecklyMag. FrecklyMag is inclusive and accepting of all cultures, religions, races, and genders. Julia wanted to unite people in her community and encouraged many to stand up for what they believe. The zine's third and most recent issue addressed self-love, self-care, and body positivity. An online survey, showing positive responses, was used to gather feedback and develop insight for future reference. The fourth issue is currently in production.



"As the Editor in Chief of FrecklyMag, I learned collaborative skills, how to lead a team of professionals and peers, and how to be a good communicator. I feel I will be able to draw upon these skills to grow in confidence and use this strength as an example to those I work with in future. Being in Girl Scouts has been an incredible opportunity, without which I wouldn't have known where to even begin."



Kindness Tree

Human Rights/Healthy Relationships/Arts, Culture, and Heritage/Disability:
Racial Justice/Bullying/Cultural Awareness/Disability and Special Needs Issues
Partnered with: Foothill High School Administration and
Tustin Unified School District Grounds Department

Kristine Okereke

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 M.S.S. Aquila
Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Harvard University/Marketing or Operations and Information Systems

Kristine created a month-long program about compassion and acceptance with three major facets. The first was a series of lunchtime presentations that occurred on Fridays. Each of the speakers was an advocate for an underrepresented group in Kristine's community, such as homeless youth and families, religious minority, and individuals with disabilities. The second was an Art and Writing Competition for students to apply what they learned from the presentations. At the end of the month, Kristine planted a "Kindness Tree" on campus, to commemorate the accepting, positive spirit developed through the Kindness Project.

"I learned how to effectively delegate work to a team and grew tremendously in my leadership and organizational abilities. This project pushed me out of my comfort zone, teaching me to be comfortable advocating for what I believe in, and speaking in front of large groups. The Kindness Project sparked within me a love for building and uniting communities and a desire to promote social change through action."



Nutrition Awareness 4 Youth

Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Orange County Schools

Rebeca Oropeza

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent
Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Fullerton Community College/Registered Dietician

Rebeca created presentations for 5-9th-grade students and their parents about healthy eating. She distributed a tailored curriculum to teachers to continue teaching the youth about nutrition for a better healthy lifestyle. The root cause of the issue her project addressed is the lack of knowledge low-income families have about nutrition. The target audience were students, 10-14-year-olds. To tackle this project, Rebeca developed a project plan and identified some key individuals to help her along the way such as a nutritionist, school administrators, and teachers, and a program developer. The local connection is that the rising obesity rate and diseases in youth are due to the lack of awareness in families. With each school, Rebeca met at least 180 students. Three schools located in low-income areas will continue the teachings about healthy eating.

"My growth as a leader has helped me to develop a strong sense of self. I learned to prepare for presentations, meetings, and festivals, and to be on time and have the patience to answer emails. Throughout this whole process, I grew so much confidence in my leadership skills. I learned to be a strong team leader, and I know I will use my leadership skills in the workforce and on my educational journey."



Bridging the Gap

Health/Healthy Relationships: Mental Health
Partnered with: Nightlight Christian Adoption Agency

Emily Ozima

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1214
Girl Scout Ambassador, Northwood High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside (Biology)/Physician's Assistant

Emily created a personalized support system, informational videos regarding personal adoption stories, and a writing contest reflecting on kids' blessings because of adoption that strongly encouraged a deeper bond between adoptees and their families. With the help of an adoption agency, and psychologists, Emily paired families together with similar struggles in order to best provide support and encouragement for adoptive families along with creating a lifelong bond between the families. Additionally, she gathered adoptive families' testimonies through short videos that would be broadcasted on the agency's website to reach adoptive families around the world who are struggling or need advice.

"Working with a big, national agency, I learned and improved upon my leadership, communication, and cooperation skills while teaching me that I can accomplish great things if I work hard and am determined. Additionally, creating relationships between the adoptive families has reemphasized how much I love working with people and hearing their stories. This project has proven to me that I can make a difference through following my passions of helping others."

Days for Girls

Health/Education: Hygiene

Partnered with: Days for Girls

Shreya Pavani

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 864

Girl Scout Ambassador, Irvine High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Doctor

Shreya taught her local community the importance of and how to create sustainable hygiene kits for women in developing countries to help them continue their education. She reached 100 girls through 100 kits and over 1000 people worldwide through the website Shreya created. To advocate at school, Shreya held a collection drive in which soaps, washcloths, and briefs were collected. Her legacy will be maintained by Irvine High's National Honors Society who will hold yearly informational sessions using her website along with the collection drive to support the cause and her website will continue to educate and inspire people.



"This project is extremely special to me because I wanted to help support girls' education in other countries and I also wanted to expose those around me to this global issue. I'm grateful to have had this humbling experience because I learned a lot about myself, girls in other countries, and how to become a leader."

Battle of Obesity

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Whittier

Robin PhamTuong

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1955

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Held nutrition classes for elementary and middle school students.



End the Stigma

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana

Nina Phan

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 515 Lien Doan Lac Viet

Girl Scout Ambassador, Cypress High School

Nina advocated for mental health conditions and to end the stigma on mental illnesses.





Heartfelt

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation

Nhu Phi

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 1956 Lien Doan Lam Son
Girl Scout Ambassador, La Quinta High School

Nhu hosted an educational workshop and created and distributed heart-shaped pillows to breast cancer patients attending her workshop, at St. Jude Hospital, and in Vietnam. To successfully carry out the project, she created an organized timeline and reached out to one of her School's Clubs (Random Acts of Kindness) and the Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation, for help. She hopes that her efforts helped raise awareness about a prevalent issue in the Vietnamese-American community and that those who participated in her project were able to realize the importance of maintaining and caring for their health.

"As I worked with my team to address the lack of awareness of breast cancer in my Vietnamese-American community, I learned the importance of vocalizing my thoughts and planning ahead. Successfully hurdling over the challenges in my way throughout the project proved to me that I can take on big tasks and follow through with my goals."



Play It Up

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: PRIDE and Westminster School District ESP

Jennifer Pippert

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 2018
Girl Scout Ambassador, Magnolia High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Golden West Community College/Art Education Teacher

Jennifer worked with PRIDE and Westminster School District ESP and their students in order to teach the children social skills to better work with others. To do this, she hosted after school game and activity days, with each event having a different theme. The activities were focused on lessons like fair/cooperative play, taking turns, and how to be tolerant in not coming in first. Jennifer has noticed that in the community, there are students that do not respond well when confronted with some social issues that include others. Both organizations have agreed to continue the events in upcoming years.

"As I worked with each organization, I learned to take the leadership role more seriously and to be more assertive in the decision making by not let people with their own agendas pressure me into doing things their way. By earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I have a newfound appreciation for people who plan and run large scale events like this; I understand the hard work and dedication that goes into doing these types of projects."



First Aid Training for the Vietnamese

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Bolsa Medical Group

Laurie Quach

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 2279
Girl Scout Ambassador, La Qunita High School

Laurie addressed the lack of access to health resources in developing countries such as Vietnam by providing first aid resources.

Learning Language

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Community Outreach and Resources for Excellence

Mariam Razak

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 436

Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside (Computer Science)

Mariam provided refugee children and youth access to resources that will aid in their settlement of the Orange County region. Because of the abundance of refugee children in the community, Mariam felt that having an English literacy program available would enable the youth to better learn in their schools and develop an understanding of their new environment. Employing the help of volunteers to implement the program allowed for the growth of both students and teachers. Mariam partnered with CORE to ensure that the program will continue to benefit the growing refugee community.



"As I worked with both students and volunteer teachers to address the language barrier faced by the large refugee community in OC, I learned how to be an effective leader who calls upon individuals' strengths in order to create the dynamic of collaboration. I also learned that I am capable of making a difference by improving upon issues identified within my community and by inspiring others to get involved."

Literacy Fair

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Precious Life Shelter

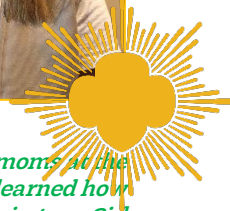
Katie Recker

Central Coast Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Troop 442

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Teacher

Katie put together a series of google slides, for the mothers at Precious Life Shelter to teach them how to read to their children. Katie also wanted to put on a series of these and train the mothers and after these mothers graduate, they can train the new moms how to read properly to their children. Katie taught the moms how to read and provided curriculum appropriate resources that are easily accessible.



"As a struggling reader in my early childhood, literacy has always hit home with me. I worked with the moms at the shelter to help them with fluency and voice intonation reading skills when reading with their children. I learned how to work with people older than me and peers as the leader/teacher and them as the student/learner. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award allowed me to work in my community in an area that I enjoy."

Skyview Yearbook Program

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Skyview Elementary School

Amber Reddish

Northeast Region: Anaheim Hills Service Unit, Troop 1733

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Alabama/Nurse

Amber created a yearbook program at Skyview Elementary School where the students had the opportunity to get involved and learn valuable life skills such as time management, team work, and responsibility. To accomplish this, she created a calendar that included monthly lessons on the steps to creating a yearbook, picture days, and fun activities. At the end of the year she distributed the yearbooks to all the students and got to experience their happiness at receiving their very first yearbooks, as well as their pride at seeing the finished product of something that they helped to create.



"During the year I spent working with the 50 kids that attended Skyview Elementary School I learned a lot about my skills and weaknesses as a leader. I learned that I am great at connecting with others on an empathetic level, yet I struggle with sharing responsibility. Due to this new found knowledge I was able to compensate accordingly, and therefore become a better and more efficient leader through completing this project."



Bridging the Gap

STEM: Technology

Partnered with: El Modena High School EMTV Club

Sarah Ricker

Northeast Region: Orange Villa Service Unit, Troop 657
Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Chapman University/Lawyer

Sarah created a mobile broadcasting studio for the film club at El Modena High School to expand communication and outreach efforts. EMTV gives high school students an opportunity to learn new skills and announce upcoming community events. With students becoming more involved in the community, this project has boosted morale on campus and made them more knowledgeable about programs and sport events. EMTV makes announcements using their new portable desk which are shown by every teacher during second period. The videos are released on YouTube for others to become inspired to do the same in their community.

"Leadership is always a learning experience for me because there are so many different ways to handle situations. I consider it to be one of my talents, but this project has given me a greater understanding of how to communicate better and keep my team mates inspired. My Girl Scout Gold Award showed me I can accomplish any major tasks in the future using my leadership skills."



Timeless Connections

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Kirkwood and Children's House

Olivia Rizzuto

Northeast Region: Santiago Creek Service Unit, Troop 1535
Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Teacher or Adoption Social Worker

Olivia conceptualized, planned and executed Timeless Connections, a program focused on reducing senior isolation, which is increasing as our nation's population ages. She brought together residents at an assisted living facility with school-age children monthly for social interaction and activities. Olivia organized each event to include games, crafts, a snack and story time, all to encourage the seniors and children to work together and get to know one another. The participants quickly developed relationships that added joy to their lives and showed the value of connecting with others from different generations.

"Timeless Connections developed my organizational skills as I planned events with many activities, but it also expanded my compassion and commitment to community service. Bringing the seniors and children together showed me the joy of being open to different generations, the grace of helping others through struggles and the need for human connection. I plan to study sociology in college, and some of my interest in that field came from my Girl Scout Gold Award project."



CEE the Difference: Camps to Explore and Empower

Children's Issues/Education: Mentoring/Career Training

Partnered with: Assistance League of Tustin and Orange County Rescue Mission

Madeline Salvatierra

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent
Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University/Business Leader

Madeline volunteered nearly 300 hours to create Camps to Explore and Empower, a free career-exploration summer day camp that empowers low-income youth to pursue their dream career. She designed over 40 hands-on activities for kids to explore careers. Working with Assistance League of Tustin, she established an annual day camp at a transitional living facility using the curriculum she created. 50+ campers, 20 career speakers, and 40 teen volunteers have been involved in this project so far. The camp was featured on ABC7 news. Madeline has pitched her curriculum to 45+ organizations nationwide in the hopes of nationalizing the project.

"Creating Camps to Explore and Empower challenged me to think creatively and it required me to be tenacious. It required me to have dedication and confidence. Most of all, earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can be a leader—today of Camps to Explore and Empower, but tomorrow, of a larger organization."

Fit for Kids

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: Fit Body Boot Camp

Alyssa Sanford

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 1468

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Coast Guard Academy

As an athlete, Alyssa realized that the younger generation does not receive enough exercise to prepare them to lead a healthy lifestyle. Research shows that kids who do not exercise will develop bad habits that lead to obesity. Alyssa wanted to change their mindsets by promoting exercise as a fun activity. To tackle this issue, she developed a project plan, approached a local boot camp, and enlisted the assistance of experts from boot camp trainers and school PE teachers. Alyssa researched state standards and incorporated exercises specifically for the middle school age group. Alyssa created a brand new exercise program designed specifically for her target age group and held sessions at a local boot camp. Her exercise sessions were super fun and inspiring! She also created a take-home exercise pamphlet so the kids could continue to do the exercises she taught them and even provided exercise bands with instructions. Her exercise sessions were such a success that the boot camp is going to incorporate her exercise program into their ongoing boot camp offering!



"As I was in the middle of a fitness session watching the kids having fun while exercising, I saw how happy they got when they accomplished their exercises. At that moment, I realized that my project was a success! Everything that I was wanting to teach was absorbed by the kids, they had a great time, and they walked away sweaty and smiling. I learned that I could be a leader and build a team of people from my community and host an event that benefited and impacted kids. I also discovered a more confident and independent version of myself."

Awareness for Alzheimer's Among Youth

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: Forever Young Memory Care Facility

Nidhi Satyadev

Central Region: Tustin Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Arnold O. Beckman High School

Nidhi got interested in the cause of Alzheimer's disease as both her maternal and paternal grandmothers suffer from AD. In researching about AD, she was especially impressed and concerned about two issues: the economic burden it can place upon the family and the economic burden it is going to place on our entire healthcare system in the near future. After recognizing how unaware her friends and peers are about this disease and the impact it's going to have on our generation in the future, she worked to raise awareness. She created and distributed homemade and affordable sensory kits to low income families with Alzheimer's patients.



"As I worked with skilled professionals in the area of Alzheimer's, I learned the meaning of patience and compassion. During the process of earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I became inspired to help others, especially the elderly. In addition, it has shown me that I can take on a leadership role and help find/inspire others in the same community issues."

Make Science Fun Again: STEAM Event

STEM: Science/Technology/Engineering/Math

Partnered with: Ocean Institute

Ashley Scanaliato

Central Coast Region: Surf City Service Unit, Troop 1894 Lehua

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Goldenwest College

Ashley hosted a STEAM event at the Dana Point Ocean Institute to inspire kids in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. To tackle this project, she found organizations that could help inform the children by running a booth at the event. Ashley had the event from 10am-2pm, and she saw change through her surveys which showed an improvement in liking STEAM. This event will be held every year at the Ocean Institute and will continue to inspire kids in fields of STEAM.



"I learned people skills because I had to make call, schedule meetings, write emails, find volunteers, and delegate tasks. I grew a lot throughout this project because I learned more about time management, and just life management in general. I've become more outgoing and developed strong leadership skills through earning my Girl Scout Gold Award."



Make America Safe Again: Teens for Safety Awareness and Self-Defense

*Human Rights/Public Safety: Girls' and Women's Rights
Partnered with: CDM Black Belt Center*

Sarah Schoenbaum

Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 389
Girl Scout Ambassador, Corona del Mar High School
Career Goal: Mechanical Engineer

Sarah created the safety and self-defense program because she noticed that the issue of violence and assault against women have increased dramatically. With her 10 years of Tae Kwon Do training, Sarah worked closely with martial arts experts and local police to create an educational and hands-on program for local teens to empower them to be aware and able to defend themselves in potentially dangerous situations. She also created "how to" videos and a website to share with the world via YouTube and social media. Sarah's website will continue as well as the high school martial arts club.

"I found that my strengths as a leader are from giving guidance and overseeing others to reach a goal. I learned the importance of delegating tasks to my excellent team and working together in small groups. As a busy high school student, it is difficult to do everything on my own, so working together with team members with a variety of strengths helped us to reach our goals."



Unconscious Bias Workshop

*Civic Engagement: Community Development
Partnered with: NOW Club/Corzeal Solutions (Indian start-up)*

Alisha Sehgal

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 172
Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Bioinformatics Scientist

Alisha's experiences as a dedicated feminist and STEM student allowed her to see biases present that limited the opportunities of the people within these groups. To tackle these biases, she created and delivered an Unconscious Bias workshop targeting high school students/ leaders through interactive activities that allow participants to understand their biases and how to work around them. Her goal was to create more diverse environments in her school, local community, and then to a broader community. Her workshop is now an annual NOW club event, a workshop used by an employee wellness start-up in India, and is published on www.whatfeministreallymeans.weebly.com.

"Through creating and delivering the Unconscious Bias workshop, I learned how to engage large audiences in deeper conversations, contact organizations/companies and make them interested in my project, and identify/tackle my own biases. I was not only able to help others understand the biases present in their lives, but also learn about what biases I had in different situations. Learning about these biases has made me a better feminist, student, and citizen in my community."



The Buddy Project

*Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Children's Hospital of Orange County*

Rasneek Singh

Northeast Region: Anaheim Hills Service Unit, Troop 1171
Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside/Pediatric Hospitalist

Rasneek created a virtual pen-pal program for the patients at CHOC to help pediatric patients make a friend outside of the hospital. She worked with local senior centers and care facilities to enlist the help of seniors willing to pair up with a pediatric patient as a 'buddy'. She worked with people throughout CHOC's organization to help get the program to patients. She also led student volunteers in making care packages and materials for each buddy pair to use together. She hopes that the project will spread to benefit pediatric patients all around the country in the future.

"I learned how to work with people of all ages, from young pediatric patients to elderly seniors living in a care facility. I also learned how to manage a large project and furthered my passion to pursue a career helping pediatric patients. This project has helped me prepare for a life as a pediatrician and has shown me that I am capable of making an impact in my community."

Golden Singers

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: Church Choir

Larissa Skelton

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 M.S.S. Aquila

Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Santiago Canyon College (Vocal Performance)/Choir Teacher

Larissa created the "Golden Singers" club to sing for home/facility bound senior citizens. She chose this project after experiencing the mutual joy that came from singing for her grandfather after he could no longer walk. Larissa realized that there are home/facility bound senior citizens all over the world, as well as people who would love to sing for them! She held rehearsals, then scheduled performances in several local nursing homes and care facilities. She plans to continue performing with her club, and has created a YouTube video that will hopefully inspire others to sing for senior citizens around the world.



"Working with elderly citizens and helping them out with their loneliness has brought me more joy than I could have ever imagined. Obtaining my Gold Award has taken a lot of patience, leadership, and dedication. I am so happy I had the opportunity to get involved with this community issue and to brighten people's days with love and music."

Project Headspace

Health/Poverty: Diseases

Partnered with: Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children

Lauren Skinner

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1288

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Berkeley/Professor

Lauren created a treatment and prevention protocol to implement in clinics worldwide. She traveled to a clinic affiliated with the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children in Costa Rica for one week where she trained staff and volunteers how to check for and treat head lice. She found that almost 80% of those who came to the clinic, often for other reasons, had it, and that access to resources and information were scarce. She was able to make her project sustainable by leaving both products and knowledge, which she hopes will have a lasting impact on the clinic.



"Because I traveled to Costa Rica alone and with only a mediocre mastery of the Spanish language, this project definitely forced me to be more confident, even if I was literally unsure whether I was saying the right thing. It helped me get over my fear of imperfection and try my best to get the job done."

George Key Interaction and Summer Reading Program

Education: Literacy

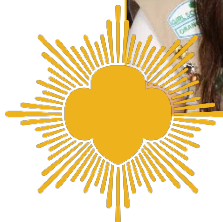
Isabella Smith

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 164

Girl Scout Ambassador, Brea Olinda High School

Organized orientation to educate teens and created a reading program for teens to read, play, and interact with children with special needs.





Team Players

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues
Partnered with: Edison Special Abilities Cluster (SAC)

Serena Starks

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1288
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Global Health

Serena created Team Players with the goal of incorporating the SAC (special abilities cluster) students into Varsity sports at Edison High School. In 2017 a SAC student joined the softball team as official bat boy. This year Team Players hosted SAC Surfarama which allowed SAC students to surf with the Edison Surf Team. Over 40 students registered and all of them got to surf. They were able to accommodate all levels of ability from Down's Syndrome to CP with quadriplegia. The surf business community and over 150 individuals came out to support SAC SurfaRama.

"During SAC Surfarama, I was able to come up with solutions on the fly. Because of this, I have developed problem solving skills and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. I also was in charge of over 80 volunteers and was able to give each one a job. In high school it is easy to blend in, but working on this project has helped me to stand out and not be afraid of rejection."



Water Saving Succulent Garden Education

Environment and Sustainability: Water Conservation
Partnered with: Anaheim Union High School District, LoveAnaheim

Ivy Ta

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 1956 Lien Doan Lam Son
Girl Scout Ambassador, Oxford Academy

Triggered by the increasing drought in California, Ivy wanted to help the community to be aware of the importance of water conservation. Ivy made the water conservation message more attractive by utilizing beautiful succulents as the supporting agent. When she began the project, she decided on three steps: first, to spread awareness on water conservation through speeches; then to educate youth groups, high schoolers, and adults in the community on how to plant, create and sustain succulent gardens through conducting workshops; and finally, to carry out examples and showcase water conservation methods, through building succulent gardens.

"Carrying out multiple projects for my Girl Scout Gold Award gave me many important skills, and at the same time help to address important community issues. The experience was unparalleled because I was able to face failures, gain confidence, project plan, and help my public speaking skills grow. As I learned and preached about water conservation, I realized that we only have limited resources on Earth, which we need to protect."



Strike Down the Stigma of Mental Illness

Health: Mental Health
Partnered with: Orange County Association for Vietnamese Mental Health Awareness and Support

Linda Tang

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 21004 Lien Doan Bach Dang Giang
Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Chapman University/Stage Manager/Professor

Linda collaborated with a local Vietnamese mental health organization, OCAVMHAS, to establish an annual "walk-a-thon" and fair for mental health support and awareness. She created and distributed copies of a "Walk-A-Thon Binder" to the organization, which includes instructions on how to plan and execute the event, as well as how to maintain the website redesigned by Linda. This ensures that OCAVMHAS has the resources to carry out the event throughout future years, while cultivating its online presence.

"This project allowed me to realize that giving back to my community is one of the most rewarding experiences to be had. My passion for mental health motivated me to accomplish every task to the best of my ability. I became adept at overcoming roadblocks by delegating tasks to team members and asking others for help when necessary. Now, I know that as long as I have passion and a passionate team, anything is possible."

Reef Rescue

Environment and Sustainability: Climate Change

Partnered with: Orange County Coast Keeper

Erin Tharp

South Coast Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 1440

Girl Scout Ambassador, Corona del Mar High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Southern California/Marine Scientist

Erin brought awareness to the public about the depletion of Coral Reefs and encouraged elementary school children to try to Go Green! She chose this issue because she has a love for Marine Science. She also created a way to attach calcium hydroxide discs to fishing nets and thus increase the pH and stopping the depletion of the reefs. She was able to impact the community by talking to elementary school children about the problem. Lastly, she made a website so the public can read about her project and find ways they can get involved and be more environmentally conscious.



“Working tirelessly to stop the depletion of the coral reefs helped me learn problem solving skills and the importance of never giving up in the face of adversity. I encountered many problems throughout this endeavor, but gaining these skills ultimately helped me complete my project. The process of earning my Girl Scout Gold Award helped me find my love for Environmental Science and more specifically Marine Ecology.”

The Birthday Brigade

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Los Alamitos High School

Paige Thompson

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 979

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School

Paige learned about the extra costs families with special needs incur, so she helped her special education high school peers start their own business of making and selling candy leis. The business supports weekly field trips into the community. Practicing these life skills helps these students to become more independent community members and have a higher sense of self-esteem. Paige provided a sample product, PowerPoint tutorial, and campus advertising, and generated community, administration, and PTA support and donations. Special education students and aides will sustain the business going forward by teaching the incoming freshmen each year.



“This project helped me become more aware of the needs of the families of disabled students locally and globally. This project helped me improve my communications skills, as I had to convince administrators, clarify and simplify instructions for special needs students, and generate interest in and support for the project. I learned that, with persistence, I could discover new ideas to keep progressing. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has given me confidence in being a leader.”

Healthy Habits

Health/Education: Nutrition

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley

Vivian Thong

Region: Service Unit, Troop 515 Lien Doan Lac Viet

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Long Beach (History)/History Teacher

Vivian chose this project educating preteens about unhealthy weight gain. She took this personally because she also grew up at this organization and didn't exercise or eat properly, forcing her to suffer the consequences. She hosted eight workshops and the participants took the same quiz at the beginning and end of the workshops to measure their growth. Small Clubs within the organization, like Smart Girls and Passports to Manhood, will keep the information and pass it on to generations and generations. There was also one workshop with her troop because the information is important for those girls to learn about too.



“I want to be a teacher in the future, so being able to talk to children is very important to me. I learned how to be engaging and exciting to grab the kids' attention, and I can't wait to take these new skills into what I want to do for my future.”



KIT Classes (Keeping in Touch): Technology Course for Older Adults

STEM/Elderly Issues: Technology/Senior Centers

Partnered with: Laguna Niguel YMCA, Aegis Living of Laguna Niguel, National Honor Society

Erin Tilley

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 1130

Girl Scout Ambassador, Dana Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Tennessee/Pediatrician

As Erin watched her grandmother struggle to maintain communication with her family and friends, she was inspired to dedicate her project to helping senior citizens operate their technological devices. Erin taught classes once a week on technology usage at the Laguna Niguel YMCA and Aegis Living. The seniors in Erin's community are now able to contact their families all around the globe, and next year the National Honor Society will continue her project to help even more senior citizens.

"As I worked with the senior citizens, I learned that life goes on, perfection is not key to learning, and my plan is not always the best plan. I also believe I will endeavor to be more patient because of this project. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has made me a better leader because now I feel ready to adapt to change in my life and feel confident to lead in any capacity in the future."



March for School Safety

Civic Engagement/Public Safety: Community Development

Partnered with: March for School Safety

Karyn Tindbaek

Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 778

Girl Scout Ambassador, Ocean View High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Washington/Trauma Physician

Karyn organized and led a March For Our Lives in the city of Huntington Beach, the first march that the city has ever hosted. She enlisted the help of a few friends to create an entirely student-led march that had over 2,000 citizens in attendance. Not only did she have students from the Ocean View School District speak, but she also had politicians give speeches and take the No NRA Money pledge. This march brought awareness to school safety and encouraged local citizens to vote and petition for better school safety legislation.

"Working on a community-wide project taught me that while one person can make a difference, unifying a community can make a huge impact. My Girl Scout Gold Award project taught me how to work with a team and overcome obstacles. I achieved more than I thought I could, and I am grateful that Girl Scouts encouraged me to take part in this experience."



Project Go Green

Children's Issues/Environment and Sustainability/Education: Mentoring

Partnered with: Orange Children and Parents Together

Hannah Tjoa

Northeast Region: Orange Villa Service Unit, Troop 833

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Nursing)/Nurse Practitioner

Hannah designed an environmental science curriculum that encouraged early child development students to value the natural world. She addressed the lack of education on sustainability and exposure to the natural world in her underserved community. She organized a team composed of local businesses, the students at her high school, and her close friends and family members to develop Project Go Green. Through the activities in her curriculum and a hanging garden, students engaged in a physical connection to their surroundings. Hannah distributed her curriculum to multiple centers who will plant the seed of appreciation in the minds of young students.

"Through Project Go Green, I learned that change for better is possible- starting with me and the resilience to achieve my goals. The people I have met and the lessons I have learned have made this an invaluable experience. I developed a stronger sense of self and strong problem solving skills that will help in my future endeavors. I am proud to have encouraged my community to join me in taking action."

To Empower the Future

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Thomas House Temporary Shelter

Jocelyn Tran

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Jocelyn created a peer-to-peer mentoring program geared towards children coming from families that struggle financially. She surveyed their knowledge on the essential topics before the sessions and after. The teenage children were taught about important topics such as mental health and the environment and were able to discuss their questions, ideas, and emotions pertaining to the topic. They had fun through the interactive activities and discussions while still strengthening their morals. She distributed her successful project to similar organizations to inspire them about her project and use the materials for helping them with their organization.

"Working with the children from struggling families, I discovered the meaning of a true leader: one who exerts power while maintaining a connection of friendship. My project taught me that I could make a lasting impact on my community and the future, our children, who we must continue to protect."



Video Series for Vietnamese Learners

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Languages

Partnered with: The Association of Vietnamese Language and Culture Schools (TAVIET-LCS)

Tu Trinh

South Coast Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet
Girl Scout Ambassador, University High School
Career Goal: Social Entrepreneur

Tu led the production of video lessons for Vietnamese schools to address the lack of students' engagement towards learning, due to classes being only once per week and parents being too busy to help the students study at home. Her video lessons are based off a textbook published by the Association of the Vietnamese Language and Culture Schools (TAVIET-LCS). The videos were published on TAVIET-LCS's official YouTube channel and made into 4,000 DVDs distributed to over 100 Vietnamese schools in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Japan. Tu will train her volunteers to become leaders for future video lesson projects.

"Through managing over 400 hours of volunteer work, I developed my leadership skills in coordinating the efforts of a large team. I learned how to effectively motivate people, constructively resolve conflicts, and clearly communicate my expectations to drive the team to reach a common goal. Most importantly, I was able to use my passion and strengths to create a large community impact."



How to Become More Than a Comic Strip Artist

Arts, Culture, and Heritage/Human Rights: Visual Arts/Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: Digital First Media

Aline Tusan

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 1130
Girl Scout Ambassador, Dana Hills High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Saddleback College; University of California, San Diego/
Marine Biologist

Aline recognized that there are very few women in the comic strip industry and worked to combat gender stereotypes by providing opportunities for youth to learn about comic strip art. She led a team that interviewed successful comic strip and animation artists, creating a brochure and video and sharing them at a STEMtastic event that Aline and her team organized for Discovery Education and CUSD. Comic strip art and animation were highlighted for 122 boys and girls. The brochure was used as a passport for the event which included female role models. Aline also recruited a female to run the animation booth and interact with the youth. She put together and led a team to plan and run the event which will continue to work with Discovery Education and CUSD.

"I learned communication and leadership skills while following my passion for comic strip making and animation art. The Girl Scout Gold Award was a huge undertaking and took more than a year to pull everything together including leading a team, tracking my time and activities and writing a formal report. I learned I can rise to a very large challenge by working with a team."





Stand Up and Shine with Soccer

Health: Diseases/Fitness

Partnered with: McKenna Claire Foundation and CDA Slammers FC

Taylor Van Rossum

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Santa Barbara (Environmental Studies)

Taylor chose to organize a group of ambassadors to help create awareness about Pediatric Brain Cancer. Her target audience was children and their families. The local, sustainable and potentially global connection is through the ambassadors at HBHS, CDA Slammers FC, and the McKenna Claire Foundation as they will continue the Stand Up and Shine with Soccer Tournament twice a year! The groups impact was measurable by the amount of families who participated in learning and understanding more about pediatric brain cancer. Taylor will continue to assist in the tournament for years to come.

"Coordinating all of the parts to make this happen proved challenging. Dealing with large organizations, schools for field use, calendars, equipment, and schedules was difficult. I stayed focused and kept working my plan until everything finally fell into place. Working the plan and completing this project proved to be a very rewarding experience and I am so glad I saw it through and was able to put together my and McKenna's love for soccer!"



Music Inspires

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: Garden Grove Regional Library, Music Youth and Orchestras of OC

Lauren Vinh

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Senior, Orange County School of the Arts

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Music and Law

Music Inspires has a goal of bringing music to young children 3rd to 5th grade. This is done through series of Beginning Recorders classes offered at the GG Library Children's program. The classes use a book authored by Lauren Vinh and accompanied by an Instrumental Showcase of young musicians. Lauren collaborated with local youth orchestras, teachers, music shops and organizations, as well as musicians. In the end, the program has inspired many kids to get involved with music programs and develop their music interests. The program will be added to the Garden Grove Libraries' summer activities.

"In completing my project, I was inspired by the many talented young musicians participating in the instrument showcase. The overwhelming interest and response from the kids and their parents really touched my heart. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award enabled me to develop valuable skills such as leadership, networking, management, effective communication, planning, budgeting, problem solving, and helped boost my confidence tremendously. I will take these skills and my accomplishments with me in all my future endeavors."



STEAM Family Night

STEM/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Science/Technology/Engineering/Math/Art

Partnered with: Tamura Elementary School

Lucy Vu

Central Region: Garden Valley, Troop 21004 Lien Doan Bach Dang Giang

Girl Scout Ambassador, La Quinta High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Doctor

Lucy organized her STEAM Family Night event that provided interactive STEAM activities for the students and parents of Tamura Elementary. The purpose of this was to develop the students' interests in STEAM and to inspire their parents to encourage them in order to deal with the lack of STEAM graduates in the world. With 200 participants and over 80% satisfaction, the event was a success. A teacher at Tamura Elementary has promised to continue this event, and binders with information on STEAM activities and an instruction guide have been passed out to the middle schools in Fountain Valley School District.

"As I worked throughout this project to teach students and parents about STEAM, I learned organization and time management skills. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has taught me that I have the ability to make an impact on others' lives and change the world. This project has inspired me to continue helping out in the community to solve current issues."

Reading Rascals

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Los Alamitos Youth Center

Annette Wissuchek

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 979

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School

Annette addressed the issue of literacy by providing time and resources for elementary school students to practice reading which would help reading proficiency. The program is a permanent part of the R.A.S.C.A.L.S. after school care program run by the local youth center that will continue to hold book drives and support the program. Reading Rascals has increased the importance of literacy in the after school care program as well because they have also included guest authors in their program and practiced the reading buddy system where older children read to younger children.



"When I first started planning my Girl Scout Gold Award I didn't have much direction on the idea I had. Through talking it over with my adviser and creating a thorough plan, I was able to achieve much more than I thought I could. This project has shown me the importance of planning and helped me prove to myself that I can do more than I think I am capable of."

Educational Edible Garden

Environment and Sustainability: Farming

Partnered with: Coastkeeper Garden

Monica Zmudzinski

Northeast Region: Santiago Creek Service Unit, Troop 1340

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Baylor University or University of Redlands/Audiologist

Monica developed a program for Coastkeeper Garden that teaches elementary aged kids about how plants grow and the benefits of growing their own vegetables. The program includes a hands-on edible garden and a curriculum which includes lesson plans from two local students in a college class. Throughout the process, Monica sought advice from experts such as the garden director, a certified master gardener, and a horticulturist. Families and school classes leave the program knowing more about their environment and feeling excited to plant their own vegetables.



"While weekly volunteering with the garden, I saw that there was great potential for a class that taught the community about their environment. I learned how to effectively collaborate with others and the meaning of teamwork when it comes to focusing on the community. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award only fueled my passion for helping others."

Girls 4 God – Living with a Purpose for God

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Coastal Community Fellowship

Maddison Zone

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Brethren Christian High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Kindergarten Teacher

The issue Maddison's project addressed is the lack of spirituality in young girls in the United States. Her project focused on girls discovering that God has a special purpose for their lives, encouraging young girls to become involved in church and to grow spiritually. The goal was for girls to see church as a fun, safe place to be and increase attendance at church activities. Maddison and her team created curriculum, and planned crafts, games and snacks for six club meetings. Meetings were held at the church and local girls were invited to attend.



"I enjoyed the experience of working with young girls tremendously and found that teaching is something I find both rewarding and fun. I learned that being a leader is a lot of work but I was able to handle it and even enjoyed the experience of leading this project. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award helped me learn the skills of taking charge of a project and vocalizing my ideas."

Dream for the Stars



Orange Gold Award Girl Scout Sara Bassiri

Good Food, Healthy Habits



Placentia Gold Award Girl Scout Cristina Chiappini

Bringing Baseball to Juarez, Mexico



Yorba Linda Gold Award Girl Scout Allison Gardiner

Timeless Connections



Orange Gold Award Girl Scout Olivia Rizutto

Vietnamese Health Misconceptions



La Palma Gold Award Girl Scout Amy Leung

Practice Responsibility: Support Athletic Trainer Licensing



Arcadia Gold Award Girl Scout Jennifer Liu



Reading Rascals



Los Alamitos Gold Award Girl Scout Annette Wissuchek

Promoting Literacy



Fountain Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Jamie Bald

Santa Ana History Days



Santa Ana Gold Award Girl Scout Aleece Hanson

CEE the Difference: Camps to Explore and Empower



Tustin Gold Award Girl Scout Madeline Salvatierra

Earth Week

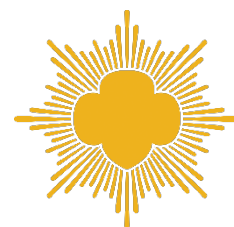


Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Dimitra Doiphode

Arthritis Awareness



Mission Viejo Gold Award Girl Scout Aubrey Mills



Human Trafficking Awareness



Ladera Ranch Gold Award Girl Scout Kristen Nguyen

March for School Safety



Huntington Beach Gold Award Girl Scout Karyn Tindbaek

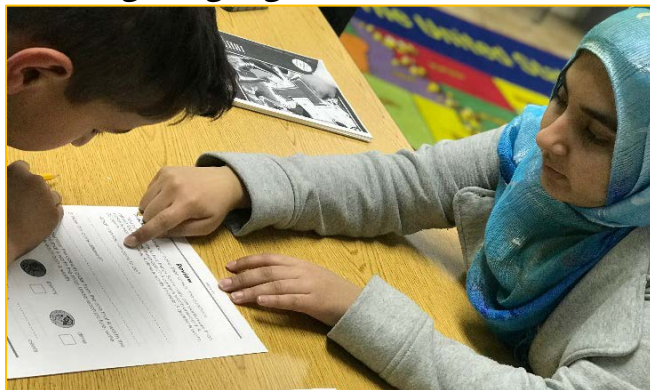
Colette House Activity Room and Art Nights



Huntington Beach Gold Award Girl Scout Kelly Fowler



Learning Language



Anaheim Hills Gold Award Girl Scout Mariam Razak

Save Lives: Texting and Driving Awareness



Bellflower Gold Award Girl Scout Rosslyn Lyell

Project Kindness



Santa Ana Gold Award Girl Scout Kristine Okereke

Blossoming Friendships



Fullerton Gold Award Girl Scout Brisa Bernal

One Drop at a Time



Orange Gold Award Girl Scout Sarah Ando

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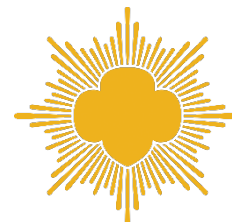


Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Julia Offenberger

Days for Girls



Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Shreya Pavani



Educational Edible Garden



Orange Gold Award Girl Scout Monica Zmudzinski

Food Waste for Thought



Fountain Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Vivian Dang

The Power of Kindness



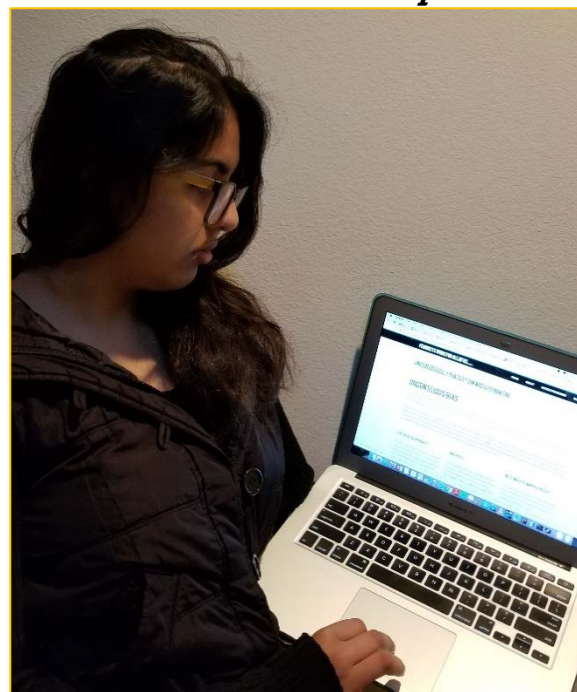
Huntington Beach Gold Award Girl Scout Eden Hawes

Play It Up



Anaheim Gold Award Girl Scout Jennifer Pippert

Unconscious Bias Workshop



Brea Gold Award Girl Scout Alisha Sehgal

Preserving Memories for Alzheimer's Patients





Huntington Beach Gold Award Girl Scout Christine Chen
H.E.A.T. Healthy Eating and Training



Yorba Linda Gold Award Girl Scout Kalyn Amiri

STEAM Family Night



Fountain Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Lucy Vu

Video Series for Vietnamese Learners



Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Tu Trinh
Nutrition Awareness 4 Youth



Yorba Linda Gold Award Girl Scout Rebeca Oropeza

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Santa Ana Gold Award Girl Scout Nhu Phi

Project Headspace



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Every year, ten exceptionally inspiring Gold Award Girl Scouts are chosen as [National Gold Award Girl Scouts](#).

This honor is given to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors whose Gold Award projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national and/or global issue. These young women are taking matters into their own hands, generating much-needed change!

The National Gold Award Girl Scout program perfectly reflects the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. The program provides these young stars with the opportunity to inspire girls around the world and throughout the Girl Scout Movement—and serve as incredible examples of what it means to be a **G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™**.

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Girl Scouts of Orange County 2018 Silver Award Girl Scouts



The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting for Girl Scout Cadettes in grades 6-9. Each Silver Award Girl Scout develops a Take Action project to help improve her community and the world, and demonstrates that she is a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to contributing to the community in purposeful and meaningful ways. Congratulations to more than **500 OC Silver Award Girl Scouts!**

The Girl Scout Silver Award project is approved by volunteers who have been trained to support girls in developing a Take Action project befitting the standards of the award. The project may be conducted by girls as a troop, group or individual.

This listing includes more than 330 girls - representing more than 140 projects - who earned the award and submitted their names between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.

Note: Silver Award Girl Scouts are listed by region, service unit, troop number, and project title for ease of indexing.



Central Region

Garden Valley Troop 321

Michelle Waldman

An Evening of STEM

STEM: Science

Partnered with: Steve Luther Elementary, CSUF,

Cypress College, Cerritos College, CSULB

Organized a hands-on STEM night presented by college and university clubs at a low-income elementary school.



Garden Valley Troop 321

Garden Valley Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu

Ngọc Bao Nguyen, Lylyan Yenson

Art Time Activities

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Huntington Beach Central Library

Organized a Storytime and Arts program at Huntington Beach Central Library to encourage children to read and express their creativity.

Garden Valley Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu

Tam Nguyen, Isabella Doan

Art for Homeless Kids: Plastic Bottle Craft

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: Thomas House Family Shelter

Collected water bottles and worked with Thomas Home

Family Shelter to teach kids to recycle while creating art.



Garden Valley Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu

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Lillian Than, Rachel Van

Emergency Safety Hazards for Kids

Education/Public Safety: After-School Programs

Partnered with: Shalom Preschool/Aftercare

Teamed up with Shalom Aftercare/Preschool to help kids learn about safety hazards.

Garden Valley Troop 3297

Amanda Mayer

Animated Book

Animals: Animal Safety

Wrote a book about animal rights.

Garden Valley Troop 3375 Shooting Stars

Julie Hatano

Global Warming Information and Game at Polar Day

STEM/Environment and Sustainability:

Science/Climate Change

Partnered with: Fountain Valley School District

Built a penguin game from wood and created a display about global warming for Fountain Valley High School Polar Day 2018.



Garden Valley Troop 3375 Shooting Stars

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Samantha Westrup

Polar Day Igloo Building

STEM/Environment and Sustainability:

Engineering/Climate Change

Partnered with: Fountain Valley School District

Built an igloo photo booth out of more than 350 recycled milk jugs for Fountain Valley High School Polar Day.

Garden Valley Troop 21004

Aiylin Dang, Catherine Le, Nguyen

Silver Award Project

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Orange County Parks

Developed a plan to make the hiking trail clean and beautiful.

Newport Mesa Troop 361

Isabella Botero

The Imagineers Library

Children's Issues: Infant Care

Partnered with: Down Syndrome Association of OC

Built a library and collected book donations.



Newport Mesa Troop 361

Tustana Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

Annie To

Mindfulness Emotions

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Colette's Children's Home, Art Center

Fountain Valley

Knitted 20 scarves with messages to donate to the homeless children and gave a knitting demonstration at Art Class FV.

Tustana Troop 2413

Shannon Cunningham, Susan

Cunningham

Physical Education Equipment Storage Bin

Sports: After-School Programs

Created two sports equipment storage bins for the Physical Education class at Guin Foss Elementary.



Tustana Troop 2413

Tustana Troop 3331

**Megan Escobar, Madeline Klein,
Sophie Ngo**

Helping the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: OC Rescue Mission

Collected and upcycled used resources from families and friends for local homeless shelters.



Tustana Troop 3331

Tustana Troop 3331

Iliana Arteaga, Ava Ngo

LCH Awareness Project

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Histiocure Foundation and Starlight Children's Foundation

Up-cycled goods, entered art contests, and created gratitude care packages to raise awareness for a rare children's cancer called LCH.

Tustana Troop 3460

Natalie Salvatierra

Rocking All Religions

Human Rights/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Temple Beth Shalom

Created a fun event for 100+ middle schoolers to gain religious tolerance at 7 stations teaching religious history and beliefs.



Tustana Troop 3460

Tustin East Troop 1102

Molly Chapman

Preserving the Art of Woodcarving

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Visual Arts

Partnered with: OC Woodcarvers

Raised awareness about the art of woodcarving.

Tustin East Troop 1102

Justine Streichenberger

School Supplies for Tustin Students

Poverty/Education: Homelessness

Partnered with: Passion4Pencils

Expanded Passion4Pencils program by adding collection/donation site to serve students in Tustin Unified School District; created an Instagram campaign (Passion4PencilsTUSD) to raise community awareness.



Tustin East Troop 1102

Keeley Tully

Skin Cancer Awareness and Prevention

Health: Diseases

Created a skin cancer awareness and prevention video shown to all 8th grade students at Hewes Middle School.



Tustin East Troop 1102

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Kaegan Chee, Lesley Tan

Dress to Impress

Poverty/Health: Self-Esteem

Collected special occasion dresses for girls who cannot afford them.



Tustin East Troop 1102

Tustin East Troop 2460

Evelyn Kuei, Joanne Peng, Alisa Yamamoto

Shoes for Shepherds

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: German Shepherds of Orange County

Collected over 2,500 pairs of shoes for the German Shepherds of Orange County.

Tustin East Troop 2460

Payton Anderson

Helmets for Horses

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: The Shea Center Therapeutic Riding Center

Collected helmets from horse supply stores and riding groups for the riders at Shea Therapeutic Center.



Tustin East Troop 2460

Tustin East Troop 2460

Kiara Lupercio, Abigail Mackey, Cassie Meskel, Claire Suh

Read and Style

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Utt Middle School

Beautified the library to motivate students to visit, read, and study.

Tustin East Troop 2482

Elsa Choi, Jenna Fletcher, Elie Phan, Mikayla Vu

Myford Garden Restoration

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Helped a local elementary school restore its garden.

Tustin East Troop 3562

Natalie Gee

Operation Sunblock

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Operation Warm Wishes

Created a pamphlet to educate on the harmful effects of UV rays and donated two EZ Ups to Operation Warm Wishes for protection from the sun.

Tustin East Troop 3562

Maya Adrian, Maya DeLaTorres, Natalia Minchala

Get Outdoors

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Wayfinders Tustin Youth Shelter

Promoted the benefits of being outdoors by building two cornhole gameboards and a picnic table for Tustin Youth Shelter residents.



Tustin East Troop 3562

Tustin East Troop 4608

Sofia Kanda, Lauren Hsieh, Lauren Nguyen

BeYoutiful Just the Way You Are

Children's Issues/Health: Self-Esteem/Self-Image

Partnered with: Olive Crest Kinship Program

Created a video to encourage kids to be true to themselves and not to succumb to social media pressure.



Tustin East Troop 4608

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Samantha Fedewa

Kind Cards.org

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: kindcards.org

Created a website with free, printable cards for hospital visitors to download and print for their loved ones.

Tustin East Troop 4608

Madyson Fowler

Chemo Care Kits

Health: Mental Health

Created care kits with comfort items, games, and other items to help children through chemotherapy, donated to CHOC Children's Hospital.



Tustin East Troop 4608



Central Coast Region

Huntington Harbor Troop 535

Avery Pesko, Emma Santy

Top 10 Tips for iPhones for Seniors

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Created binders with tips for iPhone usage for local senior center and retirement home residents.

Huntington Harbor Troop 535

Madison Booher, Madison Ishii

Animal Adoption

Animals: Animal Adoption

Wrote an article about pet adoption to educate about how shelters/breeders treat pets and promote pet adoption.

Huntington Harbor Troop 535

Grace Grundstrom

Traffic Safety in Our Community

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Partnered with: City of Huntington Beach

Researched how traffic signs at intersections are assigned and developed a traffic safety lesson for children.



Huntington Harbor Troop 535

Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Scarlett Hart, Kayden Gott, Amelia Hofsaess

Stock Up Project Self Sufficiency's Pantry for Summer

Poverty/Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Project Self Sufficiency (PSS)

Organized a drive to collect cleaning products, brooms, paper goods, and toiletries for Project Self Sufficiency.



Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Alexsia Hanks, Sinead Fisher

Women Making History

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Historic Preservation
Partnered with: National Women's History Museum
Made a presentation for the 5th grade class at Harbor View Elementary School about women in history who did great things.

Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Sophia Arendt, Danielle Ito

Dress Out Poverty

Poverty/Health: Self-image
Partnered with: Dress a Girl Around the World
Created instructional video/training on impact of not having clothes in third world countries, and sewed and donated 36 dresses to an orphanage in Mexico.

Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Vi Lephram, Emily Poon, Cecily Sperber, Alyssa Villagonzalo

Animal Shelter Awareness Video

Animals: Animal Adoption
Partnered with: WAGS Pet Adoption
Created a video to help a local animal shelter get a boost in adoptions, fostering, volunteering, and donations.



Huntington Harbor Troop 1982

Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

Natalie Bains, Madeline Pinches

Expanding Youth Performing Arts in Our Community

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts
Partnered with: Orange County Children's Theater
Coordinated a free performance through Orange County Children's Theater for children to experience musical theater and gave young performers to exhibit their talents.



Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

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Grace Cross

"Beloved" Dance Camp

Children's Issues: Foster Care
Partnered with: Dance 4 Joy Ministries and Olive Crest
Designed, sponsored and taught a week-long "Beloved" bible themed dance camp at Dance4Joy Ministries for At-risk youth from OliveCrest. <https://youtu.be/OIVOGJX7-Rk>



Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

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Holly DiMaggio

Homeless Food of Hope

Poverty/Health: Hunger/Nutrition
Partnered with: Orange County Rescue Mission
Collected canned food and donated to Orange County Rescue Mission to help the homeless.



Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

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Keilani Solis

Blankets of Love

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Colette's Childrens Home

Made and donated 15 blankets for women and children at Colette's Childrens Home.



Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

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Katherine Potter

Cat Beds for Animal Shelter

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: National Cat Protection Society

Created twenty cat beds for the animal rescue center.



Huntington Harbor Troop 2345

Newport Harbor Troop 913

Erin Lustado

The Baby Band Project

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

Partnered with local library to create the Baby Band Project for babies' sensory development through musical instruments.



Newport Harbor Troop 913

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Rachael Ranney

Rachael's Reading Corner

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Orange County Childhood Language Center

Created "Rachael's Reading Corner" used by therapists to teach children with speech and language disabilities and visiting families.



Newport Harbor Troop 913

Ocean View Troop 1754

**Jayden Anderson, Rachel Dakin,
Natalie Gratzner, Julia Hovis, Fiona
Maddy, Nancy Pendleton, Jillian
Raymer, Lauren Smith, Lynsi Sueki,
Gwendolyn Wong**

Colette's Literacy Program

Children's Issues: Infant Care

Partnered with: Colette's Children's Home and
Community United Methodist Church

Read to young children to provide time for single mothers to
learn skills and get support.



Ocean View Troop 1754

Ocean View Troop 6252

**Mia Bruckler, Isabella Bruno,
Dominique Marchand**

Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Event

Poverty/Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Operation Christmas Child, Redeemer
Lutheran Church, St. Bonaventure School

Coordinated with the community to gather items to fill 600
shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for children in need.



Ocean View Troop 6252

Seal Beach Girl Scout Independent

Ella Riem

Girl Scout Independent Brochure

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Developed a brochure to educate girls to become a GSI.

West Garden Troop 2506 Lien Doan Thang Long

Kelly Pham, Thuy Nguyen

Motivation is Key

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: Orangewood Family and Children
Center

Donated motivational posters and bags with treats for the
kids at Orangewood Children and Family Center.



West Garden Troop 2506 Lien Doan Thang Long



Northeast Region

Anaheim Hills Troop 1302

**Stephanie Bradley, Cassie Haydis,
Rachael Pollak, Anna Varela**

Support for CHOC

Children's Issues/Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Children's Hospital of Orange County
Raised awareness for CHOC Hospital through informational
speeches, fliers and announcements.

Orange Villa Girl Scout Independent

Mikayla Pulasky

Making the World a Better Place Through Kindness

Children's Issues/Education: Mentoring/Literacy

Partnered with: Tackett Service Dogs - Tutpr with Tails
Created cards for new readers and distributed 500+ through
Tutors with Tails to encourage reading and inspire kids to read.



Orange Villa Girl Scout Independent

Zoe Lavigne

United States Playground Map

Education/Children's Issues: Mentoring

Painted United States playground map to be used as a classroom learning tool and an educational game board at recess.



Orange Villa Girl Scout

Orange Villa Troop 1057

Jessica Borton, Kate Holland, Kacey Schafer, Lily Wade, Carsyn Wood

Friendship Rock

Children's Issues/Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Created a "Friendship Rock" at their school to encourage anti-bullying and a safe place where students could meet new friends.



Orange Villa Troop 1057

Orange Villa Troop 3715 Unlimited

Nathalya Ritchie

The Sheepfold

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: The Sheepfold

Created survival bags for women and children of domestic abuse to be distributed by a local shelter.



Orange Villa Troop 3715 Unlimited

Placentia Troop 2836

Kaitlyn Pak, Haylie Patrick, Kalissa Madison, Samantha Mar

Teaching Bike Maintenance to Support Financial Independence

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: H.I.S. House in Placentia

Taught residents of HIS house to fix and maintain bikes as a means of transportation.



Placentia Troop 2836

Santiago Creek Troop 994

Peyton McDonough, Vanessa Tieng, Kara Wu

Around the World

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Montessori School

Created a program for preschool kids to learn about the traditions and importance of other cultures.

Santiago Creek Troop 994

Jessica Hasselbeck

Safety First

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Partnered with: The First Tee of Orange County

The project will keep thousands of First Tee participants safe while at golf practice in the years to come.

Yorba Linda East Troop 628

Mackenzie Gardiner

Blankets for Rescue Dogs

Animals: Animal Rescue

Organized a fleece collection drive and supervised the creation and distribution of more than 160 security blankets to dog rescue organizations throughout Southern California.



Yorba Linda East Troop 628

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Ava Fidel, Paige Olsen, Zoe Severson

Random Acts of Kindness

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Created workshops to design kindness postcards, make notes, and paint rocks to promote random acts of kindness.

Yorba Linda West Troop 2

Audrey Yun, Anna Zhang

From Crafts To Community

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Sunrise Senior Assisted Living of Yorba Linda

Created fun crafts and activities for senior center residents including constructing beaded trinkets, bracelets, coloring, painting and making sun catchers.

Yorba Linda West Troop 574

Kassidy Fong

Conserving Water

Environment and Sustainability: Water Conservation

Partnered with: Yorba Linda Water District

Made a website and YouTube channel and a succulent pot which she gave to the Yorba Linda Water District.



Yorba Linda West Troop 574

Yorba Linda West Troop 867

Alexis Benavides

Fidget Blanket for Seniors

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: Crescendo Senior Living

Made fidget blankets to reduce anxiety and give comfort to seniors with dementia or alzheimer's.



Yorba Linda West Troop 867

Yorba Linda West Troop 950

Ella Davidson, Ayah Mohamed, Natalie Rodriguez, Riley Sanchez

Fairmont Garden

Environment and Sustainability: Farming

Used recycled water to grow garden vegetables for the school's pets whose waste is used for the garden.



Northwest Region

Anaheim Troop 675

Mariko Nand, Taryn Noda

Eat. Sleep. Play. Repeat.

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: Healthy Human

Taught a class about nutrition and fitness.

Anaheim Troop 675

Ashley Mauldin

Oh The Books You Can Read!

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Crescent Elementary School

Created a Take a Book, Leave a Book cart for Crescent Elementary School to promote literacy on Read Across America Day.



Anaheim Troop 675

Anaheim Troop 675

Krystal Trinh

Conflict Cuddle Cutie

Children's Issues/Healthy Relationships:

Mentoring/Bullying

Partnered with: Cerritos Elementary School

Created a plush to encourage kindergarteners to mend conflicts between each other and develop problem solving skills.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2399

Julia Bustamante, Avani Pilkhane, Samantha Rosas, Sydney Rosas, Abbey Short

Sensory Garden

Children's Issues/Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Fullerton Cares, Quickwire

Created a Sensory Garden for children with Autism giving them a fun and safe place to explore and play.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2399

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2399

Madelynn Dabbs, Angelina Trejo

Blankets for Kids in Need

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: The Linus Foundation

Made blankets with the help of children with disabilities at an autism event to donate to children in need.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2399

Scout Passalacqua, Mary Marshall, Felicity Matthews, Maliha Richards

Implementing Recycling at our School

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Implemented recycling at school to impact the environment and encourage students that the more people recycle, the less trash landfills contain.

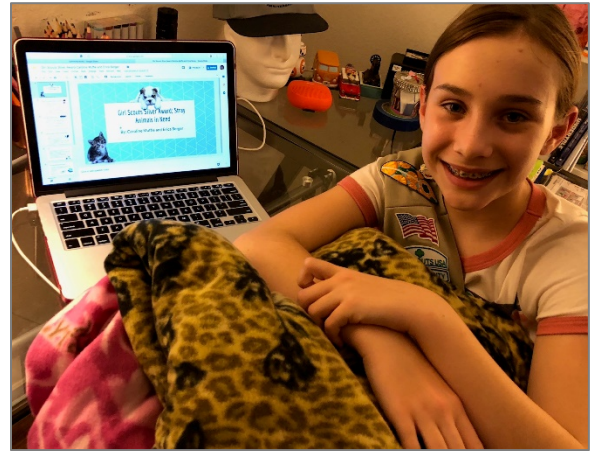
Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2461

Caroline Muffie

Project Paws

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with Erica Berger (South County: Ladera Valley Troop 2468) to develop a dog safety PSA including tips for finding lost dogs and donated homemade blankets/toys to create a soothing environment for shelter dogs.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2461

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2496

Natalie Kim, Ashley Kim, Cecilia Pak

Building Hope

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: City Net

Created hygiene care packages for homeless people to be distributed by CityNet.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2496

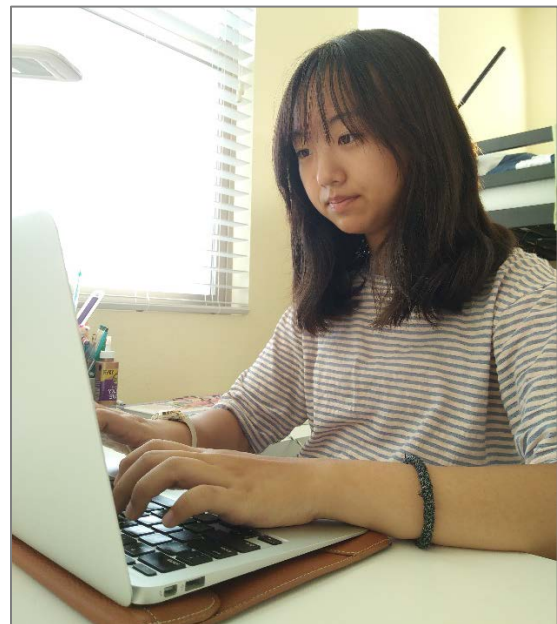
Elizabeth Kim, Lauren Kim, Gina Lee, Katelyn Lee

Creativity Matters

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Robert C. Fidler School

Created a presentation about the importance of creativity and worked with school's Career Day to have presenters explain how creativity/art can apply to all jobs.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2496

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2830

**Dakota Barnhardt, Clara Dhillon,
Amelie Heying**
Responsible Pet Care

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Local Vets, PetSmart

Developed an education program with support from a local veterinarian on pet adoption, spaying/neutering and pet safety.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2830

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3202

**Jasmine Bailey, Kylee Gong, Gabriella
Kano, Maggie Kelly, Abby Lynch, Eliza
Lynch, Katie Perrier, Mary Grace
Rivera, Ashlyn Sharp, Chelsea Yun**
**New Composting Program at Beechwood
School K-8**

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: CSUF Center for Sustainability

Evaluated data from trash analysis for video and presentation to school, won first place at CSUF Sustainability Showcase, and launched school-wide composting.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3202



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3357

Raneem Iftikhar
**Global Correspondence and
Understanding**

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Bridges of Peace and Hope

Connected and started initiatives with international students in an effort to increase understanding and global awareness.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3357

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Taabeer Shah
Eat Smart, Be Smart

Health: Nutrition

Developed a campaign aimed towards the Muslim community to promote healthy eating habits through workshops, webinars, blogs, and a website.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

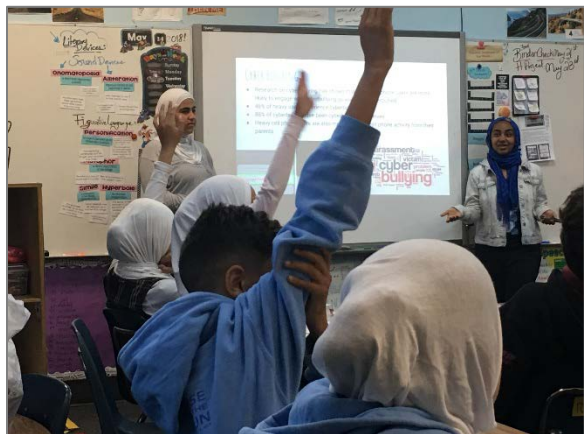
Marya Tailakh, Jana Hassan

Side Effects of Wireless Devices

Health/STEM: Global Health

Partnered with: Orange Crescent School

Raised awareness to educate students about the dangers of cellular radiation and internet safety.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Hana Abuseer, Oula Kloub, Laila Nahas

Sensory Blankets

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: South County Adult Day Services

Made sensory blankets used during a session with elderly patients with dementia at South County Adult Day Services.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3408

Rasmieh Abdelkarim, Jamila Abdelkarim

Summer Preschool Activity Kit

Sports: Underprivileged Kids

Partnered with: THINK Together

Created Summer Activity Kits for underprivileged preschoolers at Think Together, that encourages a love of reading, eating healthy, and exercise.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3549

Emilie Smalley, Chloe Lambaren, Melissa Macedo, Amy Mudagucci

Animal Shelter Help

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Orange County Animal Shelter

Collected donations for new pet owners and made fleece blankets for the animal shelter.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3549

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3549

Naomi Horiguchi

BarrierBreaker

Health/Disability: Access

Partnered with: Sunshine Family Dentistry

Created a medical form for Spanish speakers to help break the language barrier that can complicate dental procedures.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3549

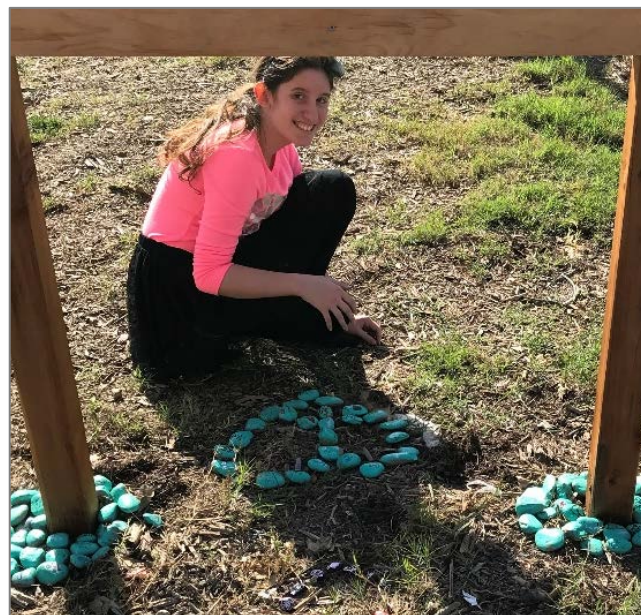
Genevieve Taylor Paden

Operation Hope

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Pathways of Hope

Revitalized a community garden and created 25 paintings with inspirational messages for Pathways Of Hope housing community.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3549

La Cypress Park Troop 709

Maya Machin, Amber Branham
Don't feel left out! Craft kits for kids.

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach

Created 150 craft kits for pediatric patients at Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach.



La Cypress Park Troop 709

La Cypress Park Troop 2251

Katelyn Alcaraz, Tala Alramahi, Rida Fatima, Melanie Henderson, Rebeca Lukasik, Jaden Michel, Merina Morrison, Layla Valenzuela, Kristal Wihardja

Bags of Care

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: Together We Rise

Created bags of care for foster teenagers.



La Cypress Park Troop 2251

La Cypress Park Troop 2499

Micah Desai, Hailey Somphone, Megan Vo

Reading Makes a Difference

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Gilbert Elementary School

Developed a reading program using fun games to help elementary school students enjoy reading.



La Cypress Park Troop 2499

La Cypress Park Troop 2549

Emma Brown, Charley Daugherty, Kaylee Valente, Gabriella Villanueva, Leilani Wang

Assisting Animals in Need

Animals: Pet Care

Supported dogs through research, training, volunteering, and educating others.

La Cypress Park Troop 2549

Gabriella Costa, Cayla De Guzman, Rachel Montoya, Carissa Perez, Giselle Tolentino

Keep Our Beaches Clean

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Bolsa Chica State Beach

Hosted multiple beach cleanups, adopted seals, and educated others, including a Daisy troop, about the importance of keeping beaches clean.



La Cypress Park Troop 2549

La Cypress Park Troop 2800

Mikayla Bowman

Stop and Pop for the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County

Children's Issues/Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Ronald McDonald House and Morris Elementary School

Created awareness and a pop tab drive to benefit families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.



La Cypress Park Troop 2800

La Cypress Park Troop 2800

Ella Pace

Save the Foxes

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Intellectual Virtues Academy Middle School

Started an Animal Rights club at Intellectual Virtues Academy Middle School to educate about the mistreatment and needs of animals.



South Coast Region

Aliso Viejo Troop 30

Haley Buttler, Li Ann Keller, Anastasia Milliman, Kamillah Nabi
Keeping Garbage Out of the Ocean

Environment and Sustainability: Clean Water

Partnered with: Moulton Niguel Water District and Girls Against Garbage

Educated the public about the impact of garbage in the oceans and how to prevent it.



Aliso Viejo Troop 30

Aliso Viejo Troop 1194

Maya Bland, Chloe Rude, Siena Pixley
Building Lunch Shelves and Raising Girl Scout Awareness at the Zoo

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Santa Ana Zoo

Made a shelf to hold school lunches at the zoo and organized an item drive and Girl Scout Awareness Day.

Aliso Viejo Troop 1194

Caitlyn Duenes, Amelia Kopf, Ayva Poggi
DJAMS Anti-Bully

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: DJAMS Middle School

Made posters and an education booth about bullying and filmed a video which will be shown in the homeroom.

Aliso Viejo Troop 1194

Jela Edwards, Lina Linde, Chloe Thomsen, Sabrina Zeitawi
Adoption Events/Awareness

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: MeowwzResQ

Worked with a local rescue group, made posters and held adoption events for cats.

Aliso Viejo Troop 2164

Samantha Cotter, Anabella Delgado, Annika Green, Lindsey Hughes, Katie Krzywicki, Angie Lopez, Madison Northway, Alianna Oliveria, Bridget Smith
Beach Beautification

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Doheny State Beach

Cleaned the beach, painted life size whales, and made sustainable ceramic tiles for the Butterfly Garden at Doheny State Beach.



Aliso Viejo Troop 2164



Aliso Viejo Troop 2476

Shea Carter, Eleni Engelbrecht, Grace Freidl, Kendall Kaese, Haley Kirchoff, Audrey Masson, Emma White

Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety

Education/STEM: Technology

Partnered with: Irvine Police Department

Created a video to educate middle school students on Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety.



Aliso Viejo Troop 2476

Heart of Irvine 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Thea Le, Jessica Nguyen

Giving a Hand

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Partnered with: Mission Ridge HOA

Restored and repainted a monument sign to help drivers.



Heart of Irvine 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Madeline Nguyen

Chair Exercise for Seniors

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Social Assistance Program for Vietnam (SAP-VN)

Created an exercise video for bedridden seniors to get exercise which was distributed to senior centers in Garden Grove.

Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Kimberly Nguyen, Alyssa Tonnu

Dental Instructions For Less Fortunate In Vietnam

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: Social Assistance Program for Vietnam (SAP-VN)

Designed and laminated 1000 dental brushing instructional templates in Vietnamese language for people in Vietnam to learn proper dental hygiene.

Heart of Irvine 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Anh Hoang

Helping the Humane Society

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: San Gabriel Valley Humane Society

Worked with San Gabriel Valley Humane Society to get necessary supplies for the animals.

Heart of Irvine 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Felicity Tran, Kylie Dang, Kimberly Doan

Donation of Fleece Blankets to Children with Cancer

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: CHOC

Donated blankets to help patients feel warm and positive.



Heart of Irvine 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Sydney Hoang

Making A Difference

Poverty/Children's Issues: Mentoring

Crafted 100 jewelry kits to donate to the organization Social Assistance Program of poor children in Vietnam.



Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Charlotte Cao, Vyvy Truong

Bright Futures

Children's Issues: Child Abuse

Partnered with: Child Abuse Prevention Center

Educated others about child abuse prevention and donated items, like handmade blankets, to the Child Abuse Prevention Center.



Heart of Irvine Troop 1809 Lien Doan Huong Viet

Laguna Beach Troop 649

Ani Hovanesian

Youth Shelter Sewing Education in Armenia

Children's Issues/Arts, Culture, and Heritage:

Mentoring/Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Orran

Taught kids to sew puppets and started a hand sewing program for underprivileged children in Armenia at a youth shelter.



Laguna Beach Troop 649

Laguna Beach Troop 1857

Nina Schmidt

International Bonding and Community Outreach Project

Education/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Nkomo Primary School Happy Feet Youth Project

Developed an awareness program to promote cross-cultural bonding between our local community and third world communities in South Africa.

Laguna Beach Troop 1857

Christina Veski

Necessities for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: ASL Homeless Shelter

Collected socks, toiletries and relocated and re-purposed an unused vending machine to give out necessities for the ASL homeless shelter.



Laguna Beach Troop 1857

North Irvine Troop 592

Grace Jin

Giving Love

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: Crittenton Services

Held workshops to create 30 Love Boxes with items and a note for foster children.



North Irvine Troop 592

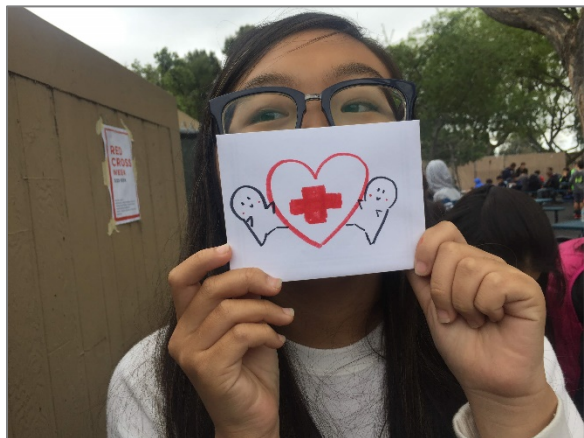


North Irvine Troop 592

Sylvia Cheeseman

Red Cross Awareness Week

Civic Engagement: Community Development
Partnered with: American Red Cross
Organized "Red Cross Awareness Week" with daily activities at school to promote Red Cross/First Aid education/awareness and prepare for disaster relief.



North Irvine Troop 592

North Irvine Troop 592

Megan Peng

Carbon Footprint Tracker- Your Impact on the World Today

Environment and Sustainability: Climate Change
Coded an app that measures carbon footprint in order to spread awareness about climate change and its global impact.



North Irvine Troop 592

North Irvine Troop 990

Carlene Nhu

Where are the Girl Refs?

Sports/Human Rights: After-School Programs/Girls' and Women's Rights
Partnered with: AYSO Referee Association
Collaborated with AYSO to license female youth referees to reduce game cancellations.

North Irvine Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

Julianne Le, Amber Nguyen

Coyote Education and Awareness Project

Animals: Animal Safety
Partnered with: Irvine Police Department
Held an educational booth and gave a presentation to educate Northpark residents about coyote issues.



North Irvine Troop 1279 Lien Doan Chi Lang

North Irvine Troop 2687

Lauren Mei

Summer Showtime Drama Camp

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Episcopal Church of the Messiah
Partnered with South County Region: Rancho Trabuco Troop 1701 to plan and implement a week-long performing arts camp for underprivileged children.



North Irvine Troop 2687

North Irvine 3162

Julia Chubb, Rachel How, Sammie Mah-Gersting

Music Mentoring Program

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Created a music mentoring program where middle school students mentored elementary school students with their instruments to help improve their musical skills.



North Irvine 3162

North Irvine 3162

Saarah Rangwala, Aminah Rangwala

Refugee Awareness

Education/Human Rights: Immigration

Created an education video and teaching curriculum to spread awareness about refugees in the United States.

North Irvine Troop 3162

Kaitlyn Ramos, Vi Hoang

STEAM Playdate

STEM/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Created playdate & YouTube channel to teach young kids the importance of STEAM and to give experiences in each area.



North Irvine Troop 3162

San Clemente Troop 3185

Tessa Campbell, Aubrey Gilman

Animal Rescue Adoption and Training Kit

Animals: Animal Adoption

Created training manual for volunteers working pet adoption events and adoption packets to go home with pets.



San Clemente Troop 3185



South Irvine Girl Scout Independent

Tara Nguyen

Encourage and Empower Young Girls at the OC Rescue Mission

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: OC Rescue Mission

Guided girls through arts and crafts to make decisions, follow directions, focus, express themselves, and practice patience.

South Irvine Troop 2338

Katie DuAlba

Comfort in Time of Need

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: You Are Not Alone (YANA)

Made care packages including blankets, scarves, beanies and cards for cancer patients who are undergoing treatment.



South County Region

Lake Forest Troop 1469

Kaya Irvani, Miranda Stiehl, Shaelynn Voigts, Sydney Wisner, Abigail Zertuche

Personal Care Kits for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: OC Rescue Mission, South County Outreach, Mercy House

Created 239 personal care kits for the homeless and volunteered at Mercy House, OC Rescue, and South County Outreach to distribute the kits.



Lake Forest Troop 1469

Lake Forest Troop 1793

Jessica Rouselle

Kiwanis Trauma Dolls

Health/Children's Issues: Mental Health

Partnered with: Kiwanis, CHOC

Led volunteers to help create 100 dolls to donate to CHOC to comfort patients.



Lake Forest Troop 1793

Lake Forest Troop 1859

Stirling Armstrong, Alexis Bermudez

Helping OC Animal Shleter

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: OC Animal Shelter

Created a box and baked cookies for the OC Animals.

Lake Forest Troop 2745

Avery Baxter

Anti-Bullying Slideshow for Elementary Education

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Hosted a pencil pouch sewing workshop and donated the pouches, filled with art supplies to Orangewood Children and Family Center.



Lake Forest Troop 2745

Lake Forest Troop 2745

Amy Van Woerkom

Let's Recycle

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Designed and built recycling containers to teach 4th - 6th graders about the benefits of recycling plastic water bottles.



Lake Forest Troop 2745

Ladera Valley Troop 2352

Ashley Koclanis, Bailey Moroson, Bella Platt

Therapy Animals to the Rescue

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Pet Partners and Animal Health Foundation

Held an educational presentation for the community about the benefits of pet therapy and how to become a pet therapy handler.



Ladera Valley Troop 2352



Ladera Valley Troop 2352

**Jenica Ashby, Maya Cappellino,
Shirin Dunker, Haley Hinrichs**
**Flag Etiquette, Protocols, Ceremonies,
and Education**

Civic Engagement: Community Development
Partnered with: Ladera Ranch Library and Mission Viejo Rotary
Created a book and online document to educate our community on flag etiquette, protocols and ceremonies.



Ladera Valley Troop 2352

Ladera Valley Troop 2468

Erica Berger
Project PAWS

Animals: Pet Care
Partnered with: OC Animal Care
Partnered with Caroline Muffie (Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2468) to develop a dog safety PSA including tips for finding lost dogs and donated homemade blankets/toys for shelter dogs.

Ladera Valley Troop 2468

Dorie Hernandez
Recycling Responsibly

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Partnered with: School PTA and Waste Management and Retail
Developed a program to prevent more than 12,000 trash bags per school year from going to landfill.



Ladera Valley Troop 2468

Ladera Valley Troop 4595

Danielle Bussell
AVID Video

Education: Career Training
Partnered with: Ladera Ranch Middle School
Made a video about the AVID class at Ladera Ranch Middle School to educate district employees about the benefits of the class.

Ladera Valley Troop 4595

Julia Kowalski, Mikayla Melo
Rededication Ceremony

Civic Engagement: Community Development
Planned a ceremony and created an educational packet on ceremony planning.



Ladera Valley Troop 4595

Ladera Valley Troop 4651

Liesel Blau, Mia Graham
Operation Happy Holidays

Elderly Issues: Elder Care
Involved hundreds of kids in OC making 4650 holiday cards for seniors living in skilled nursing facilities.



Ladera Valley Troop 4651

Mission Viejo Troop 1866

**Abby Grabowski, Amy Grabowski,
Joelle Simard-Villarin**
School Supply Drive

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Orange County Outreach at St. Kilian's Church
Collected and packaged school supplies for families at the Orange County Food Bank at St. Kilian's Church.



Mission Viejo Troop 1866

Mission Viejo Troop 1866

Sabrina Bilt, Julia Sanchez

Loaves and Fishes Clothing Drive

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Loaves and Fishes

Collected gently used clothing to distribute to hundreds of people at Loaves and Fishes.



Mission Viejo Troop 1866

Mission Viejo Troop 1974

Jessica Asay, Sarah Ibenthal

D.R.E.A.M

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: D.R.E.A.M. Animal Rescue

Made cat scratchers and cat homes for a local cat shelter.

Mission Viejo Troop 1974

Victoria Asay, Liberty Hansen, Mandy Hansen

Los Alisos Butterfly Garden

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Los Alisos Elementary School

Built a butterfly garden at Los Alisos to educate students about plants that help the ecosystem and the butterflies.



Mission Viejo Troop 1974

Mission Viejo Troop 1974

Gianna Glasser, Alexandria McKee, Mia Iniguez

Marine Ecology

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Laguna Ocean Foundation and Laguna Beach Marine Safety Department

Developed an educational website and video and trained as tide pool docents.



Mission Viejo Troop 1974

Mission Viejo Troop 2680

Alicia Dofelmeir

Intergenerational Relationships with Seniors

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: Vivante Senior Living Center

Organized and led students for two years making monthly visits to Vivante Senior Living Center establishing intergenerational relationships with the Seniors.

Mission Viejo Troop 2680

Roopa Menghani

Trash Pickup

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Organized trash cleanups at beaches and parks to help keep our community clean and safe.



Mission Viejo Troop 2680

Rancho Trabuco Troop 1701

Sara Asad, Jamie Sorensen, Lauren Tuohy

Summer Showtime Drama Camp

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Episcopal Church of the Messiah
Partnered with South Coast Region: North Irvine Troop 2687
to plan and implement a week-long performing arts day camp for underprivileged children.



Rancho Trabuco Troop 1701

Oso Valley Troop 2030

Lilly Lorber

Leotard, Tight, and Shoe Drive for Ballet Studio

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts
Partnered with: Orange County Ballet Theater
Organized leotard/tight and shoe drive for at risk children, held a shoe fitting, and taught a series of ballet classes.

Oso Valley Troop 2030

Jacqueline Vellandi

Music to Brighten the Season

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers
Partnered with: Atria del Sol
Led sing-a-long for seniors, and created flyers, CDs, and songbooks for future celebrations.



Oso Valley Troop 2030

Oso Valley Troop 2030

Caroline Kinsey

Little Dresses for Africa Dress Sew-a-thon

Poverty/Health: Self-image
Partnered with: Little Dresses for Africa
Coordinated a community sew-a-thon at a local sewing store to make pillowcase dresses for impoverished African girls.



Oso Valley Troop 2030

Oso Valley Troop 2030

Ainsley Jooyan

Make the World a Better Place

Education/Children's Issues: Mentoring
Developed and taught program for children to make the world a better place.



Oso Valley Troop 2030

Oso Valley Troop 2227/Girl Scout Independent

Reilly Assali, Ava Atash, Kayla Beckley, Brianna Cook, Caroline Cutler, Roxanne Cybulski, Katherine George, Makayla Hasselkus, Tiffany Hy, Kitrina Reidel, Natalie Rydel, Ellie Sepulveda, Amelia Stark, Natalie Souri, Kiera Vonnahme/Kylie Gonzalez (Girl Scout Independent)

STEPS Program

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Newhart Middle School

Met with teachers and aides at Newhart Middle School STEPS program.

Rancho Portola Girl Scout Independent

Rachel Presby

Come Out of Your Shell

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: Kindercare Daycare

Developed a theater program for children and gave a theater, puppets, and scripts for teachers and students to use.

Rancho Portola Troop 130

Grace Dempster, Abby Paulsen

Teal Pumpkins for Food Allergy Awareness

Children's Issues/Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Teal Pumpkin Project

Developed and implemented an awareness program for the Teal Pumpkin project to make Halloween accessible to kids with food allergies.



Rancho Portola Troop 130

Rancho Portola Troop 130

Claire Kuhn, Emily Ricketts, Anna Summers, Madison Robin

Toiletry Bags for People in Need

Poverty/Health: Homelessness/Diseases

Partnered with: Ronald McDonald House and OC Rescue Mission

Organized a supply drive and sewed drawstring toiletry bags for children at the OC Rescue Mission and Ronald McDonald House.



Rancho Portola Troop 130

Rancho Portola Troop 6561

Maya Levy

Paint Bathroom and Decorate for Foster Girls

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: The Teen Project

Painted bathroom at The Teen Project which houses girls who have aged out of foster care.



Rancho Portola Troop 6561

Rancho Portola Troop 6561

Taylor Ryan

Animal Care

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: OC Animal Care

Educated others about the importance of taking care of animals and neutering animals to prevent euthanization.



Rancho Portola Troop 6561

Rancho Portola Troop 6561

Abigail Savio

Operation Christmas Child and Samaritans Purse Awareness

Poverty

Partnered with: Operation Christmas Child, Samaritans Purse

Raised awareness and collected shoebox items for children.

Rancho Trabuco 2898

Talia Ruiz

Toys For The Shelters

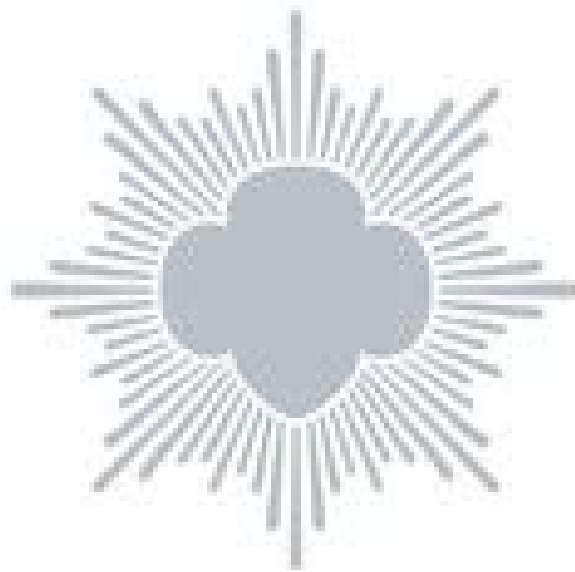
Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Laguna Beach Animal Shelter

Made the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter over 200 dog toys to send away with their adoptions and created a website.



Rancho Trabuco 2898



Congratulations, Silver Award Girl Scouts!

Thank you to all Girl Scout Cadette Troop/Group Volunteers.



Do you know a 2018 Orange County Silver Award Girl Scout(s) who should be recognized here?

Kindly send info for any additional Silver Award Girl Scout(s) who completed a project *between October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018* to Customer Care to request inclusion in a quarterly update.

CustomerCare@girlscoutsOC.org



Girl Scouts of Orange County

2018 Bronze Award Girl Scouts



The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting for Girl Scout Juniors in grades 4-5. Each Bronze Award Girl Scout develops a Take Action project to help improve her community and the world, and demonstrates that she is a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to contributing to the community in purposeful and meaningful ways. Congratulations to more than **675 OC Bronze Award Girl Scouts!**

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is approved by volunteers who have been trained to support girls in developing a Take Action project befitting the standards of the award. The project may be conducted by girls as a troop, group or individual.

This listing includes 420 girls - representing more than 65 projects - who earned the award and submitted their names between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.

Note: Bronze Award Girl Scouts are listed by region, service unit, troop number, and project title for ease of indexing.



Central Region

Garden Valley Troop 3390

**Reese Brummett, Lola Korhonen,
Tessa Nacke**

Beach Clean-Up

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Cleaned up the beach to make it a better place.



Garden Valley Troop 3390

Garden Valley Troop 3390

**Scarlett Bruce, Evelyn Cao, Kayla
Frechette, Lana Lai**

Recycling for School Equipment

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Recycled bottles and cans to purchase school equipment.



Garden Valley Troop 3390

Newport Harbor Girl Scout Independents

Lena Godfrey, Camille Tauro
Painting with Pandas

STEM: Technology
Created a video to teach others how to code a game.

Newport Harbor Troop 3482

**Grace Burke, Claire Casey, Madison
Lewis, Nicole Thorp**

Book Collection

Education: Literacy
Partnered with: College Park Elementary School
Collected/donated books to local school and transitional center for education.



Newport Harbor Troop 3482

Tustana Troop 3331

Ava Faraj, Bella Lin, Lilly Myers, Jaylene Perez

Composting Program

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: Guin Foss Elementary School and Benson Elementary School

Started a composting program for local school gardens.



Tustana Troop 3331

Tustana Troop 3433

Ava Bliaya, Anna Craig, Elle Doughty, Olivia Garces, Nicole Gutierrez, Saori Herrera, Leila Luna, Elli Norton, Sami Plum

Furever Family Baskets

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: OC Animal Care

Made take home items for families who adopted a pet.



Tustana Troop 3433

Tustana Troop 3713

Kaekoa Corona

John Muir Community Helpers

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Ripple Kids

Started a recognition program for students who complete service projects.



Tustana Troop 3713



Tustin East Troop 2577

Katie Chamkasem, Kaley Gunter, Keilah Lim, Maya Montoya, Sienna Morgan, Samantha Park, Alyssa Patchen, Sophie Polay, Elle Pruitt

Pillowcase Project

Health/Children's Issues: Mental Health

Partnered with: CHOC

Sewed 50 pillowcases for children in care at CHOC hospital.



Tustin East Troop 2577

Tustin East Troop 3182

Gabriella Falchetti, Aaliyah Fortes, Hailey Goodwin, Kate McInnes, Paige McRitchie, Danica Petersen, Jenni Trani, Payton Tully

TMA Star Store Restoration

Health: Nutrition

Cleaned and painted school produce stand at Tustin Memorial Academy.

Tustin East Troop 4189

Katelyn Banister, Annabel Chen, Annabel Chen, Nayung (Anna) Cho, Haley Dedhia, Mikayla Eldrake, Tanvi Gorthy, Emily Stensby, Angelina Tao, Avyukta Tatta

Raising Awareness for Cleaner Bathrooms

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: Irvine Elementary Schools

Educate students about bathroom etiquette.



Tustin East Troop 4189



Central Coast Region

HB Pierside Troop 2983

Samantha Applehof, Kayla Aviles, Laurel Brookhyser, Roxy Brookhyser, Kayla Bui, Ava Kajosevic, Piper McClave, Taylor Ponchak, Abbie Richman, Scarlett Vincent

Animal Rescue

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Pacific Marine Mammal Center

Helped rehabilitate a rescued sea lion.



HB Pierside Troop 2983

Ocean View Troop 3047

Kenzy Ackert

Sustainable Donations for the Humane Society

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: OC Humane Society

Investigated needs and collected items for animals.



Ocean View Troop 3047

Ocean View Troop 3118

Lauren Cartee, Evelyn Garcia, Leah Hagen, Mackenzie Louk-Castro, Sarah MacLean, Jade Maldonado, Roan McClure, Carmela Miars, Daniella Murray, Dulce Rabano

Garden Planter Restoration and Bird Bath

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces
Partnered with: Goldenview Elementary School and Farm
Restored/replanted an overgrown planter and made a bird bath for the farm at Goldenview Elementary School.



Ocean View Troop 3118

Ocean View Troop 3380

Morgan Carles, Caitlin Cook, Madeline Gerber, Madilyn Hendricks, Kiera Lietz, Kayla Orejudos, Laci Prather, Aubrie Sokoloff

Stop Germs Stop Absenteeism

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: CHOC

Researched germs, installed sanitizers schoolwide, provided refills and continuation plan.

Seal Beach Troop 2580

Kate Colby, Emily Dunphy, Brynley Gustin, Stevie Holguin, Charlotte McMaster, Danica Reiswig, Ivy Sowers, Alana Tsarofski

Childhood Hunger and Waste Reduction

Poverty: Hunger

Partnered with: McGaugh Elementary School and Food Finders

Educated McGaugh Elementary School students about childhood hunger and food waste.



Seal Beach Troop 2580

Seal Beach Troop 2966

Lilly Erlandson, Claire Remland, Alivia Seard, Lily Schamberger, Mira Zacheis, Abigail Zidonis

Project Protecting Pollinators

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: City of Seal Beach

Planted native plants to protect pollinators and beautify the community.



Seal Beach Troop 2966

Surf City Troop 3042

Lola Coderre, Leah Contreras, Audrey Crinella, Piper Hansen, Kara Hsieh, Sophia Loomis, Grace McClung, Katie Neumann, Katie Takushi, Allie Vertican

Bringing Joy (Jars) to Kids with Cancer

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Jessie Rees Foundation

Educated classmates/community on pediatric cancer and constructed hospital care packages.



Surf City Troop 3042





Comadres

Comadres Troop 2896

Melissa Cortes, Samantha Espinoza, Savanna Gutierrez, Julissa Guzman, Chelsi Ramos, Aaliyah Villanueva

Clean Up and Save the Environment

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: City of Santa Ana

Assisted with neighborhood clean-up and beautification project at the park.



Comadres Troop 2896



Northeast Region

Anaheim Hills Troop 3749

Elizabeth Butler, Sarah Coty, Abby Dragovich, Ashley Holguin, Lily Milroy, Heather Moseley, Chloe Prizio, Megan Sweeney

Springing Into Action for Olive Crest

Children's Issues: Child Abuse

Partnered with: Olive Crest

Collected and donated 120 Easter baskets to Olive Crest teens.



Anaheim Hills Troop 3749

Orange Villa Troop 3056

Lilli Barnhouse, Jordan Bowen, Nicola Frisch, Ella Kennedy, Amanda Mathews, Grace Morgan, Kassidy O'Meara, Abbie Prather, Chanel Soler, Myleigh Taylor, Madison Timone, Adisyn Tognazzini

Compassion Campaign

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: St. John's Lutheran School of Orange
Organized a compassion campaign for grades 2-5 at St. John's Lutheran School of Orange.

Orange Villa Troop 3715 Unlimited

Eirian Elisha Esguerra, Samantha Ericson

Helping Shelter Cats

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Cats In Need

Up-cycled GS cookie cases into scratching posts for cats.



Orange Villa Troop 3715 Unlimited

Placentia Girl Scout Independents

Kaitlyn Dymond, Ava Powers

Period Packs

Health: Hygiene

Provided tween pads, underwear, leggings in pouches for elementary girls.



Placentia Girl Scouts

Yorba Linda East Girl Scout Independent

Juliet Palicke

Save Lives! Donate Blood!

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: The American Red Cross

Helped collect 30 pints of blood, 90 lives saved!



Yorba Linda Girl Scouts

Yorba Linda East Troop 5142 S.U.P.E.R. Girls

Mila Kuppenova

Sewing Kits for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Collected supplies and prepared sewing kits to hand out at the Food Bank.

Yorba Linda West Troop 2593

Alisha Bhavsar, Sayde Blanchette, Narina Brar, Natalie Hawkins, Sophia Herrera, Sammie Lummas, Mila Kuppenova, Charlee Ocheltree, Julie Robertson, Lili Sebestyen, Shreya Shah

Educating Others about Pet Care in Support of Bunny Bunch

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: The Bunny Bunch

Held two workshops to educate others.

Yorba Linda West Troop 3199

Casey Cho, Sophie Graham, Allison Ho, Ashley Lopez, Katherine Nguyen, Kayla Vadrevu, Jazmin Zapata, Priscilla Zapata

Little Free Library for Yorba Linda Park

Education: Literacy

Made a Little Free Library at the local park.



Yorba Linda West Troop 3199



Northwest Region

Anaheim Troop 855

Thalia Eclarinal, Madison Ige, Jaclyn Kanda, Kenna Kashima, Yuko Koyama, Leanna Lau, Ava Loo, Stephanie Sarashina

Craft Kits for 100 Military Children

Military/Veterans Affairs: Veterans' Issues

Partnered with: Miramar Raiders Squadron, USMC

Miramar Air Station

Provided 100 craft kits for military children with deployed parents.



Anaheim Troop 855

Anaheim Troop 855

Olivia Inanaga, Kaitlyn Nakagawa, Tristen Tanimura

Preparing for Natural Disasters

Disaster Relief: Natural Disasters

Partnered with: Orange County Buddhist Church

Made a video to educate our community about safety preparedness for natural disasters.



Anaheim Troop 3155

**Chloe Chen, Adylynn Flesch,
Gwendalynn Long, Jenna Natividad,
Jaedee Pinto, Grace Serrano, Nora
Skehan, Sienna Trencó**

Emergency Preparedness Event

Disaster Relief: Natural Disasters

Partnered with: Disney, Cal Optima, & American Red Cross

Educated community about emergency preparedness for fires, earthquakes, and floods.



Anaheim Troop 3155

Anaheim Troop 3155

**Sophia Hall, Olivia Haske, Hailey
Heren, Malia Hozak, Lola Kongpien,
Makenzie Leon, Kaitlyn Nilson,
Tatyana Rosa, Chelsea Thompson,
Madison Ventura**

Community Beautification Cleanup

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Created new spaces at Girl Scout Program Center (Art, Garden, & Supplies).



Anaheim Troop 3155

Brea Troop 3048

**Saige Acosta, Addison Curley, Gianna
DiConti, Isabella Gastinell, Raphelle
Ilagan, Erica Mock, Kate Ross, Ava
Schmaltz, Mikayla Sypinero, Alegria
Trujillo, Sydney Wilson**

Toy Drive for UCLA Children's Hospital

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: UCLA Children's Hospital

Collected toys for children at UCLA Children's Hospital.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2472

**Sofia Bravo, Rhi Jewell, Keira Holland,
Skylar Matthews, Hayley McDonagh,
Bianca Naranjo, Valeria Uribe,
Elenora Waisanen**

Read a Book! Be Inspired!

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Acacia Elementary School Library

Created book display to inspire students to change the world.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2472

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2875

**Sierra Barnhardt, Ava Fredman, Roni
Mercado**

Food for the Homeless

Poverty: Hunger

Prepared meal kits for the homeless.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3193

**Salma Baclit, Hannah Chang, Abigail
(Trisha) Daniel, Audrey Jeon, Evelyn
Kang, Ashley Kim, Caroline Kim, Ava
Park, Jessica Rivas, Sienna Shah,
Hannah Won**

Provide the Needs of Animals at Shelter

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: OC Animal Care

Made blankets and treats to be used by the shelter.

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3235

Alyssa Alcantar, Layla Andre, Amina Bassford, Mariah Carrillo, Sarah Gudmundsen, Aubrey Kaneko, Eshal Khoso, Emma Lee, Layla Lee, Riya Macwan, Bela Mody, Heta Mody, Renee Richards, Abigail Templeton, Aaliyah Watkins, Asia Watkins, Rachael Watson

Book Drive for Foster Children

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: Orange County social workers

Collected roughly 1,500 books for Orange County foster children.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3235

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3335

Kristina Andreeff, Vivien Gray

Wildlife Baby Shower

Animals: Animal Rights

Partnered with: Wetlands and wildlife Care Center - Huntington Beach

Collected supplies for Wetlands and Wildlife Rescue.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3335

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3398

Jessica Alatorre, Alex Douglas-Rejon, Alondra Flores, Karissa Jones, Kiana Krayem, Mirabella Medina, Malaya Monts, Natalie Salazar, Nadine Scott, Jessi Solorio, Mia Soto, Syana Walsh

Change the Fate

Animals: Animal Rights

Partnered with: New Life Animal Sanctuary

Created website and FB/Instagram page to educate about animal testing.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3398

Fullerton/La Habra Troop 6027

Synai Bryant, Sophia Fuentes, Jocelynn Morgan

Love Kits

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: n-Action Family Network, Inc.

Made love kits for the homeless.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 6027

La Cypress Park Troop 2549

Myleia Davis, Charlii Pyne-Booker, Maddison Stranz, Kayla Tolentino, Demi Totah

Coloring Books & Blankets for Hospitalized Children

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: PIH Health Hospital

Created original coloring books and made blankets for hospitalized children.



La Cypress Park Troop 2549

Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 2586

Jessica Bae, Ali Hatakeyama, Brooklyn Hernandez, Sarah Dicus, Bridgette Knapp, Siena Laws, Sydney Mastick, Grace Wilderman

Middle School Guidebook

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools

Created guidebook to help 5th graders learn about middle school.



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 2586

Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 3169

Rebekah Cline, Tara Matthews, Rianna Norman, Sarah Roudabush, Katelyn Ruiz

Backpacks for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Collected school supplies and basic necessities for the homeless.

Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 3550

Macy Bathurst, Olivia Cornelius, Syndee Groom, Lexy Jones, Madison Van dolah

Beds for Paws

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Idyllwild Living Free Sanctuary

Sewed and donated beds to the Idyllwild Living Free Sanctuary.



South Coast Region

Aliso Viejo Troop 3153

Erin Barker, Mikalynn Briggs, Olivia Irwin, Jaylin Kierulff, Leah Kirby, Carina Leo, Katie Lind, Evelyn Natzke, Emma Partington, Katie Rolls, Maddie Roy, Alissa Turner, Abby Verrando, Katherine Verrando

Shelter and Pet Support and Awareness

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Pet Project Foundation

Collected supplies, made dog toys and cat/dog blankets.



Aliso Viejo Troop 3153

Aliso Viejo Troop 3315

Isabella Coveyou, Emily Maxton, Brook Plummer, Laurel Thurman, Kaitlyn Welsh

Saving Lives of Pets Project

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with: The Pet Rescue Center

Collected 1600 pounds of pet food for Pet rescue the Pet Rescue Center.



Aliso Viejo Troop 3315

Heart of Irvine Troop 3223

Tabitha Holm, Gabriella Jones, Makaylah Jordan, Sophia Newton, Elizabeth Sein, Michaela Sein, Maitlynn Stockton

New Student Buddy System Project

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: Oak Creek Elementary School

Started a new student buddy system at Oak Creek Elementary School.



Heart of Irvine Troop 3223

Heart of Irvine Troop 3369

Minal Bari, Natalie Damigella, Uma Darapareddy, Tejal Kuvkatt, Idhika Padhi, Anjum Shaik, Hafsa Shaik, Navya Shivshankar, Shreya Tyagi

Peace Presents Party

Human Rights: Immigration

Partnered with: Home for Refugees USA

Provided needed items for three Afghani refugee families.



Heart of Irvine Troop 3369

Laguna Beach Troop 3222

Aneliese German, Giselle Lopez, Hannah Miller, Finley Poirer, Isabella Renezeder

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Implemented a first-time "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" program at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish School.



Laguna Beach Troop 3222

Niguel Coast Troop 2544

Addison Campbell, Liza Charles, Alyssa Darst, Madison Dellner, Riley Dellner, Janie Gryzanoski, Addison Campbell, Olivia Lindstrom, Molly Pearce, Mackenzie Rugggerello, Kennedy Santos

George White Refillable Water Station

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: George White Elementary School 5th grade families

Educated the school, administration, and PTA about school needs and formed a group of 5th grade families to help support school projects.

Niguel Coast Troop 3116

Nadia Taraman

Girl Scout Mosaic Restoration

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Historic Preservation

Repaired the Girl Scout Faces mosaic in a public park.



Niguel Coast Troop 3116

Niguel Coast Troop 3426

Ava Dalaskey, Mia Dean, Ella Deift, Amelia Latini, Chloe Nadalski, Rachel Ohana, Natalia Piana, Samantha Jo Roberson

Star Pups & Pets

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: The Arc of San Juan

Collected supplies for a pet rescue organization.



Niguel Coast Troop 3426

Niguel Coast Troop 3521

Jovie Becklin

Big Animal Toy Project

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Sand Canyon Animal Shelter

Gave food, toys, and beds to the shelter animals.



Niguel Coast Troop 3521

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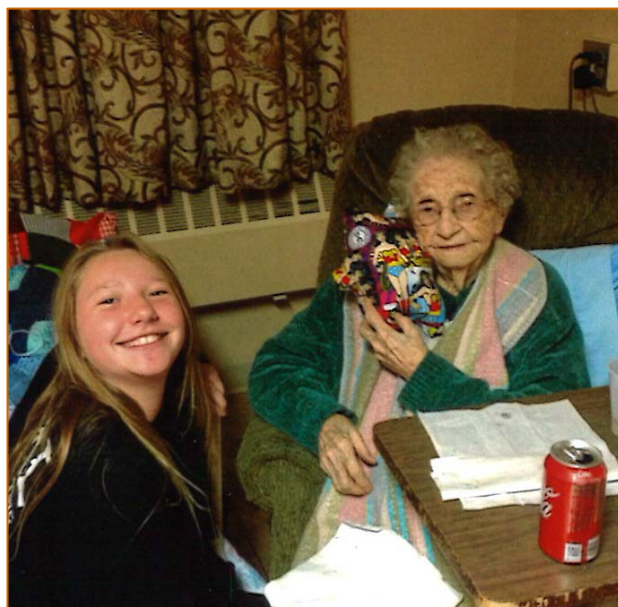
Makayla Brenneis

Nursing Home Teddy Bears

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: St. Luke Nursing Home

Made bears to comfort seniors.



Niguel Coast Troop 3521

North Irvine Troop 3006

Cammie Corcoran, Hayley Kobayashi, Riteka Kumar, Victoria Martinez, Charlotte Nichols, Abbey Park, Rhea Rupareliya, Roha Rupareliya, Maggie Wilson

Lost and Found

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: City of Irvine

Made lost and found boxes to put in local parks.

San Clemente Troop 3185

Maggy Campbell, Caelin Cummings, Sarah Derosiers, Hannah Ellinger, Ava Escario, Brooks Freska, Ellie Gifford, Ella Gilman, Maddy Hanlon, Isabella McCann, Frances O'Connor, Vanessa Petrocelli, Morgan Pribyl, Avery Roemer, Lauren Rosen, Ashlynn Russell, Mia Turturro, Brya Wenger

Pets Project

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Ark of San Juan Capistrano Animal Rescue

Raised awareness for local animal rescue, and worked adoption events.



San Clemente Troop 3185

South Irvine Troop 3109

Tina Aali, Madeleine Carroll, Jasmine Gama, Alexis Genest, Reagan Genest, Gigi Lukanish, Anna Stehberger

Building Awareness for Paws for Independence

Disability: Access

Partnered with: Paws for Independence and Guide Dogs for the Blind

Informed community about Paws4Independence to help blind people. <https://3109bronze.weebly.com>



South Irvine Troop 3109

South Irvine Troop 3167

Ellison Chiou, Margeoux Corrigan, Elise Gillen, Maiya Kothari

Bring Safety to Our Community Safety

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: City of Irvine

Petitioned city to add a pedestrian sign to a crossing area in their neighborhood.



South Irvine Troop 3167

South Irvine Troop 3553

Samantha Bowlen, Violet Brindis, Krista Mendivil

Beach Clean-Up

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Completed beach clean-ups, educated classmates on recycling, and conducted a plastics drive.

South Irvine Troop 3553

Elizabeth Kim, Fiona Law, Anabella Luo

Dangerous Crosswalks

Public Safety: Traffic Safety

Advocated to put a stop sign and crosswalk at Chapparal Park.



South Irvine Troop 3553

South Irvine Troop 3553

Giuliana Lane, Roxy Lang, Jie Zhou

Kitty Litter Benches

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Orange County Animal Care

Built two kitty litter benches for new OC animal shelter.



South Irvine Troop 3553

South Irvine Troop 3553

Lillian Gan, Nidhi Ramiah, Camille Ridder

Why You Shouldn't Text While Driving

Public Safety: Traffic Safety
Advocated for traffic safety.



South County Region

Ladera Valley Troop 3085

Chloe Meilak

Hummingbird Garden

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces
Planted flowers and made 23 wire cages at Hummingbird Garden.



Ladera Valley Troop 3085

Lake Forest Troop 2889

Alyssa Amante, Hailey Lau, Jocelyn Ruiz

Foothill Ranch Elementary Garden

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Foothill Ranch Elementary School
Cleaned and replanted butterfly garden for Foothill Ranch Elementary School kindergarteners.



Lake Forest Troop 2889

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Sarah Fitzpatrick, Zoe Garduno, Olivia Green, Aanya Goyal, Ava Gustafson, Gianna Minton, Anya Pramanick, Alyssa Ramirez, Grace Regier, Mackenzie Sandoval, Lorelei Setran, Dorina Tamaddon-Dallal

Pet Palooza

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: OC Shelter Partners and Greenland Holler Pets

Educated community about animal rescue.



Lake Forest Troop 2889

Oso Valley Troop 2901

Marlowe Knudtson, Alyssa McHenry, Madyson O'Brien, Kate Pointer, Grace Radojicic, Georgia Rowan, Isla Thomas

Art in Motion

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art
Partnered with: Art for Healing
Made art kits for children in local hospitals.

Rancho Portola Girl Scout Independent

Lily Blake

Oso Creek Clean Up

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Removed trash, educated about effects of pollution and recycling benefits.



Rancho Portola Girl Scout Independent Lily Blake

Rancho Portola Troop 2509

Shaylen Benson, Kayla Carrasco, Riley Galasso, Sarah Garvin, Nicole Judge, Natalie Lin, Ashley Obremski, Autumn Ricketts

Stuff Sack Care Packages for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness
Partnered with: Orange County Rescue Mission
Sewed stuff-sacks, blankets, scraves, and coordinated Lost & Found redistribution for homeless.



Rancho Portola Troop 2509

Rancho Portola Troop 2519

Aurora Salmoran

Share Buckets Project

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Collected and distributed buckets and supplies for kids at parks.



Congratulations, Bronze Award Girl Scouts!

Thank you to all Girl Scout Junior Troop/Group Volunteers.



Do you know a 2018 Orange County Bronze Award Girl Scout(s)
who should be recognized here?

Kindly send info for any additional Bronze Award Girl Scout(s) who
completed a project *between October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018* to
Customer Care to request inclusion in a quarterly update.

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The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

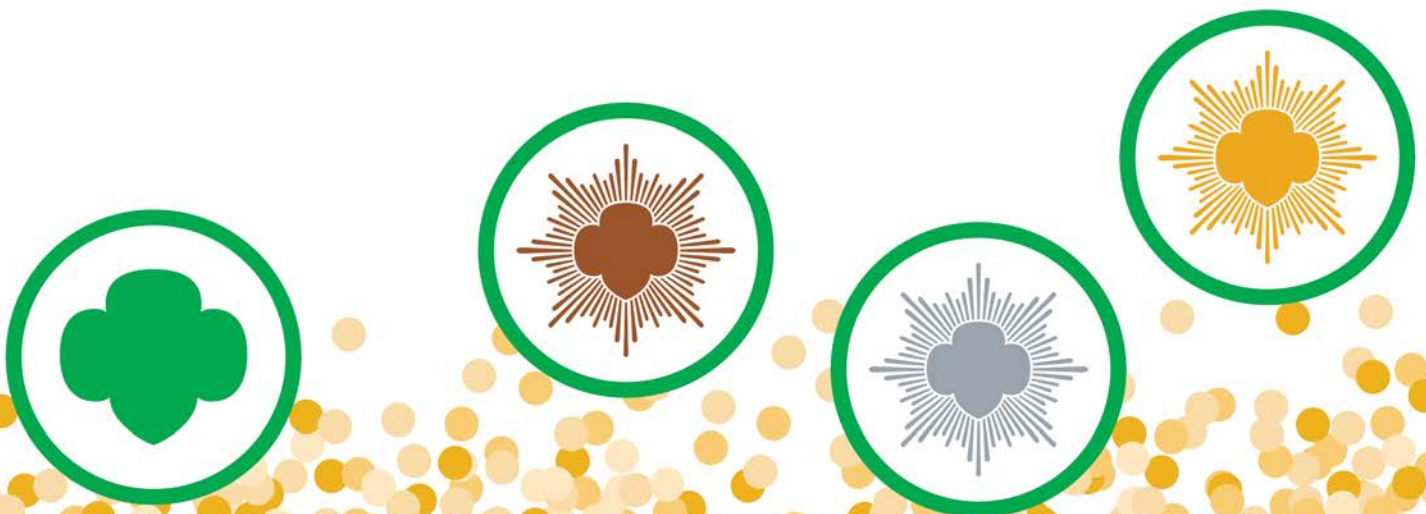
I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Mission

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

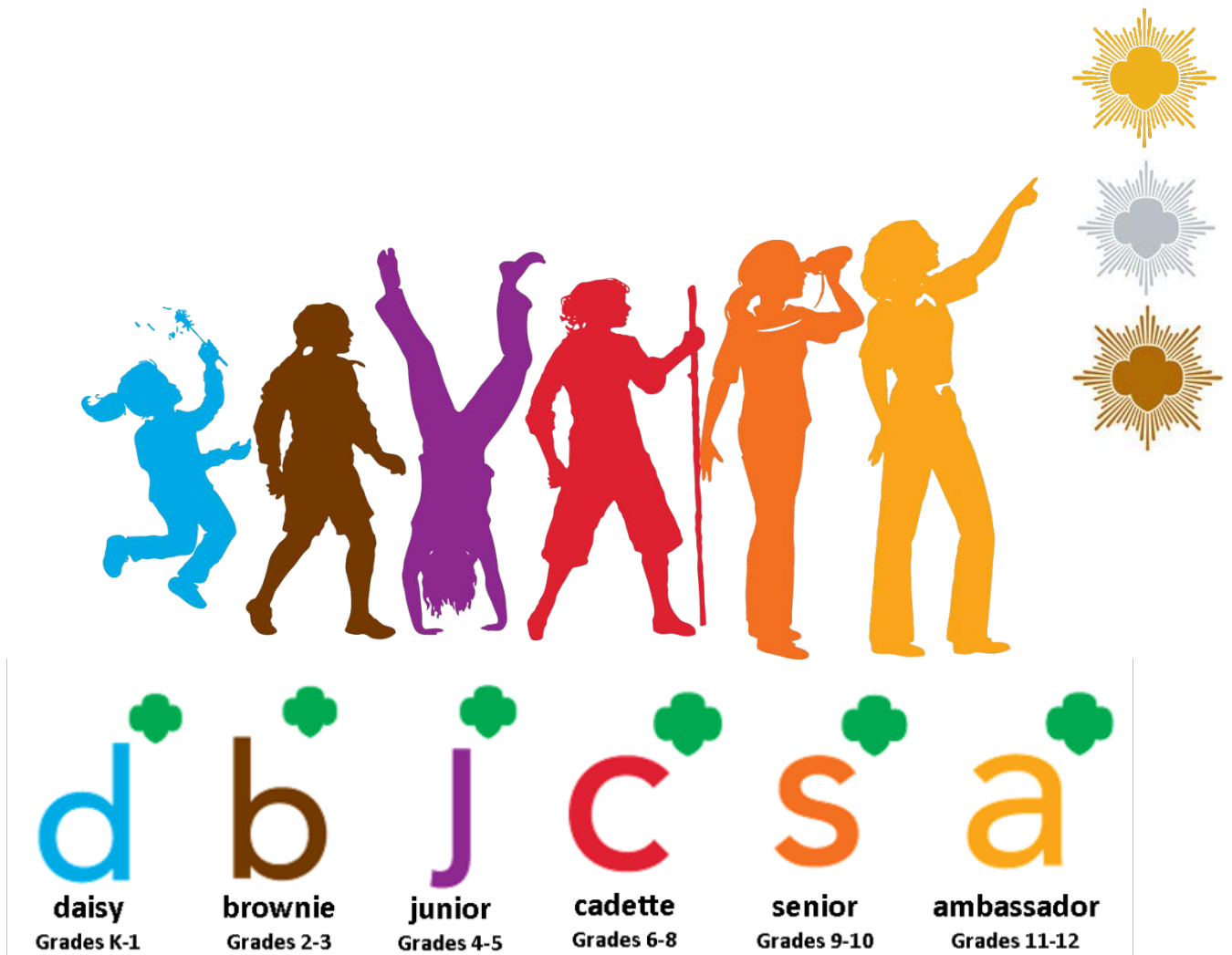
Vision

Girl Scouts of Orange County creates the best leadership development experiences for all girls in Orange County.



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Begin a Girl Scout Journey to earn the Highest Awards!
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