



HIGHEST AWARDS YEARBOOK

Recognizing Recipients of the
Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Silver Award

*Earned between
October 2014 - September 2015*



The Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting; it recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable “Take Action” projects. Since 1916, girls have successfully answered the call to “Go Gold,” an act that indelibly marks them as accomplished members of their communities and the world.

An applicant must become a registered Girl Scout member and complete components that help her build skills in leadership, communication, time management, presentation, delegation, interpersonal relationships, responsibility and commitment. She explores and demonstrates setting short and long-term goals while developing her own self-potential and values. She then combines all of the skills gained through this process to design, plan, implement and evaluate a project that makes a significant difference in her community. This process takes two to four years to complete.

The outstanding young women featured in this yearbook have demonstrated their courage, confidence, and character by earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be achieved in Girl Scouts. Members of Girl Scouts of Orange County salute these dedicated and determined young women for making the world a better place through their fulfillment of the requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award.



2014-2015 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients at the annual Girl Scouts of Orange County recognition event held at the Disneyland Hotel in June 2015.

Content included in this yearbook is aggregated from Gold Award Recipient Profiles submitted to Girl Scouts of Orange County.



Girl Scouts of Orange County

2015 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients

Aamna Abbasi
Haleema Abbasi
Sarah Adams
Aliza Ali
Maegan Bishop
Grace Blackman
Sarah Bomwell
Cassidy Briggs
Ashley Brown
Megan Bui
Corinne Butler
Ketana Chadavada
Tiare Chen-Wong
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Kelsey Dalton
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Riya Dewan
Christine Do
Huongly Do
Janet Doan
Binhan Doanvo
Jennifer Dubois
Emily Fong
Katherine Foresman
Heather Gammon
Kara Gee
Theresa Geiser
Naomi Green
Madison Grishaber
Vivian Ha
Kelsey Hampson
Erin Henkhaus
Kaylee Hepburn
Samantha Hirata
Lauren Hughes
Traci Ishii

Meghan Jacinto
Celia Janes
Afraah Javed
Eunice Kang
Kayla Katsuda
Katelyn Keen
Sarah Keung
Jillian Kido
Samantha Kosai
Jenna Koyamatsu
Sarah Kremer
Tiffany Lee
Hannah Leou
Haley Lerner
Daniela Lucidi
Khanh Luong
Vivian Luu
Kelsey Luvisa
Sophia Luzzi
Celeste MacFarlane
Samantha Madsen
Destiny Mahood
Laura Mandich
Kiran Maqbool
Summer Marsh
Ashley Masuda
Lindsay Masukawa
Allison Matthews
Kathryn McCullough
Ariel Min
Kayli Minear
Sloan Molstad
Claire Nguyen
Pauline Nguyen
Rachel Nguyen
Vi Nguyen

Deval Patel
Isabel Pena
Crystal Pham
Cristina Pintor
Ashley Quintilone
Jinnie Rhee
Allison Richter
Sabrina Robinson
Calista Rodrigue
Kaitlyn Sachs
Hannah Schoenbaum
Pamela Seymour
Anika Shah
Riya Shah
Erin Smith
Julia Subbiondo
Caroline Sun
Morgan Takach
Corinne Tarantino
Doan-Khue Tran
Sara Tran
Catherine Trinh
Hannah True
Julian Truong
Shaye Uyematsu
Camila Vincent
Vivian Vu
Susan Wang
Kinsley Washington
Cierra Wilson
Alyssa Yasutake
Kindall Yeung

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membership year



STARRS

Aamna Abassi

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 1055
Girl Scout Ambassador



The Science CAN! Initiative

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Orange & LA County Science & Engineering Fair & LA/OC County Food Banks

Haleema Abbasi

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 1055
Girl Scout Ambassador, Beckman High School
Career Goal: Retail Operations Management

Haleema facilitated a relationship between the OC Science and Engineering Fair and the OC Food Bank, allowing the fair to serve as a canned food drive -- last year, her efforts led to the collection of over 1000 pounds of food. Haleema has "branded" this effort as The Science CAN! Initiative, and brought in the LA County Science Fair and the LA County Food Banks as partners. Her plan is to transform school, district, county and state science fairs into canned food drives, and to take The Science CAN! Initiative to the White House science fair.

"I picked up organizational and coordination skills through my Gold Award journey, which have come in handy at school. Most importantly, I have learned that as a Girl Scout I will not take no for an answer when I know that a little change in a process can make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate!"



Saints and Swimmers Video

Public Safety: Water Safety

Partnered with: San Felipe de Jesus Parish

Sarah Adams

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 1269
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: UC San Diego/Doctor

Sarah's goal for her project was to create a video targeted towards spreading awareness about the importance of water safety and working together to provide every child with swimming lessons. The video has photos and interviews of parents, instructors, and children from a swimming camp called "Saints and Swimmers," which provides swimming lessons for underprivileged children of the San Felipe de Jesus Chapel in San Clemente, California. The video is being used by the church to promote their program and the importance of water safety in our community.

"My project taught me the importance of working together to achieve a goal. While working on my video, I discovered a newfound passion for public health, something that I have decided to major in next year in college. It is essential that members of a community understand the issues and work together to eliminate them for the safety of everyone."



Sustainable Garden

Aliza Ali

Central Coast Region: Surf City Service Unit, Troop 1894 "Lehua"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School



OCSA Stairwell Signage

Arts, Culture, and Heritage/Disability: Art, Cultural Awareness/Access
Partnered with: Orange County School of the Arts

Maegan Bishop

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 "Aquila"
Girl Scout, Orange County School of the Arts
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: CalArts/Entrepreneur

Maegan's Orange County School of the Arts Stairwell Signage project provided necessary ADA compliant stairwell floor signs at her school for identification and safety reasons. She organized a competition for students to submit artwork to be selected for the signs. Each of the 17 signs showcased unique student artwork which promoted school pride and celebrate the culture of school. To encourage school involvement, she created a Facebook page where students can share ideas for future campus beautification projects.

"While working on this project, I gained skills relating to communication and organization. I needed to communicate with the various groups of people to make sure we met our deadlines, so the project could be completed on time. Earning the Gold Award has always been a goal of mine. I am proud of myself for all the work I have done. Achieving this goal inspires me to never give up on my dreams."



Real World Applications of Math and Science for Fourth Graders

STEM: Science
Partnered with: Newport heights Elementary School

Grace Blackman

Central Region: Newport Mesa Service Unit, Troop 291
Girl Scout Ambassador, Newport Harbor High School
Career Goal: Nurse Practitioner

Grace developed a STEM program at a local elementary school for fourth grade students. As part of the program she created a math and science workbook for the students. The workbook contained numerous STEM related problems for the students to solve. The problems were based on local landmarks in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa that the students could easily relate to. Over the course of four months Grace taught the students the problems and how STEM can be used to solve everyday problems. A pre and post interest survey revealed that the students were significantly more interested in STEM careers at the end of Grace's program.

"My leadership and teaching skills were significantly strengthened through this project. I learned how to delegate projects to others based upon their skills and work with adults how hold higher up leadership positions. I feel that the project sparked a strong interest in STEM careers in the students that I worked with."



Connelly Says No More

Sarah Bomwell

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 1433
Girl Scout Ambassador, Cornelia Connelly High School



Gear Up to Bike Safety

Cassidy Briggs

Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 862
Girl Scout Ambassador, Marina High School



Sustainable Home Gardening Educational Program

Environment & Sustainability: Climate Change
Partnered with: Bluebird Canyon Farms

Ashley Brown

South Coast Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 753 "Spinnakers"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Laguna Beach High School

Ashley's project was a public education and outreach program aimed at countering the effects of the individual's carbon footprint. She worked with a local organization to learn valuable home gardening techniques that would contribute to a reduced carbon footprint. She created and distributed brochures on basic gardening principles which educate and motivate individuals to create and maintain a home garden. Her target audience was homeowners in her hometown. By reducing individual's carbon footprint, Ashley hoped to minimize the individual impact that leads to climate change.

"As I worked with many people who also cared strongly about reducing carbon footprints, I learned that I have a much bigger impact as an individual than I previously thought. The Gold Award taught me that there will always be people with similar passions, and working with them has taught me to not be afraid to reach out about an issue you care about."



Pillows of HOPE

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: American Cancer Society

Megan Bui

South Coast Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809

Girl Scout Ambassador, Irvine High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Irvine Valley College (Biology)/Oncology Physician

Megan created and distributed HOPE pillows to the Orange Coast Memorial Care Oncology Center, to provide undergoing cancer patients with comfort and support from the community through the help of the American Cancer Society (ACS). She began by educating high school youths who were interested in learning or were a part of their ACS club. Later, she continued to hold multiple educational sessions, which included guest speakers and cancer survivors to speak about their stories, in order to spread awareness about the cause. Afterwards, she taught students how to make pillows as a form of outreach to support undergoing patients.

"Working along with the American Cancer Society for over three years has allowed me to tackle this project and led me to dive into the career of oncology. Working with the youths of Irvine made me realize how to become a better leader because it is a group effort. Earning my Gold Award showed me how to identify an issue and inspire others to make a change."



Importance of Healthy Eating and Daily Exercise

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club

Corinne Butler

Northeast Region, Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 330 "Aku Aku"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Esperanza High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, San Diego/Medical Field

Corinne developed a program for children of a lower socio-economic class to help teach them about eating healthy and exercising daily. To plan this she created an agenda, budget, and organized volunteers to help her the days of the program. She worked with the volunteer director at the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove who will continue the program, as well as got advice from a dietician. At the program, the children made different healthy snacks, played different sports each day, made crafts, and listened to a power point discussing the benefits of eating nutritious foods.

"Working with children has always been a passion of mine and living a healthy lifestyle is important to me, so teaching kids about the importance of staying healthy was an amazing experience. I developed new social skills, organizational skills, and time management skills that will greatly benefit me in the future. Through this project, I was able to transform into a leader who takes initiative and works hard for the benefit of others."



How to Be a Leader

Human Rights: Girls and Women's Rights

Partnered with: National Organization for Women, Assisteens

Ketana Chadalavada

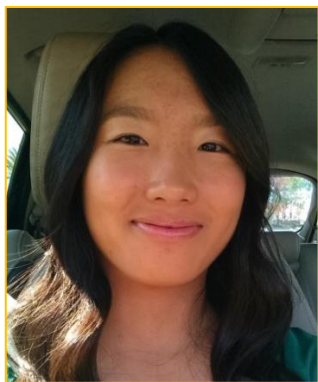
South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1442

Girl Scout Ambassador, Northwood High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles (Psychology)/Educator

Ketana created and distributed "How to Be A Leader" pamphlets to various groups in order to encourage female leadership at a young age. In creating the pamphlets, Ketana consulted with her team members, mentors, and researched online in order to include the best leadership techniques and group-strengthening activities. Her team visited organizations such as Assisteens, Girl Scouts troops, and even elementary and middle school students to present the booklets and to conduct activities in order to inspire female empowerment through simple leadership honing skills.

"Strengthening my leadership technique while teaching girls to exercise their own leadership skills was an extremely enriching experience. I was able to connect to and be more involved in my community by inspiring young girls to fulfill their potentials. Going onward, I have been motivated to continue building my leadership experience and to inspire others to develop these communication and administrative skills as well."



I <3 Reading Literacy Program

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley

Tiare Chen-Wong

South County Region: Rancho Trabuco Service Unit, Troop 1126

Girl Scout Ambassador, Tesoro High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Author

Tia designed and implemented a summer-long reading program that inspired elementary students to love literature and explore different genres, especially as an alternative to virtual gaming and Internet browsing. Upon Council approval, she met with day-care directors and formulated the weekly activities; she also created her own budget, shopped for supplies, and trained volunteer aides. Every week she read a different fable/poem with the children and then led them in crafts, or games related to it. In the end, all of the participants walked away with a broadened base of literature and vocabulary and a love of reading.

"Seeing how the children in the program looked up to me for leadership made me realize that I am a young woman capable of affecting change and choosing my own path. This project has made me a lifelong advocate for child literacy, for if we make a tradition of inspiring a love of literature in all children, we will cultivate future generations of imaginative, tolerant, and inspired citizens."



Reach for the Stars

Brittany Cooper

South Coast Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1653

Girl Scout Ambassador, Irvine High School



Kelsey's Krafty Korner

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Assisted Living and Retirement Homes

Kelsey Dalton

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 177

Girl Scout Ambassador, Brea Olinda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Physician

Kelsey's project addressed the isolation and loneliness residents in assisted living and retirement homes encounter each day. This issue is more extensive than many think, for people tend to overlook this generation and not place them as a priority. Kelsey's team brought the gift of artwork and imagination to the elderly which improved their motor skills and built lasting friendships. Kelsey hoped to make an impact on not only the residents, but on the community as a whole. All those who participated benefited from this opportunity to interact with new people and by bridging the generation gap.

"As I addressed the isolation and loneliness the elderly experience, I learned from this project that it is easier than people think to make a lasting impact in the community and in other people's lives. Having the ability to brighten someone's day means the world to me. I plan on sharing my experience with others to encourage them to get involved in their community."



Wheel Chair Accessible Garden

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Lake Forest Nursing Center

Shenuki De Silva

South County Region: Rancho Trabuco Service Unit, Troop 1042

Girl Scout Ambassador, Trabuco Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: DePaul University/Pediatrician

Shenuki addressed the wheel chair bound seniors at Lake Forest Nursing Home. The impact she hoped to make is that seniors will have more access to going outdoors and participating in gardening activities. Being outside in the fresh air would increase their energy levels, mental wellness and make their immune systems stronger. The garden is also going to enable them to grow their own organic vegetables. The seniors will gain a sense of accomplishment since they will have the capability to grow their own vegetables and then eat them. Shenuki believes the seniors will greatly benefit from this.

"My leadership skills developed because this project showed me that I can take control of an issue and resolve it. This project showed me that I can take an issue that is close to my heart and fix it. This project sparked a passion in gardening for me which I never liked before."



Riya's Anti-Bullying Campaign

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: YouthAction Team of Irvine (YAT)

Riya Dewan

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1442

Girl Scout Ambassador, Northwood High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Business Entrepreneur

Riya organized and created a Teenage Anti-bullying Campaign within her community to raise awareness of the many forms of bullying within our society today. With the assistance of Irvine's Youth Action Team and Beckman High School's Anti-Bullying project she was able to hold an Anti-bullying seminar for high school students from the Irvine/Tustin school district at the Irvine city hall. To achieve her goal of implementing positivity and acceptance within her community, Riya organized team-building workshops, informational sessions, and invited guest speakers to broadcast their experiences and voice on all social media platforms, including Beckman High School's newspaper "The Chronicle."

"Working with passionate individuals to address the issue of bullying in my community has taught me the importance of determination and confidence to achieve my goals. My Girl Scout Gold project serves as a beacon to those who have struggled with insecurities and bullying. Through this I hope to empower and guide teens to express their individuality and find acceptance and love for everyone, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender or background."



Safer Pools, Safer Summer

Public Safety/Education: Water Safety

Partnered with: Safer 3 Water Safety Organization

Christine Do

South Coast Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809

Girl Scout Ambassador, Arnold O. Beckman High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Neurosurgeon/Neuroscientist

Christine organized and executed a series of educational sessions for underprivileged children and their parents, to address the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States - drowning. She worked with the mayors of the City of Irvine and Garden Grove, in order to create water safety posters, that were posted at public pools. Christine and a group of doctors from CHOC educated children on basic water safety, and their parents on basic lifesaving skills. Wallet cards with emergency information were distributed, as well as donations of swim equipment and life jackets from local swim supply stores.

"Leadership is all about being able to inspire others to contribute to a cause - through earning my Gold Award, I was able to work with a diverse group of people and children to address the issue of drowning and water safety within my community. I discovered that there is no greater feeling than to know that you have left an indelible impact on the lives of others."



Painting the Canvas of Imagination

*Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art
Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Cypress*

Huongly Do

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 9514 “Lien Doan Trung Duong”

Girl Scout Ambassador, Oxford Academy

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Marine Biologist

Huongly decided to tackle the issue of budget cuts and its effect on the arts education curriculum in school. With the help of art teachers, she worked with the local Boys & Girls Club to plan and facilitate a week-long art workshop. Every day, Huongly led a group of students in a lesson that targeted a specific artist and a famous art form. Then, the students got to create a masterpiece using the techniques learned in the lesson. Huongly wants to raise awareness on the importance of arts education and how it can inspire a more creative and enriching lifestyle.

“As I worked daily with local community organizations to concentrate on the issue of budget cuts on arts educations, I learned about the powerful skills of communication and time management. Earning my Gold Award has shown me that I have the capability of starting a movement of awareness and action.”



Raising Autism Awareness

Janet Doan

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 997

Girl Scout Ambassador



Thomas-Mariners Basketball Camp

Binhan Doanvo

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 1956

Girl Scout Ambassador



Democracy in Action

Civic Engagement: Politics

Partnered with: OC Registrar of Voters

Jennifer Dubois

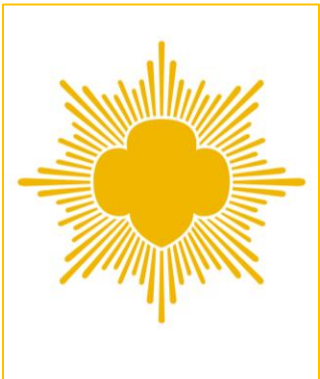
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 859 "Odyssey"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: New York University (Environmental Studies)/Politician

To counter special interest groups and corrupt federal campaign finance laws, Jennifer created a political science club at her school in which members discussed how political issues were portrayed in the media and who provided funding for both sides of the issue. Members also took action in their community by hosting a voter registration drive at Golden West College and earning volunteer hours. With this success, Jennifer carried out an expansion of the club in the form of a website that went through similar activities, including current events, rhetorical analysis, and a forum for discussion among users.

"What was initially just another stressful thing on my to-do list evolved into a remarkable learning experience. Like with any other girl scouting activity, I had to incorporate passion, leadership, organizational skills, and resourcefulness to achieve my goals, utilizing skills and characteristics that I hope to carry on throughout my lifetime."



Allergy Safe Adventures

Emily Fong

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School



Stories at the Mission

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Orange County Rescue Mission and Assisteens of Tustin

Katherine Foresman

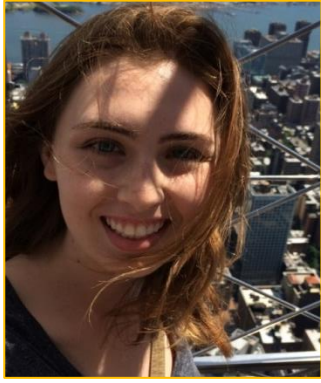
Northeast Region: Santiago Creek Service Unit, Troop 915

Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Neurosurgeon

Katherine observed and met an unfulfilled need at the Orange County Rescue Mission. The children at the Orange County Rescue Mission did not read proficiently. She therefore set out to create a program called Stories at the Mission. Katherine created this philanthropy with the help of Assisteens volunteers. Stories at the Mission provides both children and teens with valuable opportunities for learning and outreach. Through this program, children become more confident readers and develop positive relationships with the teens.

"As I worked with volunteers to address the issue of childhood illiteracy in my community, I learned that the actions of a leader should inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, for anyone can lead, but it takes true skill to inspire others to follow."



Fitness is Fun!

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Heather Gammon

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 186

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo/Dentist

Obesity affects at least one-third of children in the US. This scary statistic made it clear to me that something must be done to begin educating children from a young age about fitness and nutrition. At my Gold Award project, a health awareness day camp, children were immersed in a variety of sports in hopes that they would find one they loved enough to incorporate into their daily lives. They also learned about the different food groups and how portion size is just as important as what they eat.

"Through my Gold Award Project, I've realized my full potential. I don't have to passively sit by and witness the problems in the world; rather, I can actually change the world for the better and try to solve those problems plaguing society. My Gold Award Project, a fitness day camp, gave me the opportunity not only to educate children about exercise and nutrition, but also made me realize that I can act as a catalyst for change."



Read to Grow

Education, Poverty: Literacy, Homelessness

Partnered with: Project Hope Alliance

Kara Gee

Central Region: Santa Ana Service Unit, Troop 752

Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: St. Olaf College, Minnesota

Kara Gee created a reading program for homeless or at-risk families. She created training materials to teach parents how to read to their children under age five so they would be ready for school. Kara received donations of over 1,500 books from book publishers, neighbors, friends, and bookstores. She built wooden crates -- libraries -- that held approximately 45 new and gently used books. Kara organized events for the family that included training, puppet shows and guest book readers. At the end of the event, each family received a library to take home.

"I learned how to organize a project, and speak in front of large crowds. I also learned a lot about the importance of reading at a young age and the best way to read books to young children who have short attention spans. I enjoyed working with Project Hope and learned about the challenges that homeless families face."



Great Starts with Art

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Clubs of America

Theresa Geiser

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: George Washington University (Biology)/Pediatrician



The Perfect Shoe

*Poverty/Health: Shoes/Self-image
Partnered with: YWCA*

Naomi Green

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 1114

Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Arizona (Education)/Occupational Therapist

Each spring the Orange County YWCA hosts a Prom Project Boutique Day which is dedicated to helping high school girls attend their prom with pride, dignity, and confidence by providing formal gowns and accessories to girls from low-income families throughout Orange County. An outfit in my eyes is never complete without the perfect shoe. My Gold Project involved collecting and donating formal shoes all around my community to support the YWCA Prom Project Boutique Day.

"Earning my Gold Award has showed me not only how to network and communicate with other people but the importance of finding a passion. By collecting formal shoes for the YWCA Prom Project Day my love for helping others has grown. I learned how just a simple pair of shoes can make a big difference. It has inspired me to continue to always help others and get the community around me involved."



Operation Cinderella

*Civic Engagement: Community Development
Partnered with: Aliso Niguel High School*

Madison Grishaber

South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1612

Girl Scout, Aliso Niguel High School

Madison realized that many families could not afford the expenses involved with attending Prom. At the same time, she saw girls buying dresses to wear only one time and then forever hang in their closet. She created a program to collect new & gently used dresses & accessories in her community that could be offered to students at her school at no cost. She worked with ANHS administration and FIDM Fashion Club to collect & distribute these items on campus.

"I learned that no matter how big a problem or project seems, if you break it down into small manageable tasks, you can accomplish whatever you set out to do by being organized, inspiring others to work with you, setting a timeline and goals and staying on task. I was happy to discover how many people really do want to help & how much we can accomplish when we work together!"



Recycle Locally, Make a Difference Worldwide

Environment and Sustainability

Vivian Ha

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 5194

Girl Scout Ambassador, Mater Dei High School



After-School Reading Programs for Kids

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Orange County Public Library - Ladera Ranch

Kelsey Hampson

South County Region: Ladera Ranch Service Unit, Troop 4321

Girl Scout Ambassador, San Juan Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: English Teacher

Kelsey's Gold Award project combined her love of reading, working with children, and libraries. She created free after-school reading programs for elementary-aged children at her local library. By providing a free alternative to many expensive after-school activities, Kelsey is helping working parents in the community find the means to educate their children outside the classroom. A lack of education outside the classroom is a common issue throughout the world. Kelsey's project increased attendance and participation at the OC Children's Library. Middle school service volunteers have the opportunity to stay on-campus to help children learn and develop their abilities to read.

"I developed my leadership skills by taking charge of the programs. I also developed my organization skills because I had to arrange fliers, emails, interest lists, groups of children and adults. I learned the importance of being proactive. Instead of waiting for an email response, I spent much of my time working face-to-face with the librarian. This project taught me that I want to be a teacher to continue helping children learn and grow."



Literacy Library

Education: Literacy

Erin Henkhaus

Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 2261

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School



Bridging the Gap - Connecting Generations

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Age Well Senior Services

Kaylee Hepburn

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 403

Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Brigham Young University (Musical Theatre)

Kaylee's project helped the senior community feel less lonely and isolated. Learning about and sharing music from the senior's time, leading lunchtime interactive games, and personally interviewing seniors to learn about their lives helped connect the youth of the community with the older generation and they learned from one another while building friendships. Creating flyers, sharing them with seniors in Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo and advertising the daily activities and events available at the senior center, some of the lonely seniors of the community were connected and began attending events for the first time.

"Through this experience I learned that meaningful projects and true leadership take time. Things did not always go as planned, but when I focused on showing and sharing love to both the seniors and youth I was working with, everything always ended up working out perfectly. I discovered that I love working with people, especially when I can help brighten their day and help them feel loved."



Knots of Love

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Knots of Love

Samantha Hirata

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: San Francisco University (Child Development)

Samantha chose Knots of Love to help people undergoing chemotherapy, and targeted Sr. Citizens, friends, family and relatives to help knit/crochet caps. They are give free of charge to anyone who needs them and are shipped throughout the United States to men, women, children and veterans, and are also sent to cancer treatment centers, infusion centers and hospitals. Knots of Love receives testimonials from the recipients expressing their appreciation and what it means to them, and the project will continue beyond her involvement by having the people she recruited to make caps continue to do so.

"Leadership skills I learned were how to speak to large groups of people, improve confidence in "selling" my ideas and convincing them of the importance of wanting to help out. I realized I am able to persuade people to see my point of view and help them develop a personal interest in my project, which in turn has encouraged them to reach out to others."



Order of the Raven

Lauren Hughes

Central Coast Region: Huntington Beach Service Unit, Troop 2148

Girl Scout Ambassador, Mater Dei High School



Water Hydration Stations

Traci Ishii

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Valencia High School



Math Club

Meghan Jacinto

Central Coast Region: Huntington Beach Service Unit, Troop 2148
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School



Find Your Voice

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Chapman Hills Elementary School PTA

Celia Janes

Northeast Region: Santiago Creek Service Unit, Troop 1360
Girl Scout Ambassador, El Modena High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Attorney

Celia chose to direct a play with sixth-grade students to help them speak up more, both inside and outside of the classroom. She directed a production of "Peter Pan," designed sets, and worked with the students every day at after-school rehearsals. She collaborated with the school's PTA, representatives from local improv and theater groups, and younger Girl Scouts to complete this project. The project taught the students about responsibility and teamwork, and it introduced them to theater. She left several other scripts with the PTA so students will continue to have the opportunity to participate in future productions.

"My work with students, parents, and teachers has taught me about collaborating with others to reach a common goal within my community. I have learned about how I can help students in my local community learn about themselves and their interests, and how my actions can help them branch out and try new things."



PB, J, and Interfaith

Afraah Javed

Central Region: Garden Grove Service Unit, Troop 436
Girl Scout Ambassador



The Golden Garden

Eunice Kang

Northwest Region: Cypress Service Unit, Troop 1447
Girl Scout Ambassador, John F. Kennedy High School



Bridging to High School

Education: Career Training
Partnered with: Cerritos High School

Kayla Katsuda

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Cerritos High School

The transition from middle school to high school is a universal issue, as it marks a significant transition in adolescence. Kayla's program, "REACH Out," aimed to mentor students through this transition so that they can reach their full potential. High school not only presents a much larger student body and high-caliber classes, but it more importantly presents a larger variety of opportunities to improve involvement and leadership. In August of 2015, Kayla gathered incoming Cerritos High School freshmen for her workshops to learn about clubs, college and career preparation, classes, and special courses from counselors, graduates, and current upperclassmen.

"I developed my communication and leadership skills. I communicated with administration offices, parents and prospective students to successively organize the program. I learned that effective communication is key when planning. My project has also helped improve my leadership, as I organized guest speakers and group leaders. I was glad to see the participants involved in the workshop. Knowing that I benefited their future has built upon my motivation to help others."



Kids Go Green

Environment & Sustainability/Education: Climate Change
Partnered with: Dana Hills High School Ecology Club

Katelyn Keen

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 153
Girl Scout Ambassador, Dana Hills High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Architect

Katelyn created and distributed her Kids Go Green book to encourage children to implement simple eco-friendly changes into their everyday lives. 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 writing and publishing, ecologists, and educators. Katelyn distributed her book to teachers, community centers, and professionals who will use it to inspire children to take action, starting with simple lifestyle changes.

"As I worked on my Gold Award, I learned networking and communication skills that put me in touch with professionals in my community. I also worked on budgeting to make sure my project was successfully funded. Writing a book came with its own challenges, which I overcame and now appreciate as the hard work I put into this project."



Birthday Angel

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton

Sarah Keung

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 1114

Girl Scout Ambassador, Sunny Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Point Loma Nazarene University (Nursing)/Nurse



Gym Jam with Jillian

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: United Cerebral Palsy

Jillian Kido

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Irvine High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Davis (Economics)

Jillian's project addresses gymnastics and exercise for children that have a variety of special needs. She wants kids to have the opportunity to practice gymnastics at their own home so they can exercise more often than once a week. Her target audience is children with special needs but her project can benefit all children. Jillian's project is sustained beyond her direct involvement through the DVD video that she created. Jillian's project is connected to the bigger issue of exercise with regard to children with special needs who want to participate in other sports, not just gymnastics.

"I developed strong leadership skills and learned how to push myself to be an overall better leader. One of the most valuable lessons I learned is putting forth all your efforts to achieve your goal and knowing that being a good leader means putting other's needs before mine. I have a strong passion for gymnastics and helping kids, so my project was perfectly aligned with my passions and even furthered my interests in these areas."



Project Happy Feet!

Arts, Music, and Culture: Performing Arts

Partnered with: The Dolphin Club, Eastshore Elementary

Samantha Kosai

South Coast Region: South Irvine Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Woodbridge High School



A Home for the Heart

Jenna Koyamatsu

South County Region: Saddleback Service Unit, Troop 4321
Girl Scout Ambassador, Tesoro High School



Learning Places in Outdoor Spaces

Sarah Kremer

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 925
Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School



Raising Awareness for Volunteering

*Military/Veterans' Affairs: Veterans' Assistance
Partnered with: Anaheim Veterans' Association*

Tiffany Lee

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 2270
Girl Scout, Brea Olinda High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Chapman University (Pharmacy)/Pharmacist



STEM School and Fair

STEM/Education: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Career Training
Partnered with: City of Huntington Beach Library Services - Oak View Branch

Hannah Leou

Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1380

Girl Scout Ambassador, Huntington Beach High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Geophysicist or Engineer

Because of her interest in the natural sciences and computer coding, Hannah created, planned, and led a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) enrichment camp at Huntington Beach's OakView Public Library. Under Hannah's direction, she and other high school volunteers taught and mentored a group of 40 elementary age children over a three week period in a series of interactive hands-on labs and demonstrations each focusing on a different aspect of STEM. The camp culminated in a showcase community-wide STEM Fair where children and their families could continue learning and growing.

"Planning experiments and demonstrations for students attending the STEM Camp and Fair gave me newfound appreciation for educators, and the time and dedication they devote to teaching the future engineers, scientists, and innovators of tomorrow. Earning my Gold Award showed me that it is possible for each of us to make a difference in our community if we are passionate about a cause and are willing to devote our time, energy, and creativity to it."



Heideman Elementary School Kids for Wish Kids Program

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Make a Wish

Haley Lerner

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 Aquila

Girl Scout Ambassador, Arnold O. Beckman High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Washington (Communications)/Writer

Haley's Gold Award Project was to help Heideman Elementary establish a Kids-For-Wish-Kids program to help the children realize that they have to power to help kids in need. She organized a toy drive, and a taped a video message for all the students. The kids donated more than 50 new toys. The children also participated in the Macy's Believe campaign, writing letters to Santa. Over 1500 letters to Santa that were delivered to Macy's resulting in a donation of \$3132 to Make A Wish. Haley left the school with a comprehensive manual on how to continue their program.

"I learned that how action planning works; turning a goal into reality is a long and hard process. Earning my Gold Award project also helped me improve my time management and organization skills. Everything needed a schedule and all supplies had to be ready at lunch for the kids to write their letters. This meant that the up to 500 letters had to be cut and stapled daily to keep the process organized."



Glenwood Swim Club

Daniela Lucidi

South Coast Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 949

Girl Scout Ambassador, Laguna Beach High School



GPS Language Options

Public Safety: Traffic Safety
Partnered with: Garmin Ltd.

Khanh Luong

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

Girl Scout Ambassador, Katella High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Santa Ana Community College (Chemistry)/Pharmacist

The project was focusing on helping Vietnamese immigrant, living in The United States and around the world, drive safer with GPS. Khanh noticed that Vietnamese was not available as a Language Option in GPS devices. The population of Vietnamese living in The United States had been increasing, and so did the demand for GPSs. Khanh created a petition to educate and raise the alarm about the danger of driving with GPS devices without completely understanding the language. She contacted the major GPS makers, provided demos and voice records in Vietnamese, asked them to take action as soon as possible.

"Through the project, I have learned that there are a lot of injustices occurring in the world and there are always solutions for that. What we need is doing something. A small action can lead to a great impact. Now I feel more willing to do things because I am sure that it really makes a difference."



A Healthier You

Vivian Luu

South Coast Region: Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809

Girl Scout Ambassador, Westminster High School



Infant Safety/Babysitting Training Class

Education
Partnered with: Girls and Boys Club and YMCA

Kelsey Luvisa

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 98

Girl Scout Ambassador, JSerra Catholic High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Broadcasting

Kelsey developed an Infant Safety and Babysitting Training Class targeting young teens ages 9-15. She created a PowerPoint presentation which followed class handout. 21 Class attendees participated in hands on activities including diaper changing and healthy snack preparation/ kitchen safety. Kelsey arranged for a Fire Captain to speak regarding home safety tips. Each attendee agreed to give back 5 hours babysitting service to local YMCA or Boys and Girls Club. Local impact was to provide a necessary service to the local community and to provide kids with skills to earn money while making a difference in their local community.

"The skills I obtained while earning my Gold Award are almost endless. I gained leadership, organizational, public speaking and presentation skills. I gained self confidence and reveled in my ability to pull together such a large undertaking as creating and organizing my project. Additionally - I was proud to be a role model for the young girls who attended my class. This was the most unexpected yet empowering aspect of my Award."



Mental Health Awareness Event for Teens and Parents

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: NAMI-OC, With Hope Foundation, DBSA-OC, Medical Sciences Academy, Esperanza High School

Sophia Luzzi

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 330 "Aku Aku"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Esperanza High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: UCLA or Stanford University/Physician

Sophia researched, planned, organized and implemented a Mental Health Awareness Event targeted at teens and parents. She focused on the idea of having mental health professionals provide information on mental health issues typically encountered by teens-to include anxiety, OCD, depression, eating disorders, and suicide. Her emphasis was that through education, teens could become both aware of what to do to help themselves and others when encountering certain symptoms. Particular attention focused on participants being a part of ending the stigma surrounding reaching out for help with mental health, just as one would reach out for help with physical health.

"In planning and implementing this event, I learned how to problem solve and developed many leadership skills--to include appropriate communications with professionals and agencies. I learned how to delegate and when to follow-up. I furthered my own confidence with public speaking and following an agenda. I felt empowered personally by being a part of the voice to educate my peers and other adults on this very important topic of mental health and teens."



End Teen Dating Abuse

Healthy Relationships: Domestic Violence

Partnered with: Laura's House

Celeste MacFarlane

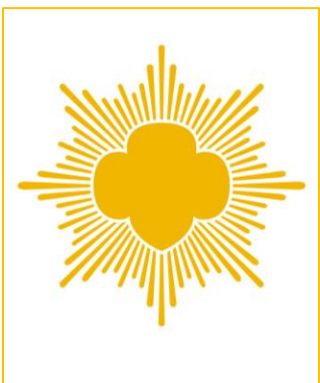
Central Coast Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Troop 1983

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Long Beach

Celeste attended a workshop called, "Taking Action Against Teenage Domestic Violence and Increasing the Awareness of Healthy Relationships". That workshop really made her aware of the seriousness of this subject. So she created a school club during her senior year in high school, "Stop Teen Dating Abuse". Teen abuse is not just a local problem in California; it is an issue all over the United States. Celeste started a movement to request Legislation to further enact laws. The members of her club were very interested and one of her junior members planned to continue this club after Celeste graduated.

"By creating my school club, it helped me manage my club by appointing club officers. During our club meetings, I used material from Laura's House to guide my club meetings. I arranged my project advisor to speak to my club, and my club donated gently-used clothing to Laura's House. I am very proud that I was able to pass on this important issue to my high school members."



Bathgate's Big Heart

Samantha Madsen

South County Region: Saddleback Service Unit, Troop 261 "Tempest"

Girl Scout Ambassador



Books for Schools

Destiny Mahood

Northwest Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 1114
Girl Scout Ambassador, Fullerton High School



Opt 4 Future

Laura Mandich

Central Coast Region: Huntington Beach Service Unit, Troop 1637
Girl Scout Ambassador



Knots of Love Club

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers
Partnered with: Knots of Love

Kiran Maqbool

South County Region: Rancho Trabuco Service Unit, Troop 1042
Girl Scout Ambassador, Mission Viejo High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Saddleback Community College (Animal Science)/Veterinary Technician

Kiran was inspired and created a Knots of Love Organization at her local senior center. Knots of Love was created for the sole purpose to send hand knit or crocheted hats to children and adults to local hospitals who are battling life-threatening illnesses. She created this project plan including a budget, contacted to the organization, and made a club at a local senior center in need of fun activities for the elderly to knit and soon created a new club based off her own. She inspires everyone to make a difference in the world one hat at a time.

"My hands were nimble and fast as I worked with volunteers in order to teach them they can make a difference one hat at a time. I learned many skills such as knitting, leadership, and confidence within myself. Personally, my Gold Award gave me a new experience and new friendships along the way. I wished to present community issues through the thought of generosity in little hats to make people smile with joy."



Operation Blood Donation

Health: Blood Donation

Partnered with: American Red Cross and The Church of the Foothills

Summer Marsh

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 "Aquila"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Foothill High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Santiago Canyon Community College (Biology)/Doctor

Summer established a blood drive at The Church of the Foothills (a facility that has not previously held a walk-in blood drive). For the event, she worked with the Foothill High School American Red Cross Club to supply volunteers and make the blood drive a success. The blood drive exceeded her expectations for blood units needed; she received over thirty pints of blood from the church community. As a result, she left a footprint for future blood drives with the church.

"As I established the blood drive at the Church of the Foothills, I developed tremendous leadership, communication, and organizational skills. Working with various committees (Foothill High School American Red Cross Club, American Red Cross, and Church of the Foothills Parishioners), I learned how to delegate tasks and speak comfortably in front of large crowds. Earning my Gold Award opened the door to a lifelong future of volunteering and a love for helping others."



Love, Inspire, Give

Ashley Masuda

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School



Project: STEAM

Education/STEM

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Cypress

Lindsay Masukawa

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Cypress High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Physician

Lindsay created and implemented a week-long STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) at the Boys and Girls Club of Cypress. Because some young students do not have the guidance to take their education beyond textbooks, Lindsay brought activities to the third-graders at the Boys and Girls Club. By exploring volcanoes, paper rockets, fingerprinting, and engineering, the kids were able to learn how to be creative and innovative using basic knowledge to solve real-world problems. She created a STEAM website to encourage others to share the experience with other students, including the local high school National Honor Society club.

"Working with the kids during the course of the STEAM week allowed me to develop my communication skills, my leadership abilities, and my patience. It reinforced the importance of taking something you have and using that to help others. I learned that I enjoy teaching, working with others, and giving back to my community and has inspired me to inspire others and take action abroad."



Growing with Love

Sports: Underprivileged Kids

Partnered with: Higher Ground of Orange County

Allison Matthews

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 36 "Xanadu"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Yorba Linda High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California Polytechnic State University (Biology)/Dentistry

Allison's project goal was to help address the issue of children not having a safe place to belong, to build their self-confidence, and to learn. By partnering with Higher Ground of Orange County, her project incorporated reading, art, and gardening projects for the Anaheim elementary summer camp students. The students did hand-print tiles that were displayed at the school; thus helping to create a piece of their own community. Allison's summer learning activities became a prototype and model for Chapman University's Sociology Department's students, who developed additional learning activities for Higher Ground of Orange County's summer and after-school programs.

"My project taught me flexibility, how to lead a large volunteer team to execute the activities, and how to supervise and coach the children. I believe my project's tasks and contributions to the Higher Ground of Orange County youth outreach program was a positive contribution toward providing a productive and safe environment for the children. The project's results encourages me to continue to support children learning outreach programs where children's self-esteem is nurtured."



Katie's Healthy Lifestyle Series

Environment & Sustainability/Health: Farming/Diseases

Partnered with: Environmental Nature Center

Kathryn McCullough

Central Coast Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 59

Girl Scout Ambassador, Corona del Mar High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California Polytechnic State University/Kindergarten Teacher

Kathryn used the Environmental Nature Center to educate people about the importance of living a healthy life style. At ten she was diagnosed with Pilocytic Astrocytoma. Now she have learned the importance of taking care of herself and the world around her. People must work together to take care of environment, in order to help decrease chronic illnesses by lessening pollutants and toxins. Kathryn completed her journey on sustainable farming and the importance of organic foods. Taking care of your body physically and mentally is also very important. The younger generation, they will be the role models for the future.

"As I worked with the elementary school children at the Environmental Nature Center, it reinforced my passion to become a kindergarten teacher. It is my goal to help children become aware of the importance of making good choices regarding their health and the impact these have on the environment. Even though it may seem daunting to change the world, it can be accomplished with patience and courage."



The Lego Project

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: La Mirada Public Library

Ariel Min

Northwest Region: La Cypress Park Service Unit, Troop 1724

Girl Scout Ambassador, Sunny Hills High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine (Biology/Neurobiology)/Neurosurgeon

Upon witnessing firsthand how much children today prefer electronic media to books, Ariel partnered with the La Mirada Public Library to create a project that might ignite the same passion to read that she had first felt at a young age. Lego building is scientifically proven to teach important skills such as symbolic representation and storytelling-- skills necessary to fashioning and understanding literature. Thus, in order to create an enjoyable reading environment for children, Ariel initiated the Lego Project, a monthly event presenting varying book-based themes that encourage children to build shapes and characters with Lego blocks from their reading.

"Partnering with the La Mirada public library and working with volunteers of differing ages taught me the importance of creating connections with individuals that share similar passions. By doing so, we ignite our own passions whilst being surrounded by an amazing support system. Earning my Gold Award showed me the power of teamwork and its ability to plant seeds of inspiration, encouragement, and zeal."



Instrument Families Videos

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Music

Partnered with: Philharmonic Society of Orange County

Kayli Minear

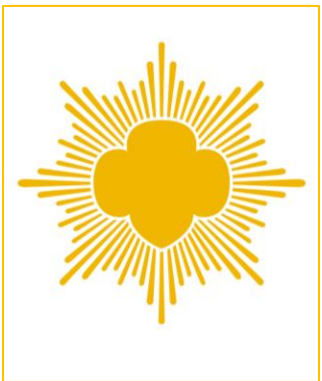
Central Coast Region: Ocean View Service Unit, Troop 262

Girl Scout Ambassador, Marina High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Psychologist

Kayli created three videos to teach children about the woodwind, brass and string instrument families. To accomplish this she gathered together a team of musicians and wrote the scripts for each of the videos. She then arranged to video each musician for their role in the videos. Afterwards, she edited all the video segments to create a single video for each of the three instrument families. These videos were then placed on a website where anyone wishing to learn about instrument families can view them.

"As I worked to complete my Gold Award, I gained skills in organizing people. It was very rewarding to see the final result of all the efforts of team in the final videos. Earning my Gold Award increased my confidence in my leadership abilities. It showed me that I have the ability to lead a team and accomplish any goal I set my mind to."

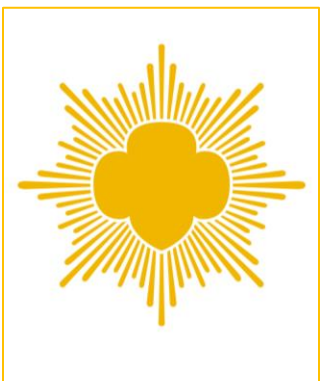


Safe Care Maintenance

Sloan Molstad

Central Coast Region: Los Alamitos Service Unit, Troop 2261

Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School



Bridging the Gap

Claire Nguyen

South Coast Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809

Girl Scout Ambassador, Northwood High School



Ready Set GO!

*Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Stanton*

Pauline Nguyen

Central Coast Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 3997

Girl Scout Ambassador, Pacifica High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Health Science)/Pediatrician

Pauline's project aimed to improve nutrition in young children. With the help of family, friends, and the Boys and Girls Club of Stanton, she was able to host day for kids where she had volunteers come lead activities that gave them a different perspective on how they can stay active. She had a guest speaker talk about nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Pauline was able to improve her communication, organization, and cooperation skills. The club will be having this day for kids every year and Pauline hopes that her project will continue to inspire others to remain healthy.

"Working with The Boys and Girls Club of Stanton and being able to share the importance of nutrition through my project allowed me to learn communication skills and also helped enhance my leadership skills. I learned that a small difference can make a very huge impact. My Gold Award sparked my passion to inspire the kids in my community and also children all over the world."



Unheard Voices

*Healthy Relationships: Domestic Violence
Partnered with: Human Options*

Rachel Nguyen

Central Region: West Garden Service Unit, Troop 3997

Girl Scout Ambassador, La Quinta High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Fullerton (Kinesiology)

Rachel inspired and educated the young community in which they were able to retain the knowledge about the harms of domestic violence, the causes and effects, and what steps of action they can take to help prevent it. She mainly focused the issue primarily within younger individuals because she felt that it was important to educate them about domestic violence before it started. She hosted a presentation at her local church youth group and provided them with a guest speaker share about her past experience in a domestic abusive relationship.

"This project helped me gain practical life skills such as team building, cooperation, and communication. I came to a sense that I developed a stronger sense of self. I also learned that I am able to help reach out to my community about what I strongly believe in and help advocate the problem. Making the world a better place feels remarkable and I hope that others become inspired like me to do the same."



Joni's Angels Club

*Education/Civic Engagement: Career Training/Community Development
Partnered with: Joni's Angels*

Vi Nguyen

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

Girl Scout Ambassador, Marina High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Dental Hygienist

Vi created the Joni's Angels Club at her high school to promote volunteerism within career-focused areas, specifically within the hospital. She created a planner with a time-line and the contact information of all of the people that she would work with, including the Joni's Angels volunteer program, the Fountain Valley Hospital, and her school club adviser. Vi collaborated with clubs from other high schools to promote the program and encourage them to start their own Joni's Angels. The knowledge one obtains from these volunteer programs will be spread to other areas in the future.

"As I persistently worked to create a thriving club that would interest students to volunteer, I obtained better speaking skills and learned how to always believe in everyone's' fullest potential. Earning my Gold Award, has taught me that I can bring an idea to life as long as I truly believe in it."



Friendship League

Deval Patel

Northeast Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 177
Girl Scout Ambassador, Brea Olinda High School



Relationship Status: It's Complicated

Healthy Relationships: Domestic Violence
Partnered with: Laura's House

Isabel Peña

Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 1325 "Horizons"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Loara High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Williams College (Art, Philosophy, Latina/o Studies)/Art Historian

Through her partnership with the AUHSD and Laura's House, Isabel addressed the need for better education among teens regarding healthy relationships. She facilitated three talks in conjunction with the Anaheim PD and the AUHSD where she invited parents to talk about the signs of dating abuse and the importance of maintaining healthy discussions with their students. Isabel also hosted a healthy relationships week with talks from Laura's House with over 300 student attendees. During this week, she enlisted the help of a club she started to create a PSA, hold a necessities drive, and spread awareness about teen dating abuse.

"Working with Laura's House volunteers made me realize how nuanced the topic of abuse can be. Oftentimes, signs of abuse can be hard to spot, especially for young girls and boys in new relationships. This fact made my project even more important for me to complete. I learned how to organize events on a large scale and how to trust myself to do something big."



Food for Thought

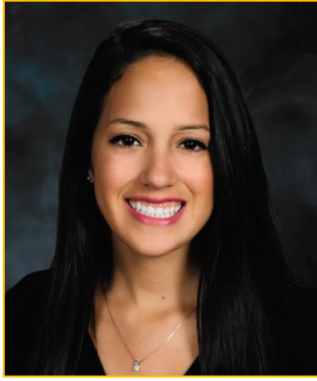
Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Amnesty International

Crystal Pham

Northwest Region: La Cypress Park Service Unit, Troop 1447
Girl Scout Ambassador, Cypress High School

What good is feeding the hungry if we don't feed them right? Crystal structured her Gold Award to address proper nutrition and healthy eating issues. In a three-pronged approach, she rallied like-minded students to join her cause; she recruited volunteers to assemble healthy and filling food packages to distribute to homeless persons in Skid Row; and she researched and developed a homemade alternative to Plumpy'Nut - a specially-formulated, nutrient-dense peanut paste used to treat severe malnutrition.

"In efficiently managing volunteers of all different backgrounds, I honed my leadership skills and developed a great appreciation for the collective. And by the completion of my Award project, I became connected, truly connected, to the community I call home. Poverty-borne hunger must be addressed on a wider, more all-encompassing scope. Today, I advocate so that tomorrow, food is treated not as just sustenance but as nourishment, a basic human right."



Beanies for Babies

*Children's Issues/Health: Diseases
Partnered with: NEGU*

Cristina Pintor

South County Region: Ladera Ranch Service Unit, Troop 261 "Tempest"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Capistrano Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Marymount University (Marketing)/The Walt Disney Company

For Cristina's Gold Award project, she and her volunteers crocheted over 100 beanies and donated them to Joy Jars, an organization that creates care packages for children fighting cancer. The main goal of her project was to raise awareness of childhood cancer. To do this she created a club at her high school and taught the members how to crochet beanies. Once a week, Cristina and her club would attend the local senior home and crochet beanies with the residents. There they would discuss the mission of her project. Upon graduation, Cristina handed her club down to an active member.

"Before starting my Take Action project I was pretty anxious. However, within only a matter of weeks into my project I found my skills as a leader improving. I can honestly say that after completing my Gold Award I feel more confident than ever in my ability to work with others and to lead. I also learned that you really can do anything you set your mind to, no matter how difficult it may seem."



Southern California Interscholastic Beach Volleyball League

Ashley Quintilone

South County Region: Lake Forest Service Unit, Troop 2097

Girl Scout Ambassador, El Toro High School



Koch Park

Jinnie Rhee

Northeast Region: Placentia Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent

Girl Scout Ambassador, Valencia High School



iPad Academy Training Videos

Education

Partnered with: Aliso Niguel High School iPad Academy

Allison Richter

South Coast Region: Niguel Coast Service Unit, Troop 1269
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School



What If Week: Self Image

Health: Self-image

Partnered with: El Toro High School ASB, The Bull's-Eye, FilmEd Academy of the Arts, and I AM B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L.

Sabrina Robinson

South County Region: Lake Forest Service Unit, Troop 2291
Girl Scout Ambassador, El Toro High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Azusa Pacific University (Cinematic Arts Production, Business, Marketing)/Film Director/Producer

Sabrina created a sustainable template for future broadcast journalism classes to produce and premiere a video concerning a sensitive topic during El Toro's "What If Week." In addition, Sabrina and a team tested the template by creating a video that dealt with self-image in teenagers. To tackle this project, she developed a project plan that included a timeline over the course of the school year, a budget, and input from advisors about how to execute a video appropriate for this sensitive week. Sabrina distributed her video through a broadcast at school as well as through social media outlets.

"What began as a project to reach out to young adults who were alone in their self-hatred transformed into a more encompassing support system, a way to communicate "You are not alone" to a myriad of students going through different experiences. Earning my Gold Award showed me that being a leader doesn't mean doing everything myself, but rather building a team whose individual talents can help me achieve my vision."



Little Free Library of Seal Beach

Calista Rodrigue

Central Coast Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Troop 674
Girl Scout Ambassador, Los Alamitos High School



AP Review Book Resource Center

Education: Career Training
Partnered with: Oxford Academy

Kaitlyn Sachs

Northwest Region: La Cypress Park Service Unit, Troop 1447

Girl Scout Ambassador, Oxford Academy

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Adams State University, Elementary Education (Special Needs)

Kaitlyn decided to create a resource center within the school library after noticing that Advanced Placement (AP) Review Books were rarely used longer than one year and the money used for them therefore went to waste. The project began with the opportunity for students at Oxford Academy to donate their old AP Review Books to be placed in the library for future students to check-out and use for their studies. Additionally, those who wished to contribute further could do so by filling out a form that would be uploaded onto a website full of tips and advice from former students.

"Throughout the course of my project, I was forced to become more comfortable talking to people around me to get information and recruit people to donate books and give advice. Drawing out of that, I got used to asking for help and being confident in asking for help and getting people motivated to help the cause."



No Story Untold: A Living Legacy

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Historic Preservation
Partnered with: Merage Jewish Community Center of Orange County

Hannah Schoenbaum

Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 57

Girl Scout Ambassador, Corona del Mar High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Journalist

Hannah created a book of student-written articles for the Orange County Historical Society that documented the lives of eighteen elderly Jewish community members. She taught her peers in the JCC Global Teen Fellows program journalistic skills which they used to conduct interviews and write articles. They transcribed the stories of Holocaust survivors and Jewish community leaders from ten different countries, displaying the cultural influences that have shaped their community. Hannah's project preserved the history of her community. It will continue to serve as a valuable teaching tool, allowing people in the future to learn from the stories of the past.

"I chose this project because I believe that everyone has a story that deserves to be told. As I interviewed a Holocaust survivor and heard the story of her struggles firsthand, I discovered the value of learning from the past and realized the true importance of my project. Earning my Gold Award also showed me that my writing and speaking skills can have a positive impact on the people around me."



The Paw Print Mural

Pamela Seymour

Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 1015 "Aquila"

Girl Scout Ambassador



Promoting Diversity Through Literacy

Education: Literacy
Partnered with: Aliso Viejo Public Library

Anika Shah

South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1347
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College (Business)

Anika's project addressed literacy and diversity problems. These days with the advancement of technology and the media, teenagers would rather read a gossip story than pick up a book and read. She feels that teenagers also aren't exposed to diverse books. In order to combat this, Anika created an online book blog that illustrates the importance of diversity. She has received over 100 entries from people across the U.S. to Australia and created a poll to ensure that teenagers were benefiting from her blog. Her blog will be on the internet where teenagers will be inspired to read diverse books.

"Because of my Gold Award Project, I enhanced my communication skills and learned to solve problems resourcefully. I learned that I can achieve what I set my mind to when I am dedicated and determined. I am a proud proponent of cultural awareness and know that in the future, I will be able to spread diversity through literacy."



Leaping Towards Success

Children's Issues: Mentoring
Partnered with: Don Juan Avila Middle School

Riya Shah

South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1347
Girl Scout Ambassador, Aliso Niguel High School

Riya founded the Leaping Towards Success club at Aliso Niguel High School in order to help 8th grade girls ease their transition from middle school to high school. Riya worked with her former middle school, Don Juan Avila, and the school's counselor and principal. Not only did the girls feel more confident about high school, but they also felt more confident in themselves. Given that many of the girls responded positively, the program will continue next year in hopes of leading other girls to success.

"The most important skill that I developed throughout my project was public speaking because I had to engage the girls in the different topics and relay information to them. This project showed me that I can truly make a difference in my community if I put my mind to it and work hard."



Project Unite

Disability: Disability and Special needs Issues
Partnered with: Special Olympics and Santa Margarita Catholic High School

Erin Smith

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 2046
Girl Scout Ambassador, Santa Margarita High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Davis

Erin decided to tackle the issue of inclusion in schools without inclusion programs. To do this, she started the first unified sports team at her high school. She created a team that fostered comradery among those with and without intellectual and physical disabilities. The immediate impact of the project was the changed perspectives of the partners and the improvement of skills for the athletes. Soon the school softball coach adopted this project as the softball team's annual service project. Her project inspired another local high school to take action and start their own unified sports team.

"My Gold Award taught me the importance of perseverance and out of the box thinking when challenges are presented. As I worked with the athletes, it challenged me to explain and demonstrate skills to fit their disabilities, so that they can shine. Ultimately, my Gold Award sparked my passion for working with people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Since then I have become an advocate for people with disabilities."



Helping Children at Hospitals with Creative Tips

Julia Subbiondo

South Coast Region: Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1116
Girl Scout Ambassador, Irvine High School



The Benefits of Butterfly Garden

Environment and Sustainability
Partnered with: Linda Vista Elementary School and Preschool

Caroline Sun

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda Service Unit, Troop 186
Girl Scout Ambassador, Esperanza High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Pharmacist

At her brother's elementary school, Caroline transformed an abandoned, overgrown dirt plot into a beautiful butterfly garden. Butterflies are important to the environment because they are great pollinators but their population has significantly declined. Caroline consulted with butterfly experts around southern California and researched information on drought-tolerant butterfly plants. As her garden progressed, her wonder and excitement were shared with the preschool and elementary school children as they spotted multiple species of caterpillars and butterflies. The school now has a self-sustaining butterfly garden that can be incorporated into its curriculum.

"No matter where life takes me, I will always be interested in nature and the world around me. I thrive in being a teacher, inspiring others to learn; yet at the same time, I strive to be a student, expanding my knowledge at every opportunity. And always, if I see a need, I am challenged to fill the void."



Water Wise

Environment and Sustainability
Partnered with: City of Laguna Niguel

Morgan Takach

South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 153
Girl Scout Ambassador, Dana Hills High School

Morgan devised and implemented a system of sprinkler gauges in the Niguel Botanical Preserve in order to reduce runoff and water waste. She then shared her findings with the administrative board, leading to a comprehensive modification of the irrigation system. In order to share her findings, Morgan created boxes filled with instructions and materials sufficient for DIY-minded youths and their families to recreate her project at home. She distributed these boxes to various community centers and schools in order to convey the importance of water conservation and to share her passion for the environment.

"Due to the scope of my project, including the wide range of people it affected, I learned how to communicate properly with professionals of differing organizations. I also spent time researching in detail about the drought in California and the nation and how that affects each citizen's life, and thus became aware of the close relationship we people share with the earth. Additionally, I honed my time management skills, and am proud with how committed I was to sticking with my project until the end."



Imagination Creation

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: The Boys and Girls Club of San Juan Capistrano

Corrinne Tarantino

South Coast Region: Laguna Beach Service Unit, Troop 753 "Spinnakers"

Girl Scout Ambassador, Capistrano High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: George Washington University (Public Health)/Neonatologist



Rice for Children

Health/Disability: Nutrition/Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Green Fields Trading Co., Thien Phuoc Children Disabilities Center

Doan-Khue Tran

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

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Reconstructive Surgeon

Khue partnered with Green Fields Trading Co. and Thien Phuoc Disabilities Children Nourishing Center to assist the sisters and the disabled children at the Center. To complete this enterprise, she formed a volunteer group and traveled back to Vietnam to help the children. In addition, Ms. Jasmine, the CEO of Green Fields Trading Co. also promised to further succor by donating \$300 of rice monthly to the center. Through her project, Khue aspired that people will be galvanized to take action and help those in needs, especially the abandoned and neglected ones that craves comfort and consolidation from kindred spirits.

"This project opened my eyes to the realities of the world. It exposed me to the challenges and the harsh reality of life. This project made me realized that life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, but it's about confronting the dilemma. Through this endeavor, I have also refined my skills and surmount my weaknesses. And even though this project is complete, I will continue advocating to aspire others to get involved."



She's the First

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: She's the First

Sara Tran

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

Girl Scout Ambassador, Fountain Valley High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Duke University (Biomedical Engineering)

Sara has spent her junior year of high school working on her Gold Award project, She's the First. Sara's project had one big goal: spreading awareness for girls in underprivileged countries get an education, like Ethiopia and Kenya. To achieve this, she started a club at Fountain Valley High School. On the local level, the club reaches out to underfunded schools and hosts events to improve their educational experience. Sara also helped train younger aspirants how to lead a club. She's the First is a project that will last over 100 hours, changing the lives of young girls forever.

"She's the First was a journey that has helped me develop my passion for philanthropy. I learned that being a leader isn't about exerting power or building a legacy, but serving to others and empowering those who lack the confidence to fulfill their dreams. I have always wanted to change the world, and the Gold Award has given me a small, but distinguishable chance to achieve this lifelong dream."



Teenage Access

STEM: Technology
Partnered with: Project Access

Catherine Trinh

Central Coast Region: Ocean View Service Unit, Troop 262
Girl Scout Ambassador, Mater Dei High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: College/Psychiatrist

Catherine created the Teenage Access social media program to encourage the use of self-expression through social media among local teenagers. By utilizing a variety of various social media platforms, the teenagers were able to reach the global audience of the Internet and develop their own interests and skills. From YouTube videos, to Wordpress blog posts, to podcasting, the teenagers were excited to showcase their talents online. The program will continue to produce content to put up on the social media websites, spreading the positive message of Teenage Access.

"By utilizing my own talents and interests in my project, I learned to lead in a passion-filled and cooperative way. The program was intended to be driven by the teenagers, who ultimately became the leaders of the project itself. My Gold Award inspired me to use my strengths to empower others in my community."



#socialmediaawareness

Public Safety/STEM/Healthy Relationships: Bullying/Technology
Partnered with: Harbor View Elementary School

Hannah True

Central Coast Region: Huntington Beach Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent
Girl Scout Ambassador

With social media taking over multiple aspects of life, Hannah wanted to make a difference in the way it is used. She knew if she wanted to conquer the problem, she needed to start from the beginning. Having said that, Hannah went to her local elementary school and taught the 5th grade students how to safely use social media. Hannah knew it was important to keep the students engaged, so she created several activities for the students to participate in. Every student said he/she had learned something. Hannah decided to continue teaching her workshop and branch into other schools.

"Having completed my Gold Award, I've learned how to interact with students and keep them engaged. I have learned and also gained many leadership skills which will be very useful in the future. The project wasn't easy, but the end result was extremely rewarding. I've developed a new passion for educating on the importance of using social media appropriately and find myself accidentally transitioning to social media safety in everyday conversations."



Mark Our Fists Pink to Spread Breast Cancer Awareness

Education/Health: Diseases
Partnered with: Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation

Julian Truong

Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 515
Girl Scout Ambassador, La Quinta High School
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: USC or Cal State LA (Chemical or Civil Engineering)

Julian created a breast cancer educational workshop for the Vietnamese community. She was inspired to create this project because women in her culture are known to put their family before their health and most Vietnamese families are a low - income family. To tackle the project, she contacted individuals with expertise on breast cancer and identified individuals who could advise her about Vietnamese culture. The educational workshop will be continued with the help of Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation.

"Addressing the issue of the lack of knowledge of breast cancer to the Vietnamese people, I learned why Vietnamese people are big on trust and how to communicate properly through the language barrier. Earning my Gold Award had taught me communication skills, adequate planning skills, and how important it is to translate information correctly. Because of my Gold Award, I wouldn't have been so eager to learn more about breast cancer."



Dress a Girl Around the World

*Public Safety/Healthy Relationships: Rape Prevention
Partnered with: Hope 4 Kids International*

Shaye Uyematsu

**Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 "Wisteria"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Canyon High School**

Shaye took the matter of public safety of her community into her own hands. Recognizing that sexual predators threaten too many lives, she held safety classes where she taught the teens in her community about the significance of understanding safety precautions and tips. She also worked with the Hope 4 Kids International Organization to make and donate dresses made out of pillowcases to girls around the world who are threatened by sexual predators. Together, Shaye and the teens of her community will take action to keep themselves and the environment they live in safe.

"As I was working with teens to help them understand the issues of public safety, I learned how to inspire others to act and promote cooperation throughout my community. Earning my Gold Award has showed me that I can be an influence to make a difference in this world no matter how big the world may be."



Cookbooks for Kids

*Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Casa Teresa*

Camila Vincent

**Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Girl Scout Independent
Girl Scout Ambassador, Corona del Mar High School**

The purpose of Camila's project was to spread awareness of the importance of good nutrition to new mothers. Camila hoped to teach the new mothers at Casa Teresa who might not be educated about the need for proper nutrition for infants and toddlers through an informational video, cookbooks, and a demonstration meal made at the facility. With the help of the community, Camila was able to educate the new mothers at Casa Teresa while also sending her video to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

"I learned that I have the ability to be very focused and organized, and to persevere when problems arise. I also learned that I love creating videos and I hope to do more in the future. Upon completing my project I felt extremely accomplished and my Gold Award Project definitely inspired me to tackle on more leadership and community service projects."



One Note at a Time

Vivian Vu

**Central Region: Fountain Valley Service Unit, Troop 9514
Girl Scout Ambassador, Orange County School of the Arts**



She's the First

Susan Wang

Central Coast Region: Huntington Beach Service Unit, Troop 1362
Girl Scout Ambassador, Marina High School



Fitness Field

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: City of Whittier Parks and Recreation

Kinsley Washington

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 2617

Girl Scout Ambassador, La Salle College Prep High School

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

Kinsley created a Fitness field for two reasons: 1) to encourage the elementary-age children in her community to become more active and 2) to combat childhood obesity - a national initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama. Hundreds of children in Whittier and surrounding communities enjoy the Fitness Field throughout the year. To tackle this project, Kinsley developed a project timeline, wrote a project proposal, a projected budget, and identified key City officials to advise her. Kinsley hosted a "Get Fit" art contest and softball equipment drive to build awareness. The project is being sustained by the City of Whittier.

"By creating the Fitness Field, I developed many talents and strengths - primarily time management, organization and perseverance. I learned how to network with people in key positions to build an effective team and manage and motivate a team towards a common goal. Finally, earning my Gold Award helped me develop a stronger sense of self and instilled in me the confidence to BE the change I would like to see in the world."



Crochet Cuties

Cierra Wilson

Northeast Region: Yorba Linda Service Unit, Troop 822

Girl Scout Ambassador



Emergency Preparedness for Pets and People

*Disaster Relief: Natural Disasters
Partnered with: SoCal Animal Response Team*

Alyssa Yasutake

Central Coast: Surf City Service Unit, Troop 1894 "Lehua"
Girl Scout Ambassador, Edison High School



An Oral History on the City of Brea

*Civic Engagement/Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Community Development/Historic Preservation
Partnered with: Brea Museum*

Kindall Yeung

Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 172

Girl Scout Ambassador, Troy High School

Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Whittier College (Psychology/Kinesiology)/Physical Therapist

There was a need in the city of Brea for the recording of oral histories, so Kindall contacted the Brea Museum and found they were interested in updating the oral histories. Kindall contacted many different citizens of Brea to get their stories about Brea and compiled the interviews in to one documentary. Once the documentary was done, she donated it to the Brea Museum where it is now on display and for sale to the public. She was recognized at a board meeting for the museum.

"My project was almost a purely one-man job, so it really helped me develop my time management skills and really hold myself to setting deadlines for myself. I learned a lot about interviewing and being prepared vs. having to improvise, and having people skills and not being afraid to talk to different people was essential. It was a very valuable experience."

**"THANK YOU to all the parents, Troop Leaders,
Troop/Group Volunteers, Project Advisors and
Gold Award Support Team Liaisons for your
dedicated support as we continue to build girls of
courage, confidence and character who make the
world a better place."**

Girl Scouts of Orange County

2015 Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients

The Girl Scout Silver Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting for girls in sixth through eighth grades demonstrating they are leaders who are organized, determined, and dedicated to improving the community.

The Girl Scout Silver 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 listing below represents six hundred fifty recipients who submitted their names between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015.

Kylie Abad	Arpa Boghodian	Kayla Chu	Dimitra Doiphode
Sophie Abiog	Isabella Bond	Chloe Clark	Sarah Donahue
Zeeba Abolfazli	Mia Borja	Mimi Cloke	Ashley Dorr
Elyse Abregov	Sahar Borujerdpur	Sabrina Colacion	Emily Downer
Madelyn Acheson	Emma Botros	Hannah Cole	Amanda Drake
Scarlett Adams	Kendall Bottjer	Lauren Conser	Kelly Drake
Kaycie Adams	Polly Bowman	Marilyn Cordeiro	Alana Dugan
Nina Aguirre	Delaney Brennan	Carly Corsinita	Gabriella Dunlap
Zoha Ahmed	McKenna Brennan	Victoria Cortes	Ava Dunwoody
Izza Ahmed	Emily Brown	Malia Cortez	Lauren Dyke
Adila Ahmed	Mikayla Brownell	Malia Covey	Maggie Eberhardt
Margaret Allen	Eva Browning	Ruby Crosby	Cassia Efthymiou
Ohoud Alsharafi	Katie Brubaker	Bridget Crowley	Jocelyn Eimer
Melissa Alvarez	Audrey Brull	Isabel Cruz	Sara Emigh
Sarah Ando	Lauren Buchs	Linna Cubbage	Cassandra Eng
Ashley Andrews	Megan Buelna	Samantha Cuyler	Kaylin Eskandari
Audrey Arellano	Thuy-Tien Bui	Megan Daneman	Alyssa Espinoza
Ashlee Ayer	Bridget Bull	Madison Danenberg	Isabel Esquivel
Sarah Azmy	Alexis Burgess	Helen Dang	Melissa Estrada
Kendall Bagby	Kimberley Burke	Tiffany Dang	Rachel Evans
Hayley Baker	Alyssa Burkett	Phuong Dang	Sahar Farahani
Samah Baloch	Morgan Burroughs	Sierra Daniels	Husna Farukhi
Emma Banyard	Emily Burrows	Peyton Danko	Demi Fields
Grace Banyard	Katherine Bush	Grace Davert	Aiyana Figueroa
Shelby Barillas	Ashley Bussell	Grace Davert	Allison Fitzgerald
Nathalie Barnes	Madison Bustamante	Jacqueline Davis	Julia Flaherty
Reily Baron	Ailish Byram	Erica Davis	Katie Flores
Phoebe Bartoldus	Skyeler Byrnes	Bryce Davis	Kate Fong
Brooklyn Barwick	Malia Byun	Ellie DeAllen	Laurel Foster
Sara Bassiri	Caroline Caballero	Darya Debozorgi	Maggie Foster
Haley Bathurst	Madison Caldwell	Paige Defrancisco	Gracie Fraser
Ilsa Bauer	Sara Campaņa	Delaney DeLucca	Sarah Frazier
Emily Baumgartner	Brooklyn Campbell	Caitlin Dempsey	Sarah Frazin
Farida Bauny	Danielle Campfield	Grace Dennen	Katie Friedrich
Nadeen Bauny	Brynn Campos	Samantha Denny	Laura Froberg
Emily Beck	Abigail Capra	Jaden Dezelsky	Julia Froberg
Starr Bedard	Cassia Carraway	Isabel Dhillon	Taylor Fuchs
Melissa Beining	Bianca Carri	Emily Di Bias	Hikaru Fujii
Amelia Bellah	Libby Carthew	Kelsey Dietz	Kayla Gadbaw
Kami Bemmer	Tessa Carthew	Megan DiLalla	Ann Gal
Kelly Bender	Kelsey Cashner	Brenna Dillon	Lucy Gallagher
Amanda Bennett	Ashley Casillas	Lexi DiMaggio	Leeza Garces
Sarah Berg	Cienna Cattani	BaoTran Dinh	Alyssa Garcia
Marissa Bernaudo	Nicole Chai	Lyna Dinh	Faith Garcia
Katie Berneking	Alexandria	Emily Diplock	Amelia Garrard
Sameera Bhalla	Chamberlain	Natalie Do	Amber Garrison
Sarah Bielicki	Dixie Chatt	Nhu Do	Audrey Gass
Malia Blackmun	Ashley Chau	Thu Do	Amy Gavello
Rebecca Blair	Cristina Chiappini	Kimberly Do	Leyna George
Kate Bobke	Lauren Cho	Kendall Dodd	Meredith Gibson
Claudia Boghdady	Hailey Choe	Kathleen Doidge	Nicole Ginaven

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 Angelica Gonzalez
 Gwen Gonzalez
 Desiree Goran
 Kendall Gore
 Dagny Goren
 Allison Gourd
 Kaitlin Grabiec
 Alyssa Grabowski
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 Catherine Grattan
 Christina Grattan
 Hailey Gray
 Emma Grebel
 Samantha Greco
 Megan Griffith
 Kelli Griggs
 Colette Grob
 Keeley Groos
 Sydney Guanga
 Isabella Guerra
 Chase Guerrero
 Camille Guerrero
 Kiara Gunawardhana
 Jessica Gutierrez
 Nicole Gutierrez
 Samantha Guzman
 Tiana Ha
 Hannah Halbrook
 Rachel Hall
 Sienna Hall
 Courtney Hammond
 Lindsay Hanashiro
 Sophia Hannibal
 Kylie Harchut
 Kendall Harper
 Meg Harrisberger
 Isabela Haskell
 Alexa Hassel
 Riley Hawkins
 Eden Haymond
 Taylor Haynes
 Veronica Heidke
 Alexa Herbel
 Siena Herman
 Paige Hesseltine
 Lauren Hildebrand
 Sophia Hill
 Cassidy Hilmar
 Annie Ho
 Amy Hoang
 Pauline Hobbs
 Audrey Hoehner
 Katie Hohl
 Sierra Holder
 Carolyn Holley
 Chelsea Holman
 Katherine Hongkham
 Kelsey Horton
 Samantha Hoskin
 Emma Hostetter
 Julia Houck
 Sofia Howard
 Mya Huetter
 Camilla Huffman
 Cady Hwang

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 Megan Ichnose
 Kyra Inga
 Hannah Isa
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 Alyssa Jamison
 Sydney Jang
 Anjolie Jang
 Michelle Jarrett
 Maya Jedrzejczak
 Hannah Jeffers
 Kate Jennings
 Jaida Jerotz
 Jilleen Jewell
 Christian Johansen
 Alexis Johnson
 Kellie-Anne Johnson
 Bree Johnson
 Elizabeth Johnson
 Bailey Jones
 Jinous Jooyan
 Elise Jung
 Kandace Kale
 Kiana Kamali
 Jessica Karn
 Zubaida Katbi
 Anmol Kaur
 Alexia Kazemi
 Mabel Keeler
 Taylor Kelly
 Isabella Kenton
 Kelly Keschner
 Kausalya Kethu
 Lauren Kettner
 Peyton Keyser
 Joshlyn Khuu
 Lauren Kiem
 Hope Kim
 Audrey Kim
 Emily Kim
 Jasmine Kinney
 Grace Klingsberg
 Goergie Kobzeff
 Jenika Kolacz
 Olivia Kolar
 Sydnee Kolster
 Madeleine Kopf
 Talia Korobkin
 Megan Kosai
 Sophia Kouri
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 Danielle Leuer
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 Ayla Linde
 Ava Lindquist
 Kayla Little
 Jennifer Liu
 Isabella Lopez
 Kenna Loveland
 Jessie Lucas
 Natalie Lukkes
 Taylor Luna
 Tam-Nhu Luu
 Lexi Luyben
 Sydney Ly
 Rosslyn Lyell
 Emma Mabry
 Melanie Magapayo
 Claire Maiona
 Jennifer Maitino
 McKenzie Malone
 Lori Mandarino
 Mia Marberger
 Emma Marsh
 Natalie Martinez
 Megan Martono
 Lillian Matthews
 Hannah McCann
 Claire McGuinness
 Annamarie McIntosh
 Madison McKee
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 Jessamine McLarty-Schroeder
 Kylie McMasters
 Kaitlin McNeil
 Sara McPhillips
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 Amber Molina
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 Allie Smith
 Isabella Smith
 Alyssa Smith
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 Eulalia Weed
 Georgia Weedall
 Evie Weinheimer
 Olivia Weinstock
 Amanda Weiss
 Carly Westergaard
 Megan Westerland
 Hannah Williamson
 Margaret Willis
 Jasmine Wilson
 Annette Wissuchek
 Kirsten Wong
 Jillian Woo
 Emma Wood
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 Emily Wright
 Malia Wu
 Olivia Wyckoff
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