



HIGHEST AWARDS YEARBOOK

**Recognizing Orange County 2021 Highest Awards Girl Scouts:
Bronze Award Girl Scouts, Silver Award Girl Scouts, and Gold Award Girl Scouts**

*Earned between
October 2020 - September 2021*


girl scouts
of orange county

Girl Scouts' Highest Awards



Bronze. Silver. Gold. These are the Girl Scouts' Highest Awards a girl can earn.

Every Girl Scout goes above and beyond to make a difference in her community and the greater world. And the skills and experiences she gains along the way set her up for special recognition through the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

Bronze Award

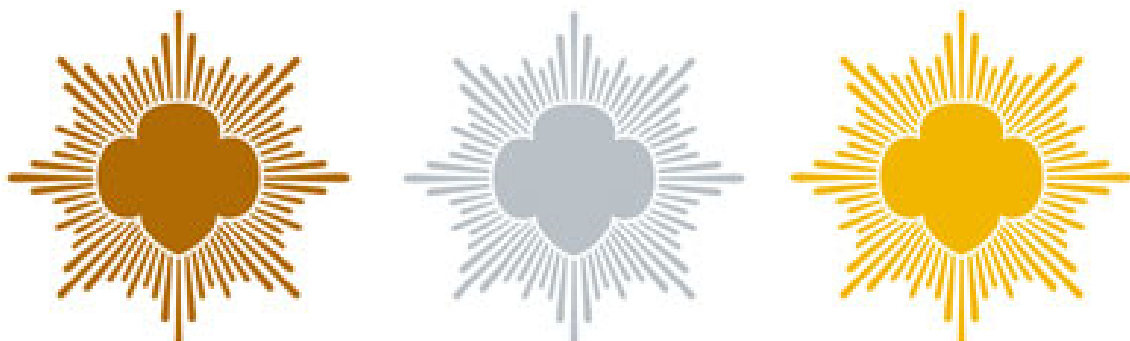
By taking action with others to improve their communities, Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5) gain important leadership skills and learn that even seemingly small actions can make a big impact.

Silver Award

Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6-8) flex their leadership muscles by doing research and taking action on issues of their choice. Through their commitment to their communities, girls gain confidence and skills that will catapult them to Gold Award success—all while creating positive change.

Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—and it's only available through Girl Scouts! To earn this unique award, Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9-10) and Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11-12) don't just change the world for the better, they change it *for good* by tackling issues dear to their hearts while driving lasting change in their communities and beyond.





Gold Award Girl Scouts

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable – proof that not only can she make a difference, but she already has. Girls who earn the Gold Award tackle issues near and dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond. Think of the Gold Award – the highest honor a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador can achieve – as a key that can open doors to scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, and amazing career opportunities.

Girl Scout Seniors are registered Girl Scout in grade 9-10 and Girl Scout Ambassadors are registered Girl Scouts in grades 11-12. The Girl Scout Gold Award project is approved by the GSOC Gold Award Support Team, a group of volunteers who support each girl as she works with her Troop/Group Volunteer and Project Advisor to develop a Take Action project befitting the standards of the award by developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. The project is conducted and led by the girl and her team.

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

Congratulations to all **2021 OC Gold Award Girl Scouts!** This listing includes 85 girls who earned the Gold Award between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 – and join a sisterhood of amazing women - the Gold Award Family – including more than 3,000 Girl Scouts from Orange County.

Note: Gold Award Girl Scouts are listed alphabetically by last name.





Join the Girl Scout Gold Award Alliance!

Be an advocate for Girl Scouts' Highest Awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold

Membership in the Gold Award Alliance is open to all members of the Gold Award family AND supporters of the Girl Scouts' Highest Awards. Girl Scouts who earned the Gold Award, First Class, Curved Bar, Golden Eaglet, or Golden Eagle of Merit are a part of the Gold Award Girl Scout family.

Members of the Gold Award Alliance advocate for and participate in activities to elevate the Girl Scouts' Highest Awards: the Bronze Award for Girl Scout Juniors in 4-5th grades, the Silver Award for Girl Scout Cadettes in 6-8th grades, and the Girl Scout Gold Award for Girl Scout Seniors in 9-10th grades and Girl Scout Ambassadors in 11-12th grades.



For more information and to join, complete the:
[Girl Scout Gold Award Alliance Interest Form](#)

Girl Scouts of Orange County

2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts



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Jayden Anderson
Maya Bland
Natalie Cano
Moé Caruso
Marysol Cazarez
Kayley Chan
Melody Chang
Emma Chickman
Rianna Christy
Charlotte Chung
Hannah Comroe
Maya DeLaTorre
Maddy Duerr
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Lani Jacobson
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Saanvi Kalele
Amrita Kaur
Kiana Kelii

Doyon Kim
Amelia Kopf
Julia Kowalski
Thea Le
Tracy Le
Rory Lowdermilk
Jenny Lozano
Francesca
Macomber
Regan Mading
Sophia Madrigal
Isabella Marcovecchio
Shelby Mills
Mackenzie Moore
Cecile Nguyen
Emily Nguyen
Kimberly Nguyen
Vy Nguyen
Caitlyn O'ork
Cecilia Pak
Saachi Pavani
Megan Peng
Emma Pran
Saarah Rangwala
Brenna Rao
Jillian Raymer
Emily Ricketts
Taya Riley
Julia Rizkallah
Shayda Roshdieh

Mansi Saini
Natalie Salvatierra
Miranda Shannon
Megan Shean
Kaitlyn Shimohara
Baily Simco
Samantha Starks
Justine
Streichenberger
Kristin Suzuki
Nitya Swaminath
Haneefah Syed
Mia Thompson
Kathryne Toller
Lacey Tolly
Nicole Ton
Isabella Toneatto
Vyvy Truong
Zoe Tschumper
Riya Upadhyaya
Jacqueline Vellandi
Thy Voong
Lola Wendenburg
Natalie Westfall
Kalen Yamamoto
Audrey Yun
Jynel Zeitz

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membership year



Shalini Aggarwal

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Juliette
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Medical Professional

Fempowerment

Education: Financial Literacy

Partnered with: Mission Viejo Auto Clinic

Shalini created different types of tools and resources to encourage new drivers, specifically female drivers, to create awareness about gaps in automotive mechanics and learn more about how to be safe in a car. To complete this project, she reached out to female mechanics to interview about their experiences working in a male-dominated field, as well as an automatic clinic to gain more information about safety aspects of cars. Shalini spread these resources and workshops with the students at her school and through her high school's female empowerment club who will use it to further their knowledge of their vehicles.

"As I was creating the resources and workshops to address the gender disparities in car mechanics, I was able to improve my leadership skills with my increased practice in communication, confidence, and self-awareness. After earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, reflection on my project has demonstrated to me that I have the ability to construct a plan to bring about significant change to my community and to make the world around me a safer, more inclusive place."



Holland Allebes Anderson

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 261 Tempest
Capistrano Valley High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Brigham Young University/Landscape Architect/Designer

Girl Power

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Art4Healing

I wanted to share my love of art with others and was excited to spread awareness of art as a form of healing to special needs students, senior citizens, and high school students. Through surveys I saw that our lessons decreased stress levels and educated about the tool art can be in doing so. We worked with a special needs class, the residents in La Vida Senior living-memory care, HeARTs4Healing Club members, NHS members, and over 300 recipients of our art from the heart postcards to those suffering from COVID-19. Next, year my sophomore friend is continuing the club.

"I was able to give my target groups a tool rather than just an experience. It is one thing to do service to show someone you care, but to really care that that service is making a difference in their lives is another and through my Girl Scout Gold Award project, having this as it's focus has clarified my outlook and motivation to do charitable work."



Jayden Anderson

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Ocean View Service Unit, Troop 1754
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Long Beach State/Teacher or Police Officer

Human Trafficking Early Prevention Program

Human Rights: Human Trafficking

Partnered with: Human Trafficking Task Force

Jayden had a friend who was trafficked. She researched and interviewed a Sergeant who leads the human trafficking task force and learned all about human trafficking. She surveyed middle schoolers, which is the vulnerable age where traffickers find victims. Jayden viewed the results to see where the gap in knowledge was and spoke to Girl Scout troops and other middle school aged children to educate them on human trafficking and how to stay safe. She taught her friends' parents what she learned. She also created a web page made specifically for teens for awareness and shared it on social media.

"Human trafficking is on the rise and I discovered my compassionate side. I learned how communicating with one person can lead you to another which provides more knowledge. I learned I have really strong people skills and was great at finding my team. I also discovered that teens listen to other teens and, therefore, listen to me. I was able to teach them the dangers of social media in a way that their parents can't."

Maya Bland

Grade 9 Girl Scout Senior, 11 years as a Girl Scout
South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1194
Crean Lutheran High School, Class of 2023

Mathletes

STEM: Math

Partnered with:

Maya formed a club for elementary school students to play math games and get help with math homework.



Natalie Cano

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 1325
Troy High School, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Computer Scientist

STEM for Everyone

STEM: Robotics

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club

Natalie was inspired to base her Gold Award on STEM because Girl Scouts had inspired her passion in STEM and she wanted to inspire the same passion in younger kids as well. She planned a two week camp for kids at the Boys and Girls Club to participate in. They spent two weeks learning about robotics and different career opportunities in STEM. The curriculum is going to continue to be a part of everyday life at the Boys and Girls Club and continue to impact future kids to come into the program.



"As I worked to expose kids to STEM I learned a lot about being a leader in my community. Earning my Gold Award taught me how to organize and manage my time. I improved my social skills and teamwork skills throughout the process as well. Overall, I gained many invaluable skills."

Moé Caruso

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1270
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Medical field

Humanitarian Helpers

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Paramount Unified School District

Moé developed presentations in collaboration with Paramount Unified School District's homeless and foster youth liaison, to help raise awareness on the growing homeless and foster youth population. To maximize the audience reached, Moé started the club Humanitarian Helpers, to educate students at her high school and help to develop virtual presentations that were distributed to parents, teachers, and high school and middle school students, reaching at least 410 people. Through these presentations, Moé hopes that people are more educated on the issue and able to assist more people in their community.



"I believe that we as community members have a responsibility to support each other as a unit that works together for the common good of all. While earning my Gold Award, I recognized that I have the ability to bring together people with broad interests to make lasting efforts in my community, and hope that I have inspired others to become more involved."



Marysol Cazarez

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 3433
Rosary Academy, Class of 2021

Sensory Story Mobile

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Blind Children's Learning Center

Marysol built, educated, and guided a team to provide a mobile sensory cart with bins containing children's books in Braille, sensory items related to the stories, and enlarged items from the books for the children at the Blind Children's Learning Center.



Kayley Chan

Grade 10 Girl Scout Senior, 9 years as a Girl Scout
Midsouth Region: South Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1967
University High School, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Santa Barbara/Tech Entrepreneur

CyberSafetyFirst

STEM: Technology

Partnered with: Irvine Unified School District

The pandemic has caused an unprecedented rise in screen time among children, however, not all children have the knowledge to be safe online. Kayley created CyberSafetyFirst, to raise online safety awareness and to spark an early interest in STEM for elementary-aged children. Kayley worked closely with her Cybersecurity teacher to develop the program which covers tools to recognize cyber threats such as malware and phishing. She recruited friends, family and IUSD teachers to promote and teach the program. To date, CyberSafetyFirst has reached over 250 students. Kayley also partnered with various STEM organizations to host future CyberSafetyFirst workshops.



"Completing my Girl Scout Gold Award project allowed me to improve my leadership and communication skills through developing, promoting and running CyberSafetyFirst. It was extremely rewarding to collaborate with teachers and peers especially during a pandemic to make a direct impact on the community, and I hope to inspire others to make a difference in the world whether big or small."



Melody Chang

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 5 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 592
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Healthcare

Let's Learn About Public Health!

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: Dragon Kim Foundation/OC Health Care Agency/SAUSD

To spread public health literacy among youth and bridge the gap in elementary public health education, Melody published an interactive public health book for this target group and led workshops to teach over 1,000 elementary students about the importance of early detection and prevention. She also worked with a team of educators to develop an online curriculum which can be used widely by teachers across the country. Additionally, she established the first Public Health Patch Program for Girl Scouts. With the support of the Dragon Kim Foundation grant, Melody plans to expand her project by launching a summer program.



"As I took on the challenge of writing a book and coordinating outreach workshops, I learned the importance of perseverance, problem solving, and networking. Earning my Gold Award taught me how I can translate my passions to make a sustainable impact on my community. I look forward to applying these skills to continue my project and empower more children to embrace their health."

Emma Chickman

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 2114
Edison High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Biologist/Environmental Science Teacher

Cordgrass Education and Repopulation

*Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces
Partnered with: Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy*

Emma found a deep appreciation for the wetlands while living in this coastal community. She wanted to teach the younger generation, mostly in elementary as they will grow up with a desire to impact the wetlands themselves. This was a local connection, and she is excited to see her team member Raoul take over the video series for next year. Teaching this class of third graders as well as discussing her project to the board, she reached about forty people. Emma was the first Gold Award Girl Scout to to complete a project for this wetlands.



"I used to never see myself as someone who had the ability to make a difference in my community, let alone the world. After my Take Action project, I have realized that I am someone who deserves to be listened to, and people want to listen to me. I have grown to be proud of who I am, and I am inspired to continue to educate and inspire others with my passion."

Rianna Christy

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 2005
Valencia High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Davis/Doctor/Career in Medicine

Motivation for Ambulation

*Health: Diseases
Partnered with: UCI Health*

Rianna created an ambulation tracking board for the oncology unit at UCI Health that encourages patients to walk daily during their extended hospital stay. Additionally, she designed a patient education handout explaining ten reasons why ambulation is beneficial. Lastly, she created a staff education video on how to use the ambulation tracking board and why it is effective for patient recovery. This video is posted on the hospital's intranet as a key resource for oncology nurses and physical therapists. Overall, Rianna's project encourages bone marrow transplant patients at UCI Health to ambulate to prevent postoperative complications and quicken recovery.



"Throughout the entirety of my Gold Award, I got the opportunity to learn more about time management and responsibility. Partnering with a world-renowned hospital, UCI Health, allowed me to work alongside experienced hospital administration to better patient outcomes which encouraged me to take charge and be responsible for my actions as an equal partner."

Charlotte Chung

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 731
Corona Del Mar High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Physician Assistant or Physical Therapist

Fit 4 Life Teens: Mind, Body, and Soul

*Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Corona Del Mar High School*

Charlotte Chung's core desire for choosing this project was to educate teens about health, fitness, and eating habits. Her goal was to share the knowledge of healthy habits of eating, exercise, stress management, and much more implementing new tips and habits to better oneself, mind, body, and spirit for the rest of their lives. Her Gold Award will be sustained through her club at school remaining involved by being an advisor and an upcoming student will implement the knowledge and actions that she has established.



"From the Gold Award Project, a sparked interest in health and fitness came about as I will study these subjects in college and pursue a career in this path. The process and education that followed with my project led to my developing dream to be a physician assistant or physical therapist in the future."



Hannah Comroe

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Lake Forest Service Unit, Troop 1859
Trabuco Hills High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Baylor University (Child and Family Studies)/Child Life Specialist

Water Wells for Women's Education

Environment and Sustainability: Clean Water

Partnered with: Water Wells for Women's Education

Hannah created Water Wells for Women's Education Club at Trabuco Hills High School to help raise awareness of the water crisis in Sub Saharan Africa and how it affects the education of girls. To help shed light on the water crisis, she developed the club, recruited members, and led them to planning and executing an awareness walk for the local community. In addition, she presented the issue to the Assistance League of Saddleback Valley where she recruited members to help take action. Through her efforts, she was able to raise awareness to over 300 students and community members.



"Working on my project and recruiting individuals to become involved during a national pandemic has taught me to be flexible, collaborate in creative ways, and project manage through virtual technologies. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has taught me that even through difficult circumstances, I'm able to inspire others to make this world a better place."



Maya DeLaTorre

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustin East Service Unit, Troop 3562
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: work in the filmmaking industry and act in films

Future Fitness

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Tustin Memorial Academy

Maya created a platform called Future Fitness to educate children on how a healthy lifestyle and exercise can work to improve one's mental health through the production of serotonin and endorphins. To accomplish this, Maya devised a project plan and collaborated with experts in child education, physical therapy, and nutrition. Maya implemented her website at Tustin Memorial Academy where teachers will use the platform to educate their students; 168 children have already used the platform to learn about the importance of mental health and how healthy living could benefit them. Social media has allowed her to reach others and educate worldwide.



"As I worked alongside my team to create this project, I learned more communication skills and the meaning of project sustainability. In earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I was able to realize that I am truly capable of helping someone whether it be by leading them, or by teaching them the importance of mental health by sharing my own stories and experiences."



Maddy Duerr

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 2429
Tesoro High School High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Saddleback Community College (Child Education and Development)/Elementary School Teacher

Handprints of Remembrance

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: Shir Ha-Ma'alot

After witnessing increased hate crimes and lack of understanding about the Holocaust, Madison built a multi-platform Holocaust education and awareness campaign geared toward youth. She leveraged her expert team of youth advisors and Holocaust experts to implement COVID-safe educational experiences: a Zoom event that attracted about 100 attendees with an award-winning author and expert on the Holocaust; an Instagram social media campaign (NeverAgainStories) with almost 500 followers sharing stories about Holocaust victims, survivors, and Righteous Gentiles; and an interactive web-based educational story. Together, these programs shared the lessons of the Holocaust and the importance of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion.



"I learned about the importance of flexibility and tenacity. As COVID hit, I had to regroup and find a new way to safely implement my vision. I also learned about motivating others and leading a remote team. The process increased my self-confidence. I learned that no matter how hard things get, if you work hard you can achieve your goals. I feel so proud of myself for working to make the world a better place."

Dana Duong

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 2279 Lien Doan Chi Lang
La Quinta High School, Class of 2022

Know Green and Go Green!

Environment and Sustainability: Climate Change

Partnered with: La Quinta, Holy Spirit Church, Saint Barbara Church, Oxford Ecology

Dana created and shared a curriculum to help educate and inspire almost 200 teenagers to participate in environmental sustainability. Initiating the project, Dana researched and talked to various professionals or experts who were knowledgeable and experienced with recycling, composting, and gardening. Gathering all the information, she wrote a curriculum that taught the environmental subjects in detail through presentation slides, a guest speaker, and educational games. She presented and shared her work to six organizations who will continue to educate and inspire generations of students to come to make a positive lifestyle change for the planet.



"Involving myself with my community and environment more than ever before, I truly found the powerful leader inside of me. I learned that through persistence and passion, I am more than capable of making a change and inspiring others to do the same. I can achieve anything and everything if I put my mind, heart, and soul into it."

Marisa Durkin

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 8107
Sonora High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Mt. San Antonio College/Architecture

KidZone

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Dragon Kim Foundation

Marisa purchased and installed playground equipment into a park that is more accessible to children of the special needs community. She chose this project because she had a classmate who was physically impaired and unable to use typical equipment in public parks. She installed four new pieces of equipment into "The Park" which will be there for many years to come staying open to the community for all future use. Although parks are required to be ADA accessible, many of them are not truly accessible or inclusive, which is why she chose to improve this park for her community.



"Throughout my project I took a glimpse into the lives of families with a disabled child/children and the hardships they encounter with inclusivity. Unfortunately, I learned more about mistreatment towards the special needs community. My project helped me realize we as a society have failed to provide inclusivity in public places which I realized needed change. This project helped me become more aware of ways we can be more inclusive to the special needs community."

Geneva Eisel

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 2541
Mater Dei High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Arizona

Stop Senior Scams

Elderly Issues: Senior Centers

Partnered with: Senior Center at Central Park; HBCOA;SSSAP;

Geneva selected the Stop Senior Scams project because both of her Grandparents were scammed. She wanted to prevent senior citizens from getting scammed. Geneva concentrated in Huntington Beach by attending events where she handed out materials from the FTC to over 1,000 senior citizens. She also teamed up with the nationally acclaimed, Stop Senior Scam Acting Program to educate the population. She had planned a major event which had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Geneva made a You Tube video interview with a former FTC Investigator on how to avoid Covid-19 related scams. This video will continue to educate seniors.



"I enjoyed working with my project advisor, experts and senior citizens in my community. I felt good knowing that I could make a difference. It's horrible that criminals prey on senior citizens. If I can prevent one person from getting scammed, it will make me feel so happy!"



Hadley Goodwin

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 535
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Occupational Therapist

Bridging the Gap "With These Hands"

Disability: The Hearing Impaired
Partnered with: Penny Warner

Hadley wrote and illustrated her children's book, "With These Hands," which helps bridge the gap between the hearing and deaf communities. The book shows how the Deaf express themselves through American Sign Language (ASL) and teaches ASL signs. Once published, she instituted Deaf awareness and ASL workshops at preschools, elementary schools, and a Girl Scout Troop. She reached over 150 students and was able to measure the impact of her workshops by taking a survey of the students' knowledge on ASL and the Deaf community. She distributed materials to the teachers for them to continue teaching ASL.



"As I saw the smiling faces of students learning American Sign Language, I realized that I have a passion for teaching and inspiring others. I learned to adapt and be flexible so that I could complete my workshops during a pandemic. Collaboration and organization were key components that led to the successful outcome of my project. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that my passion can inspire others to make a difference in the world."



Jocelyn Ha

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu
El Modena High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/Biotechnology Researcher

LGBT in OUSD

Civic Engagement: Community Development
Partnered with: LGBT Center OC

Jocelyn advocated for better LGBTQ+ representation in curriculum and student resources in her school district, and educated her fellow students about becoming youth advocates. She spoke at a school board meeting and wrote a follow-up letter to directly voice her concerns to the school board. She also held presentations at her school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance and a workshop at an annual youth conference, in order to share her experiences and knowledge as a youth advocate. Jocelyn was able to inspire her GSA's next leaders to become advocates, and received acknowledgement from the school board about LGBTQ+ students' needs.



"Working alongside seasoned community organizers and my own friends has taught me that leadership, at its core, revolves around communication and the ability to connect with others. I learned that true change, no matter how big or how small, can be achieved as long as we are willing to put in the effort."



Kathy Ha

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1955
Fountain Valley High School, Class of 2020
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Biological Sciences/Biology Teacher or Physician Assistant

E-cigarettes and Vaping

Health: Diseases
Partnered with: Orange County Department of Education and FVHS FNL club

Kathy worked with the OCDE and FVHS FNL club to create and host a presentation about the dangers of underage vaping to middle school students. She understood how appealing vaping appeared to young teenagers and wanted to spread awareness about the damage vaping could cause to their growth. Kathy also designed an informative pamphlet which will be used by her team from the OCDE and shared with students in future presentations.



"Despite the setbacks I experienced, I learned the importance of perseverance and depending on my team to support and aid me as I worked through the problems that confronted me. I realized that being a leader doesn't mean I have to shoulder all the responsibilities by myself. The Girl Scout Gold Award is a message to me that I have the ability to overcome obstacles and push on."

Zoe Hertzberg

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 2668
Sonora High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California Institute of the Arts/Theatre Maker

Sonora Theatre Club

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts
Partnered with: Sonora High School and Sonora Theatre Department

Zoe pioneered a unique structure for the Sonora Theatre Club with weekly meetings and a leadership team that taught high schoolers how to devise their own material for the stage and screen. The members of the 2019-2020 ensemble produced their own original vignette play, and in the following school year, went on to create several additional works with the training provided in the original club exhibition. Zoe established a center for mentorship and student connection that allows high schoolers to connect with one another and discover their unique voice through the arts.



“Working with my team and the members of the club, I learned how to be a more successful leader. I learned how to delegate tasks and describe expectations more efficiently so that my vision could come to life, but I also learned how to give grace and when to be silent. I learned how to let the people around me lead which prompted the transformation of the Sonora Theatre Club from my vision to our victory.”

Kylie Hill

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
South Coast Region: San Clemente Service Unit, Troop 1510
San Clemente High School, Class of 2022

Filtration Plant System

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Partnered with: City of San Clemente

Kylie created a filtration area along the shoreline to collect trash in run off water before it enters the ocean.



Melanie Huq

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Seal Beach Service Unit, Troop 2131
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Amherst College/Attorney

STEM Taking Root

STEM: Science
Partnered with: H.O.P.E., Young Horizons, YMCA of Orange County

Melanie began STEM Taking Root to address the educational inequities present both in Southern California and the world at large, while also helping children develop a foundation for the skills and knowledge that are increasingly important in today's world. To achieve this, Melanie assembled and directed a team to create STEM materials ranging from a bilingual workbook to a video series, which were then distributed (along with training) to local organizations that work with preschool-aged children. These materials have already helped over 30 children and their instructors, and will continue to be used in future years.



“I loved being able to channel my passion for STEM into something that's impacted so many people. As I worked to develop and distribute my project's materials, I learned about directing a team, staying organized, and managing deadlines. My Gold Award has helped me grow as a leader, and I look forward to continuing to use my knowledge and drive to make a difference.”



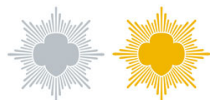
Hannah Hykes

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Newport Harbor Service Unit, Troop 2850
Corona Del Mar High School, Class of 2023

GenLink

Elderly Issues: Elder Care
Partnered with: Meals on Wheels

Hannah planned and developed a letter writing campaign between elementary students and seniors in her community. She educated elementary students on what a community is and why they should try to give back to their community through a video and website she created. She spoke to the students about senior isolation in Newport Beach and showed them how they could make a difference. Students exchanged letters throughout the year with homebound seniors in the Meals on Wheels program.



"I think the biggest thing I developed during my Gold Award project was decision making skills. I no longer had someone else to look to for the next step if something went wrong or if I didn't know what to do. I was the one who had to overcome any obstacles, decide what to do next and persevere."



Lani Jacobson

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 775
Laguna Hills High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles (Sociology and Communications)/Work with kids

Hawk Mentors

Health: Mental Health
Partnered with: Lomarena Elementary School

Lani has always been very passionate about mental health and working with kids. She combined these two interests to create Hawk Mentors. She was inspired to create the program based on her experience having older peer mentors in elementary school herself. Lani also wanted to teach kids important soft skills that are not typically taught in schools. In the program, Lani and the Hawk Mentors taught the kids about the importance of friendship, how to deal with anger, positive affirmations, and more! Her project is sustained through a club at her high school.



"The main thing I learned while earning my Gold Award was how to be truly resilient. I received approval just a couple days before the pandemic, and once quarantine started, completing my project became a lot harder. I had to readapt and create a plan that would work online. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has been something I've dreamed of since I was a Daisy, and finally achieving it made me realize how capable I was."



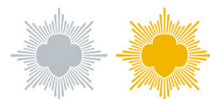
Grace Jin

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 592
University High School, Class of 2021

Project Rosalind

STEM: Science
Partnered with: The MIX Academy & Global Chinese Center for Wellbeing

Inspired by Rosalind Franklin, a chemist who helped discover the structure of DNA, Grace led a team to address inequality in science education. To tackle this issue, she led a team to publish free educational resources including articles and videos about various science topics. She also hosted science writing contests to encourage children to explore and develop their interests in science. Throughout her project, Grace created and led a team of students to help her. She also distributed her content to numerous educators, community leaders, and non-profits that will continue inspiring children to explore the world of science.



"By leading a team of students to fulfill Project Rosalind's mission, I developed my leadership, organizational, and communication skills. Moreover, I strengthened my planning and problem-solving skills as I adapted to unexpected situations like the pandemic, which was partially why my project relied on online platforms. Earning my Gold Award taught me that there are so many ways I can make meaningful contributions to my community while inspiring others to get involved."

Saanvi Kalele

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 7 years as a Girl Scout
Midsouth Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 5440
Northwood High School High School, Class of 2021

Escape the Vape

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Irvine Unified School District

Saanvi worked with the IUSD middle school Youth Action Team and gave an interactive presentation on the stereotypes, myths, and dangers of vaping. She also presented to 7th grade students at Beacon Park Middle School. After both presentations, the students played a game of Kahoot to show what they had learned. Through a fun, competitive game, the students showed that they understood the risks of vaping and how to ask for help. To spread the anti-vaping message into the future, Saanvi created a short video for the Youth Action Team to play for future students.



"Throughout this project, I was challenged to step out of my comfort zone. I learned professional communication, time management, and presentational skills. I learned the importance of self confidence and how to trust myself. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I am capable of doing anything I set my mind to. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to make a positive change in my community."

Amrita Kaur

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 261 Tempest
Tesoro High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: United States Military Academy at West Point
(Life Sciences)/Medicine

Got Platelets?

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: American Red Cross

Amrita's project addressed the lack of awareness on platelets donations, a cause very close to her. During her grandfather's cancer treatment, she learned platelet donations were primarily used to help patients fight cancer among other surgery/injury patients, and, with platelets only having a shelf life of 5 days, spreading the word to new, willing donors is as important as ever. She created handbooks, flyers, posters to educate her community members and for her club leaders, other Red Cross clubs in OC, her town's Teen Council to use them in their own communities like National Night Out and Mobile Blood Drives.



"As I worked with a team of high school students, fellow Girl Scouts, and experts, it tested my ability to be an effective leader across a variety of different ages and backgrounds. Teamwork with good communication in both a sincere and clear manner was integral in building my team's trust in my leadership. In college, I plan on studying life sciences, and working with experienced health experts allowed me to delve deeper into public health."

Kiana Kelii

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Midsouth Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 91
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2021

Rethink Your Plate

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Eastwood Elementary School

Kiana tackled the issue of unhealthy eating by writing and publishing a beautifully illustrated children's book, *Nani and the Great Investigation*. She created a companion curriculum with engaging lessons for elementary teachers to use in their classrooms. To refine her research and project, she assembled and led a team of adults and peers including elementary school teachers, a health teacher, an illustrator, and editors. Her students gained a greater understanding of food ingredients they should be wary of, including sneaky sugars, and had fun too! Her program will be sustained by a teacher who is equally passionate about this topic.



"Through this project, I developed my skills of communication and adaptation by leading my team and changing my project due to the pandemic. Moreover, through the obstacles I faced, I learned that I am very determined and always try to maintain my positivity. I am so grateful for my experiences, such as seeing students smile and laugh, because they helped me realize that I am truly passionate about health and helping others stay healthy."



Doyon Kim

Grade 10 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 2697
Brea Olinda High School, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Dentistry

The Future of STEM

STEM: Science

Partnered with: Brea Olinda High School

After realizing that many high schoolers are unsure of what their dream careers are, Doyon organized a district-wide career fair to inspire and educate students on the diverse STEM fields available. She partnered up with her own club LetHerLearn and Brea Olinda High School administrators to put together the Brea Olinda Unified School District Annual Career Fair that hosted 25 speakers ranging from dentists to business owners and over 200 students. Speakers recorded video presentations that were posted on a Youtube channel, and Doyon made a website to showcase the event.



"I learned how to efficiently communicate, collaborate, and lead others to effective and productive progress. By working with students, teachers, and administrators, I have become a better leader and community member. Over the year of determined organization, I have established that in order to attain a long-term goal, passion is the key to any success."



Amelia Kopf

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1194
Aliso Niguel High School, Class of 2022

Ending Gender Bias

Human Rights: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: YMCA

Amelia focused on the global issue of gender bias among children due to its negative consequences that extend into adulthood. To help combat this issue, she read children's books about gender to elementary school students. Through weekly lessons with the YMCA, her project impacted dozens of students in Orange County. Her curriculum aimed to teach kids how to accept those around them without stereotyping. Moreover, her discussions allowed students to question their biases and challenge the stereotypes society imposes on them from a young age. As a result of Amelia's Gold Award Project, multiple YMCA locations will continue her lessons.



"By working with young kids during a pandemic, I learned how to be resourceful and flexible, especially as I heavily relied on technology. I also developed leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills that I will take with me through life. Most importantly, my Girl Scout Gold Award Project showed me I have the power to create change and inspire others to do the same."



Julia Kowalski

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 4595
San Juan Hills High School, Class of 2022

Allergy Awareness

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: CAC CUSD Unit

Diagnosed with severe nut allergies at age 2, Julia experienced a lack of education regarding food allergies. With her first hand experience, she knew this problem needed to be solved. To counter this issue, she created a portable kit and online video to educate others about the dangers of food allergies and how to help those that have them. Her portable kit has been used to teach over 2,500 elementary level kids and her online video has been broadcasted in 4 states.



"As I worked with CUSD members, parents, and elementary children, I learned leadership skills and that anyone can make a impact in their community. Earning my Gold Award showed me that my community is ready and willing to learn how to help others and to make a safer place for those with allergies."

Thea Le

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1810
Santa Margarita Catholic High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Veterinarian

Say Hello

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Santa Margarita Catholic High School and Bryson Elementary

Thea created and headed her Take Action Project, *Say Hello*. This project was aimed to target students in her high school, as well as, students who were born with challenges. To tackle the problems of judgement and misunderstanding, Thea designed a pen pal program. She gathered students in her grade and paired them with younger students from other schools who have challenges so that they could get to know each other. Her pen pal program will be carried out by the Campus Ministry at Santa Margarita Catholic High School for more years to come.



"Throughout the time I lead and created Say Hello, I learned that leadership comes with many duties. To be a leader, it does not mean you have to be the loudest voice among the group. Leaders need to build a solid team behind them, delegate tasks, use their voice, and organize. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award through Say Hello required me to learn and practice all the qualities of leadership that I will forever cherish."

Tracy Le

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu
Oxford Academy, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside (Biology)/Physician Assistant

Mental Health Awareness

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Cooperation Act

Tracy created a four-day stress education program for students. Tracy created an online 4-day stress education program for students to participate in and educate themselves on stress, the effects of stress, and methods to handle it. This project was chosen as Tracy found many students nowadays are stressed due to school, however, they did not know how to cope with it. She found many articles talking about the issue around the world as education is so important for success in the future. Tracy implemented this program in collaboration with a non-profit organization, Cooperation Act, for around 50 students, grades 5-12, in Orange County to participate.



"As I worked, planned, and implemented this project weekly with volunteers to address the issue of mental health in students, I learned collaboration skills and the importance of sustaining projects that deal with issues as such. By earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I realized that getting involved in the community to help combat important issues like this is an easy thing to do and I can help others get involved as well."

Rory Lowdermilk

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 121
Orange County School of the Arts High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Santa Barbara (Writing and Literature)
/Legislator

Through Trauma Together

Children's Issues: Child Abuse

Partnered with: All Saints Church, Pasadena; Youth Center; Oak Middle School

Rory created a YouTube channel with content to educate teachers, administrators, youth ministers, and community leaders on the science of childhood trauma and the effect it has on the kids they work with. After hours and hours of research, Rory compiled an outline for her content. With the help of a few experienced teachers and Youth Ministers, Rory was able to create a dynamic and compelling lesson plan for her videos. She then filmed the videos herself and posted them to YouTube where teachers of all grades, administrators, counselors, and youth ministers alike learned together.



"Striving to earn my Girl Scout Gold Award was no easy task. Not only did this project test my endurance and stamina at every turn, it also greatly wore on my spirit. The subject of this project is dear to my heart and the work was emotionally draining. This project is for everyone who has felt helpless. I hope I managed to make just one person feel able and ready to help their loved ones."



Jennifer Lozano

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 852
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Chapman University/Family Physician

One Hoppy Little Bunny

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: Myford Elementary School

Jennifer chose this project because she has a passion for cooking and working with children. The issue she addressed was overall the mental and physical well-being of families during this global pandemic. Her target audience was elementary school children and their families. The global issue was the Covid-19 pandemic. Jenny impacted 30 people or roughly 10 families of 3 in Irvine, California. The sustainability of her project are the monthly recipes and activities, the cooking program as well as the recorded cooking demonstration videos from the live Zoom sessions posted onto her website.

"The leadership skills I developed were communication, motivation, creativity, public speaking, positivity and listening to others' feedback. I learned that I love to teach and connect with others even virtually. I personally love working with children. This project has sparked an ongoing interest in helping children and their families, as well as, a passion for medicine. Overall this project has allowed me to grow as a person."



Francesca Macomber

Grade 12 Girl Scout Senior, 6 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 1695
Los Alamitos High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine (English)/Teacher

Be You, Kid

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Power Up Club and Stomp Out Bullying

Francesca wrote and illustrated a children's book that inspires elementary school-aged children to embrace their uniqueness and to stand up to bullies. Francesca read her book aloud to a third grade class and partnered up with a local middle school to continue to promote the book. The book will also be available as a free download on Amazon and Francesca created a website with a downloadable link and resources. Kids can read this book to find out how to best respond to bullies and to continue to fight against cyberbullying.

"I learned how to delegate tasks, lead a team, and interact with young people. It has inspired me to continue to work with kids possibly as a teacher when I finish college. My Girl Scout Gold Award project allowed me to bring one of my passions to fruition, to be able to write, illustrate, and publish a book from start to finish."



Regan Mading

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 2 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Anaheim Hills Service Unit, Troop 3054
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Attorney/Activist/Writer

Dismantle Dress Code

Human Rights: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: Westover School

Regan created and distributed a presentation titled "Dismantle Dress Code." This presentation addressed the gender biases held by dress codes, and worked to make them more progressive and inclusive. Regan contacted multiple school districts and communicated with board members and superintendents. Through this project, she helped schools make changes to their dress codes which focused on improving a learning environment for all, specifically girls. Regan positively affected schools for years to come through her work.

"I spent upwards of 80 hours creating and distributing a presentation for school districts in my county. This presentation covered how dress codes disproportionately affect women. I learned public speaking and aspects about community outreach. I effectively helped the process of changing dress codes in local school districts through my project."



Sophia Madrigal

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 6 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Santiago Creek Service Unit, Juliette
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Lawyer/Actress (Ethnic studies)

Healing through the Indigenous Art of Storytelling

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Cultural Awareness

Partnered with: California State University, San Bernardino, South Coast Repertory Theatre, University of New Mexico, Mindful Practice Inc., Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, Indigenous Storytelling

Sophia's journey started at the beginning of the global pandemic, with the sudden loss of her father. Her project focused on revitalizing the healing art of storytelling for people who are experiencing loss. She founded the Luke Madrigal Native Storytelling non-profit, partnered with the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, and was selected to perform a Ted Talk, which can be accessed nationally and globally. Sophia created a "Social Justice: Art as Healing Club" at her school, was featured at this year's United Nations' International Day of the Girl, Girls Speak Out event, and wrote, directed, and acted in the play *Wildflower: Indigenous Spirit*.

"Working with multiple recording formats and locations was a complex experience, but one of great learning for me in terms of leadership and coordination. I led virtual workshops and theatre. I led workshops where Indigenous peoples artistic expressions came together in strength against adversity. I was able to see the wisdom of culture and applicability for the larger world. Founding the non-profit has allowed me to keep my father and indigenous storytelling alive."



Isabella Marcovecchio

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
South Coast Region: San Clemente Service Unit, Troop 1510
Capistrano Valley Christian School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Baylor University/Speech Pathologist

Save Our Gills-Return Your Pills

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: City of San Clemente

Many people throw their unused medications away in the trash or by flushing them down the toilet. Toxins are not filtered out in the water purification process and are passed on to marine life. Local pharmacies joined in with Isabella in educating and raising awareness to the residents of San Clemente. Most people want to keep our sea life and beaches healthy. By educating them on how to properly dispose of medicines, Isabella was able to make a difference. Her collection box for unused or expired medications is located at the City of San Clemente.

"One of the biggest challenges I had with my project was timing. You can plan for things, but current events and obstacles will always change those plans. I learned that being flexible and constantly communicating with my team was a priority. You can never be successful if you are not flexible and procrastination will not benefit anyone. You need to dive in and get it done."



Shelby Mills

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Rancho Portola Service Unit, Troop 119
Mission Viejo High School, Class of 2022

Time to Shine

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Saddleback Valley Unified School District

Shelby has long known that she wanted her Gold Award project to help special needs children have an opportunity to share in the joy of music. Shelby created a club at her high school called Connections Club, where she met with special needs students to help them feel included and learn to sing songs, work on crafts, and socialize. Shelby also led a virtual choir camp called "Time to Shine" where she met with the campers individually and in groups to teach them songs. The final product was a Zoom performance where the campers performed the songs they had learned.

"Singing is a part of my life that brings me endless joy and satisfaction. My project taught me that while music is a great way to spend my time, it is so much more rewarding when shared with others. I learned that I have ability and desire to bring my love of music to the lives of special needs students, creating connections that lift us all higher. Music is truly a universal language."





Mackenzie Moore

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Lake Forest Service Unit, Troop 939
Mackenzie Moore High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Davis (Environmental Science and Management)/Water Resource Management or Conservation

Whelping Boxes for Animal Safety

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with: German Shepherd Rescue Of Orange County

Mackenzie created a curriculum to educate rescue foster families how to build a whelping box and keep their puppies safe by using a whelping box during the birthing process. Her family had been volunteering and fostering with the rescue when she saw the need for a whelping box and instructions on how to use it. Whelping boxes are used across the globe to protect puppies during birth, though rescues are frequently understaffed and tight on finances. Her curriculum was also given to two vet offices and an animal shelter so people seeing information from them have the knowledge.



"I learned how to use many power tools that I previously had not used, while also teaching others to use these tools. Earning my Gold Award showed me that I can make things happen when I use my mind and resources, even during a global pandemic. Spreading the word about my project also inspired others to volunteer and foster for the rescue I was working with."



Cecile Nguyen

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Garden Valley Service Unit, Troop 515 Lien Doan Lac Viet
La Quinta High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, San Diego (Biology)/Nurse

Animations for Autism

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: OC Autism Foundation

After volunteering at OC Autism Foundation's Breakfast for Santa event, Cecile realized that she lacked knowledge about autism. To properly learn about ASD, she met with Julie Diep, founder of OC Autism Foundation. Cecile completed 3 videos which educated and spread awareness about ASD, and hosted a virtual workshop where participants consisting of mostly high school students from La Quinta High School watched and discussed the videos together. From this, they were now able to spread their knowledge to their close ones. By collaborating with her high school club, she hopes to continually spread knowledge about autism to younger generations.



"From working with my team to create the videos to hosting a virtual workshop, I gained communication, organization, and people skills. Following the project, I also understood the importance of my project's exposure to the community. My Gold Award inspired me to become a bigger individual in my community and encourage others to do the same."



Emily Nguyen

Grade 10 Girl Scout Senior, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Ocean View Service Unit, Troop 1255
Edison High School, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California. Los Angeles/Pediatrician

Bullying: Stop The Cycle!

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: Elks Lodge and Boys and Girls Clubs

Emily designed and implemented her program, Bullying: Stop The Cycle!, to teach kids how to identify bullying and stand up for themselves and others. With help from the Garden Grove Police Department, Elks Lodge, and Boys and Girls Club, she was able to educate the youth in her community and inspire them to take a stand against bullying. Emily's program was spread to other youth clubs in Southern California which will be used to give kids the confidence to speak up.



"While working with the people in my community to tackle the issue of bullying, I learned the importance of creativity, optimism, and communication. The Girl Scout Gold Award taught me to persevere and think outside of the box. When looking from a different perspective, I discovered a problem can have many solutions."

Kimberly Nguyen

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 8 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1810
Woodbridge High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Pediatrician

Healthy Minds for the Young

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Montessori School

Kimberly created a presentation along with video scenarios to educate young children about how to cope with the seasonal flu or a pandemic. She put together a team of designers, filmmakers, writers, educators, and health experts to help develop her project. She presented her project to 50 elementary school students and then trained the school staff on how to carry out the lesson. Kimberly's project will be implemented into the science programs at the Montessori School and be utilized every year during the flu season.



"Through working on my Gold Award Project, I learned the valuable traits of communication and organization to make an impact on those in my community. I found myself growing as a leader and as these children move on with their lives, I hope my impact on them is as memorable as theirs was on me."

Vy Nguyen

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 5 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 302
Fountain Valley High School, Class of 2022

How To Grow and Maintain a Vegetable Garden

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: El Modena Resource Center

Vy grew a vegetable garden at the El Modena Resource Center to provide fresh foods to low-income seniors.



Caitlyn O'rork

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 378
Edison High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Orange Coast College

School Safety Renovations

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Seaclyff Elementary

Caitlyn created her team with the field hockey organization at her school and they will continue her School Safety project. Every other month, the team will travel to different local school to assess them for school safety hazards. They will then fix, renovate, or remove the hazards. This upkeep of the schools will allow the children a safer environment and allow the parents and faculty to be ensured the safety of the students. This will also inspire the children to want to help the community and peers.



"As I worked with the team and the schools' facility on a regular basis to address the issue of school safety in my community, I learned people skills and the meaning of project sustainability. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me how to create a team and identify school safety issues and to inspire others to get involved and help the community."



Cecilia Pak

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 2496
Orange Lutheran High School, Class of 2022

Pathways of Education

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: LOT318

Globally, 100 million more children fail basic reading skills because of COVID-19, to the extent where there could be a possible "generational catastrophe." Cecilia tackled problems that have been prevalent and impacted by the pandemic: poverty and education. She worked with the underprivileged community of Placentia, first tutoring children and teenagers, while aiming to educate those around her through social media. Cecilia is handing down *Pathways* to leaders of different high schools to continue helping LOT318's second location as well. She personally tutored 50+ kids, and found through report cards that helping kids with schoolwork and literacy increased grades.

"I learned how to build bonds with a variety of people and really appreciated being able to organize events in the back while also participating on the forefront of the program. Continuing to flourish, the partnership with Lot318 honestly became more of a companionship; the staff and children all became family. Both sides depend and rely on each other, excited to see what next time will bring."



Saachi Pavani

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 8 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 990
Portola High School High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: C-Level Healthcare Executive

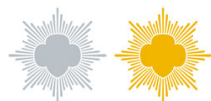
Stop the Bleed

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: Stop the Bleed

Saachi equipped today's youth with tools to potentially save lives in emergency situations. To raise awareness on the topic of bleeding control, she started the Stop the Bleed club at her high school and coordinated training events to educate her community on how to intervene effectively during a bleeding emergency. Saachi trained over 100 people directly and instructed nearly 2,000 more through a training video she uploaded on her project site, which gained over 10,000 views. Saachi coordinated the implementation of bleeding control training for teens in her city and received recognition from her state legislators for her advocacy.

"Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award during the pandemic shaped me into an effective problem solver, and dealing with conflict resolution has given me insight as to what I might encounter in the workplace. My experience with elected officials and communicating with authorities has taught me to step out of my comfort zone and that unless you ask, the answer is always no. This project helped me realize the power of my own voice."



Megan Peng

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
Region: Service Unit, Troop 592
Torrey Pines High School, Class of 2022

Gender Neutral Language Initiative

Human Rights: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: National Organization for Women

Megan created a lesson plan about the importance of using gender neutral language and presented it to more than 100 young students in a series of virtual workshops with the goal of raising awareness and educating the next generation about ways to advance gender equality through everyday language. To take on this project, she developed a timeline, reached out to organizations and feminists who could advise her, and recruited members from her National Organization for Women club at school to help her with specific tasks.

"As I worked with my fellow feminists to address the issue of gendered language, I honed my collaboration skills as I worked with my team to research different concepts for the lesson plan and online dictionary. I gained confidence in my public speaking when presenting my knowledge of the material so that workshop participants would understand the workshop. Earning my Gold Award showed me I was capable of making a meaningful impact on my community."

Emma Pran

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustin East Service Unit, Troop 1102
Foothill High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Santa Barbara (Marine Sciences)/Blue Economy

Students for Seniors - Pen Pals

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: Assistance League of Tustin (Assisteens)

Emma founded "Students for Seniors - Pen Pals" club and then partnered with Assistance League of Tustin and AVID students to address the issue of senior isolation worsened by Covid-19 lockdowns. Emma and her team worked with assisted living centers, creating 80+ student and senior Pen Pal matches and tracked interaction weekly. This past year, hundreds of Pen Pal letters have been exchanged between students and seniors, boosting seniors' mental health and giving them happiness and the social connection they desperately need. Emma's high school club, and partners, will continue to brighten the lives of isolated seniors into the future.



"Through my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I learned that I can make a meaningful and positive impact on the lives of others by having a vision, making a plan, and educating and inspiring others to act. Creating happiness and personal connection between students and isolated seniors has been rewarding for everyone involved and it has inspired me to keep making a difference."

Saarah Rangwala

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 7 years as a Girl Scout
Midsouth Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 3162
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2023

Therapy Mats for Hospice

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: VITAS Healthcare

Saarah designed specialized therapy mats for senior community members suffering from diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia. For her project, she created the Morning Glory Organization (MGO). MGO works with hospice and assisted living facilities in Orange County to make customized therapy mats. Mats were designed to improve manual dexterity, aid in memory loss of simple functions due to cognitive delays, and improve the overall well-being of residents. Saarah and her team of dedicated volunteers created over 80 mats that were distributed across four facilities. She hopes that hand therapy mats continue to aid with comfort and manual dexterity.



"This project required me to understand multiple healthcare needs for the community I was serving. The process of earning my Girl Scout Gold Award helped me improve as a leader as I persevered through obstacles and collaborated with various individuals to reach my goals. Most importantly, I benefited my community. Observing the impact that my project has made has further inspired me to pursue a career in public health and medicine in the future."

Brenna Rao

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 7 years as a Girl Scout
South Coast Region: Aliso Viejo Service Unit, Troop 1194
Aliso Niguel High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Pilot

Youth in Aviation

STEM: Science

Partnered with: Civil Air Patrol, Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove, CAP

Brenna created and gave presentations to the youth of the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove in order to promote diversity in the aviation industry due to the lack of representation from women and minorities. To accomplish this project, she applied organizational and communicational skills while assembling a team of both professionals and adolescents who are knowledgeable in different fields of aviation. Brenna used these presentations to give children the tools to potentially pursue a career in aviation or simply discover a new, underrated interest.



"As I worked with my team to address the lack of diversity in the aviation industry, I learned the importance of problem solving and public speaking, especially through a virtual format. The Gold Award project taught me that I have the power to make an impact in my community. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes the obstacles worth it."



Jillian Raymer

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Ocean View Service Unit, Troop 1754
Sage Hill School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Business

Mindful Meals by Kids

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: OC Cares & DrRHC/ Serving Kids Hope

Jillian created Mindful Meals by Kids inspiring children to make healthy, delicious, budget friendly meals. Many people think fast food is inexpensive and convenient, but it is actually pricey and unhealthy. Jillian's initial goal was to spread awareness in lower socioeconomic communities. Viewers nationally and internationally: California, Texas, Idaho, Ohio, Nevada, Canada, Philippines and Australia. Her online blog expanded to in-person visit at a Kids Club. Jillian sustains her project by involving children to submit recipes, ideas, pictures to her blog. Ocean View School District play her videos in classrooms. Her physician mentors also share Jillian's blog with their patients.

"Inspired to spread the message that one can make meals that are both delicious and nutritious on a budget, I created a healthy eating blog called "Mindful Meals by Kids." My goal is to teach young people that cooking can be both fun and beneficial. I believe starting healthy habits at a young age leads one to maintain a sustainable, healthy lifestyle."



Emily Ricketts

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Rancho Portola Service Unit, Troop 130
Orange County School of the Arts AND El Toro High School, Class of 2022

Remembering the Missing Man

Military/Veterans' Affairs: Veterans' Issues

Partnered with: South Orange County California Genealogy Society & Mission Viejo Library

Emily designed veteran and military-related infographics used in newsletters and posted on social media accounts, as well as a public Google calendar on what days to fly the US Flag. Additionally, Emily brought awareness to POW/MIA's and KIA's by creating two-dozen Missing Man Table kits for the community to display during major holidays year after year. While mainly targeting lineage societies and veterans associations, her website provides downloadable content for others to use in their own communications. Emily tracked her awareness impact using surveys and web analytics data including the number of people viewing, sharing, and downloading information.

"While redesigning my project from scratch a few times due to the pandemic, and hitting numerous hurdles and setbacks, I learned true determination and how to roll with the punches. I had to balance my time, learn telephone and in-person communication skills, and taught myself graphic design. More importantly, supporting our country's veterans and educating the community has brought me so much pride and humility for military families."



Taya Riley

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 378
Edison High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Louisville/Nurse

Knee Injury Prevention

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: Edison High School

Taya Riley created and distributed an informational website to decrease the number of knee injuries in female athletes. She raised injury awareness, educated athletes, and introduced an injury prevention program for female athletes. Through zoom she was able to teach and pass on all the information she had learned to female athletes. She reached out to the local club and high school sports teams to distribute the website. The website reached over 200 people including current and former college and high school athletes and coaches from across the U.S. who will continue to pass on the information.

"As I worked with fellow athletes to address the increasing number of knee injuries, I learned people skills, networking, and teamwork. I realized the importance of time management and how people want to help you if you reach out. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that if you see a problem you have the ability and power to fix it."

Julia Rizkallah

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Ladera Valley Service Unit, Troop 2088
Tesoro High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: High School Biological Sciences Teacher

Read To Succeed -- Audiobooks for Kindergarteners

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Capistrano Unified School District

During Covid-19, Julia created a virtual library for Kindergarten students who did not have access to their school libraries and regular read alouds. The library allows students to have crucial opportunities to develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills. Due to limited time during distance learning, teachers do not have as much time to read aloud as they have had in previous years. The virtual library allows teachers to assign entertaining, engaging, educational read alouds to their Kindergarten students during extended learning. In the future, these recordings will be used while the teacher is working with small groups.

"Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award during the pandemic taught me the true meaning of persistence. I enjoyed meeting and working with new students at my high school and inspiring them to give back to the community. This project meant a lot to me because of my love for working with children and aspiration to become a teacher one day."



Shayda Roshdieh

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 330 Aku Aku
Yorba Linda High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Orange Coast College/Environmental Sustainability/Justice

Embracing Differences on Campus

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Partnered with: Special Olympics Unified Sports

Shayda introduced Unified Sports, an inclusive program that brings all students, regardless of intellectual disability, together to play sports, participate in fun exercises, and encourage a more welcoming school environment. In order to complete this project, she spent the last few years of high school closely working with her team to adjust many parts of the project from her initial goals due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent changes in school regulations on campus. After she graduates, future club presidents will have resources that she and her team put together to assist the club's advisors in the future!

"From this project, I gained a new sense of what resilience means in my life and with projects that are time-consuming yet rewarding. Since this project's plans were derailed once everything moved online, every other part of my team's life had to adjust tremendously. With this, ensuring that we could complete our goal of inclusion in a state of global chaos was incredibly difficult and taught me that persistence is key!"



Mansi Saini

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 9 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 3460 Amphitrite
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2021

Virtual Elementary STEM Curriculum

STEM: Technology

Partnered with: Elementary Schools

Mansi created an engaging virtual STEM curriculum for elementary school students.





Natalie Salvatierra

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 3460 Amphitrite
Foothill High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Food Scientist

Solely Sunshine: Encouragement During Stressful Times

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Assisteens, Foothill High School, Trinity Church

In May 2020, Natalie decided to create the organization, Solely Sunshine. Anyone can write a virtual letter of encouragement for free on her website. Her team of over 100 teen volunteers transcribe the messages to paper. Then she mails them to mental health facilities. Since starting Solely Sunshine, Natalie has received over 15,000 letters of encouragement from people in 50+ countries. To further spread her passion for mental health, she published the mental health children's book, "Do Not Worry, Little Donkey." Additionally, Natalie posts educational and encouraging videos on her Solely Sunshine Instagram, which have been viewed over 200,000 times.



"Overcoming anxiety is hard, but it can be a little easier with encouraging words. Spreading what I like to call "sunshine" to individuals with mental health conditions makes me feel proud. I learned how to speak up about my passion for mental health and teach others how to share their own passions too, but most of all I learned that a hand-written letter of encouragement goes a long way to help someone feeling down."



Miranda Shannon

Grade 12 Girl Scout Senior, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1128
Edison High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Pennsylvania State University (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)/Pharmacist or Pharmacologist

Connecting the Deaf and Hearing World

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Languages

Partnered with: Edison High School ASL Club

Miranda chose this project because she took ASL in high school and was exposed to the problems facing the Deaf community. Her target audience was elementary, middle, and high school students. The local connection to a global issue is that this problem is faced by Deaf individuals worldwide. The measurable impact of her project is the number of video views and the estimated distribution of her videos. About 1,500 students may have been impacted by her project. She also measured impact by reading student responses. YouTube and teacher distribution will be able to sustain her project.



"While working with volunteers and developing my videos focused on Deaf culture and American Sign Language, I combined organizational and collaborative skills to be successful. I also learned about and advanced my technology skills through editing and developing closed captioning. Through this project, I was able to pursue my interest in ASL and spread my love of the Deaf community and culture."



Megan Shean

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 6 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Newport Mesa Service Unit, Troop 3283
Sage Hill School, Class of 2022

Book Buddies

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Human Options & WATCH

Megan created "Book Buddies," a virtual and in-person reading program for underserved youth, to tackle the issues of illiteracy in her community. In order to provide students with the right resources, she gathered volunteers to help build 14 bookshelves and collected over 3,000 books. After she installed the book shelves into Human Options and distributed the books to inquisitive students at Human Options and St. Andrew's WATCH program, she was able to aid students with lessons, bookshelves, and books to teach them reading comprehension and grammar skills.



"After the pandemic closed schools, I knew I needed to provide students with the resources to stay on top of their reading skills and to ensure illiteracy does not grow in my community. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award highlighted just how much one person can change their community when they have passion and determination. It all starts with an idea."

Kaitlyn Shimohara

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 121
Los Alamitos High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles (Human Biology)/
Medical Field

Mindful Thinking and Time Management

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Jinen Kai, Los Alamitos Dance Program, Girl Scout Troop 121

During COVID Kaitlyn made presentations to several student organizations via ZOOM meetings and distributed tools via email to assist them in dealing with stress and developing mindfulness. She initiated her program by assembling a team of volunteers to consult and guide her including a professional counselor, coaches, educators, and students. She created a timeline to monitor hitting goal benchmarks to meet her deadline. Kaitlyn distributed her presentation and tools to students to encourage them to understand the impact of stress and positive ways to alleviate these negative feelings through self-care, gratitude, and time management.



"As I met with others to talk about stress management and mindful thinking, I learned the importance of strong communication skills. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award helped me deeply understand the daily stresses faced by children today and the importance of providing them with coping mechanisms to work through their struggles and challenges."

Baily Simco

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Newport Mesa Service Unit, Juliette
Costa Mesa High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Franklin University, Switzerland (Communications and
International Relations)/Foreign Correspondent

Environmental Safety

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Environmental Nature Center

Baily was able to use her leadership skills to organize the removal of the old rotting trail liners with brand new trail liners to help keep people on the path. By doing this Baily has been able to ensure safe learning about nature in a controlled environment. Baily has also made an educational video explaining the need for trail liners and explaining the steps she took to bring her community together. Baily has accomplished her main goal of providing for her community and bring everyone together.



"Building new trail liners, I encouraged people to stay on the trails for the safety of not only the people, but also for the wildlife. Throughout my many years in Girl Scouts, I have been able to learn about the importance of teamwork, organization, and open communication amongst my team and community. By earning my Gold Award, I learned that any dream can become an idea and that any idea can become a reality."

Samantha Starks

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1128
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Lewis & Clark College

Promoting Pickleball

Sports: After-School Programs

Partnered with: Surf City Pickleball Society of Huntington Beach

The root cause of Samantha's project was inactive lifestyles. Sam had noticed a lot of kids are not active outside of their PE classes. By introducing a new fun and easy sport, they now have the ability and the option to get active in their everyday lives. She reached out to kids in middle schools and introduce the sport of Pickleball to them. When COVID hit, she made a video for local schools to use as a resource to teach their kids and get them active at home.



"While I taught and organized events, I learned how to communicate effectively with others and connect to younger kids and my peers. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award allowed me to reach out and get involved with the community, not only the local middle schools and my fellow Girl Scouts, but also the Pickleball community."



Justine Streichenberger

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustin East Service Unit, Troop 1102
Foothill High School, Class of 2022

Helping the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness
Partnered with: Share Our Shelves

Justine's project resulted in the creation of a lasting club to teach high school students about our homeless population, which specializes in breaking down stigmas surrounding homelessness. Every month this club was connected with individuals as well as organizations who have a deeper understanding of who the homeless really are and how we as students can help. The club members were able to learn how to help first hand by getting experience assembling care kits and creating sanitization wipes.



"As president I was able to lead my team during monthly meetings. I gathered a group of students within my school and gave them a space to connect with our community. I reached out to organizations that work with the homeless to have them speak with my club. In addition, I led my team through service projects."



Kristin Suzuki

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 Wisteria
Yorba Linda High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Riverside (Pre-Business)

Healthy Eating Through Gardening

Health: Nutrition
Partnered with: Golden Elementary School

Kristin focused on childhood obesity by inspiring healthy eating habits at a young age. She implemented a garden club with Golden Elementary's childcare program, where she spoke to students about the benefits of eating healthier. She encouraged them to incorporate fruits and vegetables to their daily diets by creating gardening kits where the students grew their own vegetables. Kristin also put together a YouTube video that covers the negative effects of childhood obesity and the importance of forming healthy eating habits at an early age. The video also includes an instructional segment on how to assemble the kits at home.



"As I worked on my project, I'd say it was definitely a struggle to complete it during the pandemic. I was able to learn the valuable skill of problem solving when I had to revamp and improvise my plans. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has definitely helped me with goal setting, time management, people skills, and developing more confidence within myself."



Nitya Swaminath

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: North Irvine Service Unit, Troop 5440
Northwood High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Northridge (Communication Disorders)/Speech Pathologist

Two Communities One World

Disability: The Hearing Impaired
Partnered with: Northwood High School History and ASL Department

Nitya designed a website named Two Communities One World that focused on the Deaf community. Her website included history, culture, music videos, interviews from Deaf individuals, resources, programs to get involved with and a Nearpod lesson. Nitya spearheaded an initiative to integrate her lesson into the Northwood High School history and ASL curriculum. As a result of her efforts, hundreds of students at Northwood High School learned about the Deaf community. She is also working to expand her project to other schools in IUSD so that more students can be informed on the Deaf community.



"Throughout my project, I worked with a wide range of professors and teachers in the Deaf studies field. As I worked with them, I developed a sense of confidence and improved my skills of collaborating with others. I learned how very educated and experienced people can work towards a common goal to complete a project. I also learned problem solving skills and worked to create a sustainable project."

Haneefah Syed

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
North Central Region: Fullerton/La Habra Service Unit, Troop 3119
Valencia High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of Chicago/Lawyer

Oliver Storytime

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Olive Community Services

Haneefah noted a rise in social anxiety among teens during COVID-19 pandemic. She collaborated with the Olivers (seniors) from Olive Community Services and started a virtual Oliver Storytime series. The Olivers shared their stories of overcoming adversity with teens to develop resilience and manage social anxiety. Haneefah, with the guidance of mental health experts, utilized anxiety and resiliency tests to measure impact. She trained volunteers to continue to lead the series. She uploaded the series on Olive's YouTube and created a digital toolkit for local youth groups to emulate such a program for their teens.

"I learned that I was able to successfully recruit, train, facilitate and empower other volunteers to lead the program and make it sustainable. I learned to be patient when communicating with seniors and when helping them with technology. Through my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I witnessed the power of intergenerational collaboration and finding common ground among teens and seniors. I hope to continue my involvement with such meaningful work in the future."



Mia Thompson

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: HB Pierside Service Unit, Troop 1128
Edison High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Journalist/Writer

Creativity for a Cause

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Children's Hospital of OC, BraveOnes Foundation, Lakeshore Learning

When a close friend was diagnosed with cancer, Mia was inspired by the compassion and empathy shown by her community and decided that she wanted to reciprocate this support for other hospitalized children in need of an accessible therapeutic outlet. She directed a series of virtual art lessons and designed COVID-safe art kits to be distributed at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. To implement this project, Mia networked with the BraveOnes Foundation -- a local nonprofit -- and Lakeshore Learning to facilitate the kits as part of her therapeutic art campaign in partnership with the hospital's Child Life Department.

"The basis of my project is very close to my heart, and so by taking initiative, I learned to overcome obstacles with creative problem-solving skills and practiced communication, confidence, and collaboration. I found that my passion lies within using these skills to reach out to members of my community who are in need. I will continue to use them as I strive to be an active, empathetic, and kind leader in my community and beyond."



Kathryne Toller

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Placentia Service Unit, Troop 2836
Valencia High School High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Teacher

Celebrating Siblings of Kids with Chronic Illness

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Jessie Rees Foundation: Never Ever Give Up!

Influenced by her own experiences, Kate recognized the struggles that many siblings of kids with chronic illness have to face. A lack of awareness and resources about this topic inspired her to create Siblings of Kids with Chronic Illness Day to be celebrated each year on February 6th. She created a website with activities ideas that families could complete together on the day and created brochures to be put in sibling boxes sent out by the Jessie Rees Foundation encouraging families to participate in this self-guided event. Additionally, the day was officially recognized by the city of Placentia.

"My confidence has grown so much throughout the process of competing my Gold Award project. When first beginning my project, I was nervous to even make a phone call when looking for a project advisor and by the end, I had confidently presented at a virtual City Council meeting. Completing this project was an incredible experience and I have developed so many valuable skills throughout the process."





Lacey Tolly

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 875
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2021

Love Yourself!

Health: Self-image

Partnered with: HOAG Medical Group, Huntington Beach High School

Lacey created the Beyond Beautiful Club at Huntington Beach High School as a safe and educational space for students to discuss topics including body image issues, eating disorders, mental health, and mindfulness.



Nicole Ton

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 10 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1809
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Los Angeles
(Neuroscience)/Doctor/Researcher

Opening the Doors to STEAM and Career Opportunities

STEM: Technology

Partnered with: Marshall Elementary School

Nicole created STEAM seminars and a STEAM lab for Marshall Elementary School. Recently, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) has gained prominence; as countries technologically advance, STEAM grows in job market dominance. Nicole's project introduced STEAM topics to students to increase exposure and interest in these fields as there's currently limited access to STEAM education, especially amongst young children. The seminars included interactive activities that engaged students alongside STEAM career lessons. The lab provided an accessible space to investigate STEAM via projects and challenges. Both the seminar videos and lab will be used by students for many years to come.

"My Girl Scout experience and my Gold Award have taught me the fundamentals of leadership, including responsibility, humility, trust, and collaboration. Leadership enables me to be confident and assertive, emphasizing morals and strength. I have a responsibility to use my ambitions to help others, and I have learned to use my efforts towards bettering the world and practicing the values of respect and kindness."



Isabella Toneatto

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 12 years as a Girl Scout
Central Coast Region: Huntington Harbor Service Unit, Troop 875
Huntington Beach High School, Class of 2021

Student Leadership Team

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Mariners Church

Isabella worked to strengthen the leadership and mentoring program for youth in 6th-12th grades at Mariners Church.

Vyvy Truong

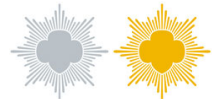
Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 6 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 1810
Arnold O. Beckman High School, Class of 2022
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: University of California, Irvine/General Doctor

First Aid for First Timers

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast

Vyvy created a first aid program, called First Aid for First Timers, to teach children how to take care of themselves and others in different emergency situations. To make this program a reality, Vyvy assembled and worked with a team of first aid trainers to host online training sessions for 3rd-5th graders from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast. By the end of the 3-month program, these participants learned more than 16 different first aid skills, ranging from treating cuts to bandaging head concussions.



"In my perspective, a good leader is someone who has confidence in their team and isn't afraid to ask for help. Whilst completing my Girl Scout Gold Award, I learned to listen and communicate with my peers in a way that fostered a mutual relationship of respect and trust. No matter the situation or outcome, I knew that I would be able to rely on their support and vice versa."

Zoe Tschumper

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Brea Service Unit, Troop 2375
Brea Olinda High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: California State University, Dominguez Hills (History and Social Sciences of Education)/History Teacher

Anxiety in the Classroom

Education: Career Training

Partnered with: Brea Olinda Unified School District

Zoe created "Classroom Anxieties" training for teachers and administrators to educate them on teen mental health struggles. To create this project, she developed a project plan including a timeline and budget and partnered with educators, mental health professionals and students. Zoe handed her project over to Brea Olinda Unified School District, where the project is now a mandatory training for all educators and administrators. The original project was intended for high school teachers, but it grew into something much bigger.



"Working on this project everyday taught me many skills that I will take forward, including leadership and confidence skills. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me the importance of perseverance and determination. I gained confidence in my leadership skills and proved to myself that I can do anything I set my mind to- even changing the world."

Riya Upadhyaya

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Yorba Linda West Service Unit, Troop 2005
Valencia High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: American University/Teacher/Community Organizer

Voter Empowerment Initiative

Civic Engagement: Politics

Partnered with: Girls Inc. of Orange County

Riya created voter literacy resources to teach youth in Orange County about the importance of youth political engagement and increase youth voter participation. To execute this project, she developed a plan to reach out to local non-profits and create a club within her school. She then worked to create a comprehensive presentation and voter resource sheet to share with young voters and helped youth to register/pre-register to vote for the upcoming election. Riya distributed her resources to Girls Inc. of Orange County and her school club which will continue to empower youth voters in her county.



"As I worked within my community to address the lack of youth voter participation, I learned to teach and how to relay information effectively. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I can teach those within my community and inspire others to become empowered voters and be politically involved."



Jacqueline Vellandi

Grade 11 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
South County Region: Oso Valley Service Unit, Troop 2030
Orange County School of the Arts, Class of 2023
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Writer and Actor

The Page to Stage Project: A Healthy Outlet for Expression

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: SA Police Athletic & Activity League, OCSA Thespian Troupe 6826

Jacki's project addressed the issue of mental health in kids ages 10-14 by using the art of writing as a healthy outlet to create safe places for expression and relationships with supportive peers -- building confidence before the sometimes difficult social period of middle school. The Page to Stage project taught writing components like dialogue, antagonist and protagonist, setting, climax, etc. to at-risk youth in Santa Ana. Once writing was submitted, the students' work was compiled into a cohesive script and a film was made with OCSA Thespian Troupe 6826, sharing broadly that these young writers have something to say!



"The most successful part of my project was the confidence my students gained. They know they are writers and have something to say! By the end of the course, they all could see how much writing they had produced, read their lines in the script, and see their work come to life in the film. My Girl Scout Gold Award allowed me to build a platform and give encouragement so these kids could be seen and heard."



Thy Voong

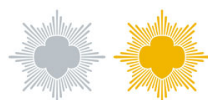
Grade 10 Girl Scout Senior, 2 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustana Service Unit, Troop 2279 Lien Doan Chi Lang
Oxford Academy, Class of 2023

Shining Speakers: Career-Readiness Workshop Program

Education: Career Training

Partnered with: Oxford Academy, Brookhurst JHS, Dale JHS, Willard Intermediate, Graves MS

Thy initiated her Shining Speakers program to promote learning career-readiness skills among students in preparation for leadership and workplace opportunities. In her workshops, she taught fundamentals of public speaking, interviewing, and resume-building through facilitating hands-on practice activities, experienced community guest speakers, and real-life application for students outside class. Thy implemented her curriculum in 5 schools across 3 different districts, contributing to future learning as part of career-readiness programs. It will also serve as leadership training at Oxford Academy, where members of the ASB and other leadership organizations can practice these skills. Thy's project impacted 800+ students, teachers, and administrators.



"As I collaborated with students, teachers, and community leaders, I realized that I was truly capable of instilling change in the lives of others by guiding students towards a more prepared future. In discovering the power of connection, the relationships I built within my community allowed me to transform my passions into meaningful initiative, even even despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic."



Lola Wendenburg

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Central Region: Tustin East Service Unit, Troop 1102
Foothill High School, Class of 2022

Volleyball Days for The Boys and Girls Club of Tustin

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Tustin

Mental health in children became an even more significant issue during Covid-19 as depression and anxiety increased during the pandemic. Lola addressed this issue by creating a volleyball program for the children at the Boys and Girls Club of Tustin to show them the basic skills of volleyball, but more importantly, to provide opportunities for them to participate in a sport while improving their mental health. Her target audience was the children at the Boys and Girls Club of Tustin (grades 4-5). Her clinics will continue to be taught by the Boys and Girls Club staff.



"The leadership skills I used were communication, problem-solving, collaboration, team-building, and empathy. I learned that with patience, flexibility, and perseverance, I can achieve my goals. I also learned that I am capable of planning, organizing, and implementing a successful program that the community can use in the future. These clinics also reinforced how much I enjoy working with kids. An added bonus was seeing kids enjoy playing a sport that I am passionate about."

Natalie Westfall

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 11 years as a Girl Scout
Mid South Region: Heart of Irvine Service Unit, Troop 638
Woodbridge High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Deaf Studies/American Sign Language Interpreter

Every Girl Has a Voice

Disability: The Hearing Impaired

Partnered with: OC Deaf/ Girl Scouts of Orange County

Natalie's target audience was for every Deaf and CODA girl who wanted to learn everything Girl Scouts had to offer while also being in their community. This would assist them to grow as individuals and have access to all activities we have for hearing girls. She partnered with both OC Deaf and Girl Scouts of Orange County to give them this opportunity. To do this, Natalie created a Deaf/HH troop that includes currently about 6 girls and many adults/parents that are helping and volunteering to make this troop not only sustainable, but also more fun.



"I learned not only how much work it goes into starting a troop, but most importantly, how similar we all actually are. How much we all want to learn no matter our differences. "Every Girl Has a Voice" was created to do just that, allow them all to have a voice."

Kalen Yamamoto

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Anaheim Service Unit, Troop 881 Wisteria
Los Alamitos High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Soka University America (Liberal Arts: Social and Behavioral Arts Concentration)/Pediatric Occupational Therapy

Fore the Love of Golf

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: Navy Golf Course; Bell Intermediate; Patton, Barker, Garden Park Elementary

Kalen created an introductory golf curriculum for her local schools to incorporate into their physical education course. She also worked with the Seal Beach Navy golf course to create a free, five-week golf clinic. Hoping that her project will motivate students to continue golf in high school and college, Kalen also hopes that she inspired more children in her local area to play golf, providing the nation with more golfers and filling unused golf scholarships because of the limited number of players. Her project reached over 90 students and will be continued by the local golf course and elementary schools.



"I became an even stronger leader with this project as I organized and led a team of golfers and educators to introduce golf to youth in the local area. I learned that I was more determined and persistent than I was in the past. I kept my focus ahead of what I was doing, especially completing the project in the middle of the pandemic."

Audrey Yun

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northeast Region: Yorba Linda East Service Unit, Troop 002
Valencia High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Northeastern University (Biochemistry)/Surgeon

Need A Lil Awareness

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Diabetes Awareness Club

Audrey started the Need A Lil Awareness campaign in hopes of addressing the lack of medical knowledge in the community especially prevalent amongst middle and high schoolers. She created an accessible website filled with articles that aimed to simplify the abstract concept of diabetes as well as testimonials to bring comfort. To tackle this project, she reached out and collaborated with several experts and has impacted 250+ individuals! Audrey distributed her website and pamphlets to local medical facilities with the aim of sparking a change in attitude and advocating for a change in the public's apathy in healthcare disparity.



"As I worked daily alongside volunteers to address the issue of healthcare disparity in my community, I learned that communication is the key to leadership, and that leadership is the capacity to translate one's vision into a reality. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award has shown me that visualization and affirmation techniques are crucial in resolving community problems, as well as, inspiring others to get involved!"



Jynel Zeitz

Grade 12 Girl Scout Ambassador, 13 years as a Girl Scout
Northwest Region: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Service Unit, Troop 121
Los Alamitos High School, Class of 2021
Future Aspiration/Career Goal: Business/Law

STEM for Youth

STEM: Science

Partnered with: Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

Jynel created a virtual education program "STEM for Youth" to promote an interest in STEM for young children. She collaborated with the Boys & Girls Club's Garden Grove branch to develop a website that hosts science video lectures, instructions, lesson plans, and online activities that kids can do at home or instructors can run at their sites. She shares her passion for STEM with kids, and her program is also available online for everyone to enjoy. Jynel hopes that engaging kids with fun science related activities will create positive attitudes about STEM and perhaps spark a life-long interest in science.



"I had to completely reconstruct my entire project due to COVID-19. Not only did I get a life-lesson on how to be adaptable, and quickly learn news skills, my final project is also able to reach more kids and have a longer lasting impact. I also learned organizational, communication, problem solving, and leadership skills while developing the program. Earning my Girl Scout Gold Award showed me that I'm capable of making an impact in my community."

Let's Learn About Public Health!



North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Melody Chang

Healing through the Indigenous Art of Storytelling



Santiago Creek Gold Award Girl Scout Sophia Madrigal

Bridging the Gap "With These Hands"



Huntington Harbor Gold Award Girl Scout Hadley Goodwin

Fempowerment



Tustana Gold Award Girl Scout Shalini Aggarwal

KidZone



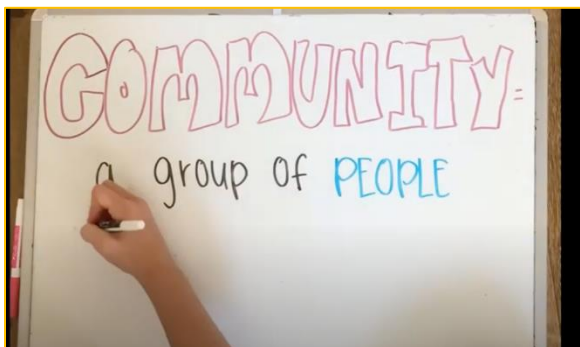
Brea Gold Award Girl Scout Marisa Durkin

Opening the Doors to STEAM and Career Opportunities



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Nicole Ton

GenLink



Newport Harbor Gold Award Girl Scout Hannah Hykes

Oliver Storytime



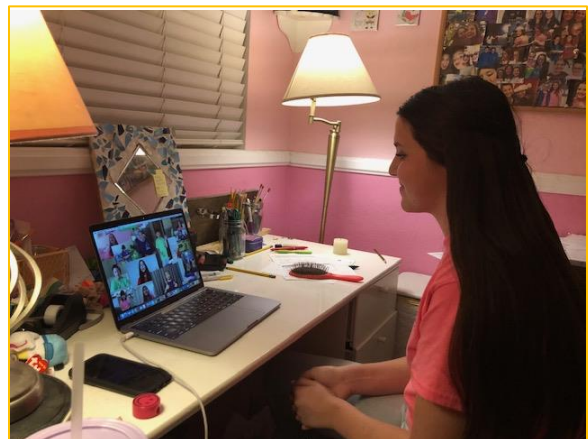
Fullerton/La Habra Gold Award Girl Scout Haneefah Syed

LGBT in OUSD



Garden Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Jocelyn Ha

Time to Shine



Rancho Portola Gold Award Girl Scout Shelby Mills

Human Trafficking Early Prevention Program



Ocean View Gold Award Girl Scout Jayden Anderson

Volleyball Days for The Boys and Girls Club of Tustin



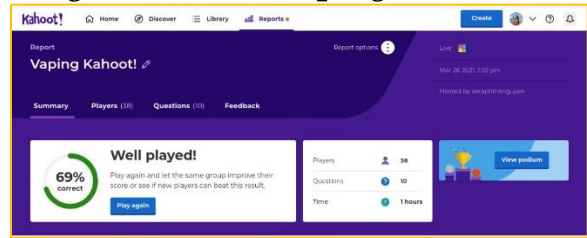
Tustin East Gold Award Girl Scout Lola Wendenburg

Solely Sunshine: Encouragement During Stressful Times



Tustana Gold Award Girl Scout Natalie Salvatierra

E-cigarettes and Vaping



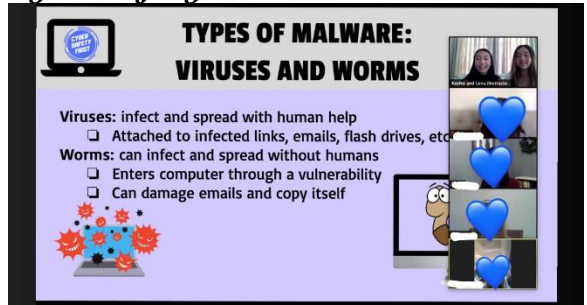
HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Jayden Kathy Ha

Girl Power



Oso Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Holland Allebes Anderson

CyberSafetyFirst



South Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Kayley Chan

Shining Speakers: Career-Readiness Workshop Program



Tustana Gold Award Girl Scout Thy Voong

The Page to Stage Project: A Healthy Outlet for Expression



Oso Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Jacki Vellandi

Ending Gender Bias



Aliso Viejo Gold Award Girl Scout Amelia Kopf

Animations for Autism



Garden Grove Gold Award Girl Scout Cecile Nguyen

Youth in Aviation



Aliso Viejo Gold Award Girl Scout Brenna Rao

Book Buddies



Newport Mesa Gold Award Girl Scout Megan Shean

Creativity for a Cause



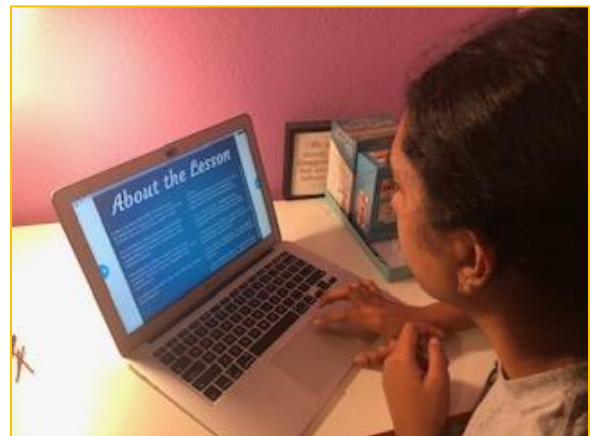
HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Mia Thompson

Fore the Love of Golf



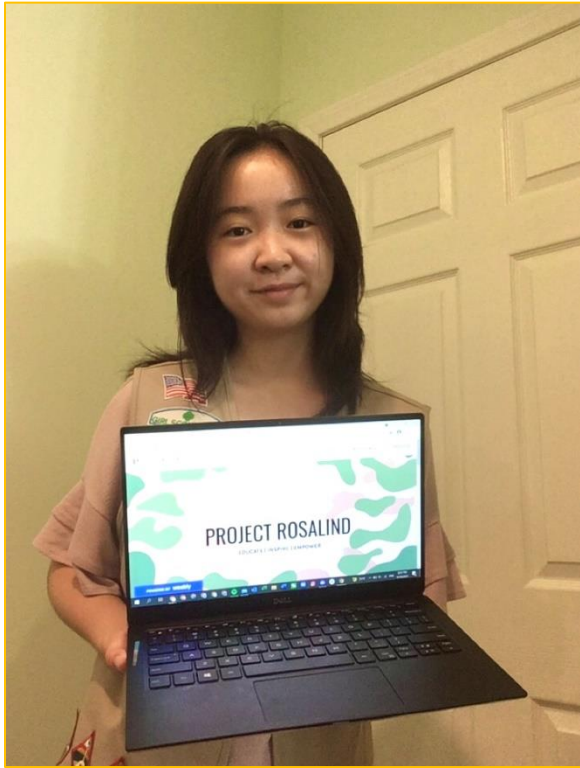
Anaheim Gold Award Girl Scout Kalen Yamamoto

Two Communities One World



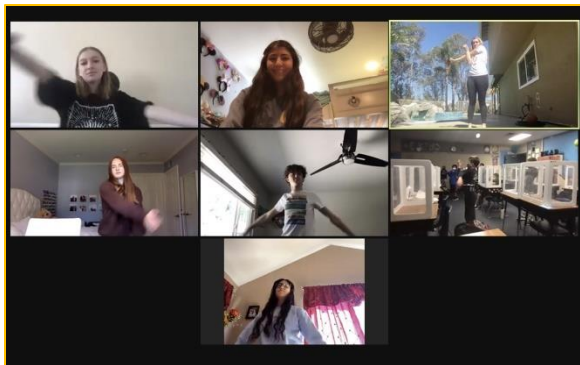
North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Nitya Swaminath

Project Rosalind



North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Grace Jin

Hawk Mentors



Oso Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Lani Jacobson

Need A Lil Awareness



Yorba Linda East Gold Award Girl Scout Audrey Yun

Stop the Bleed



North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Saachi Pavani

Stop Senior Scams



HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Geneva Eisel

Allergy Awareness



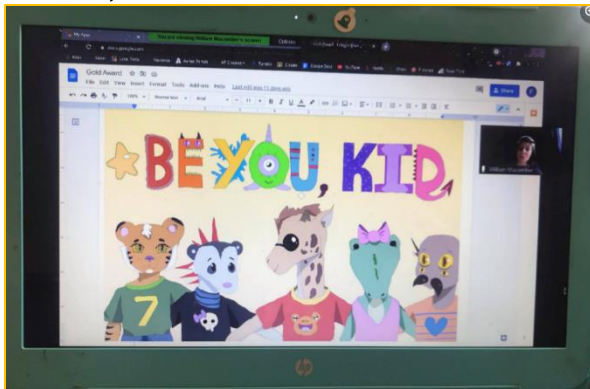
Ladera Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Julia Kowalski

Helping the Homeless



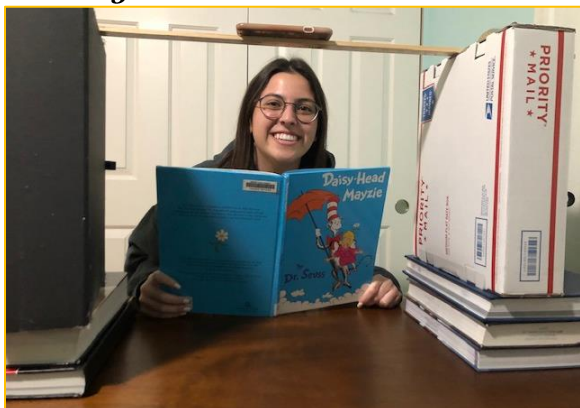
Tustin East Gold Award Girl Scout Justine Streichenberger

Be You, Kid



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Gold Award Girl Scout Francesca Macomber

Read To Succeed -- Audiobooks for Kindergarteners



Ladera Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Julia Rizkallah

Anxiety in the Classroom



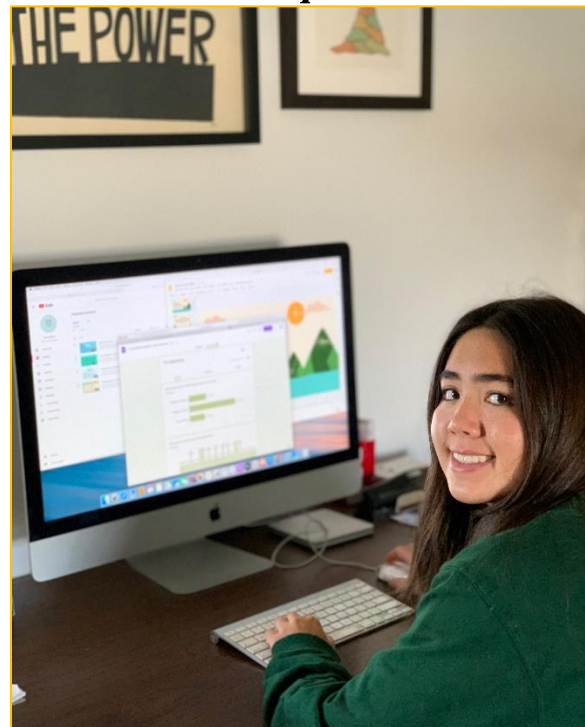
Brea Gold Award Girl Scout Zoe Tschumper

STEM for Youth



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Gold Award Girl Scout Jynel Zeitz

Humanitarian Helpers



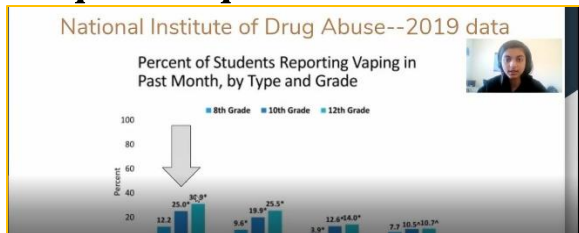
HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Moé Caruso

Healthy Minds for the Young



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Kimberly Nguyen

Escape the Vape



North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Saanvi Kalele

Whelping Boxes for Animal Safety



Lake Forest Gold Award Girl Scout Mackenzie Moore

Filtration Plant System



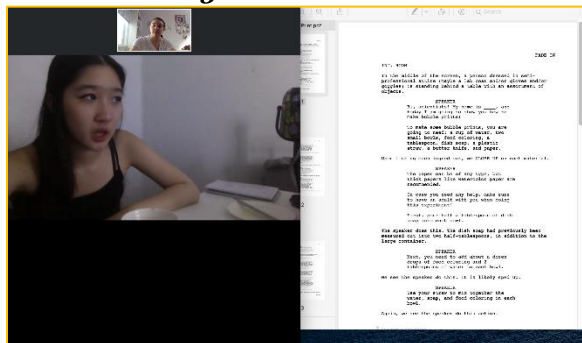
San Clemente Gold Award Girl Scout Kylie Hill

Say Hello



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Thea Le

STEM Taking Root



Seal Beach Gold Award Girl Scout Melanie Huq

Through Trauma Together



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Gold Award Girl Scout
Rory Lowdermilk

Therapy Mats for Hospice



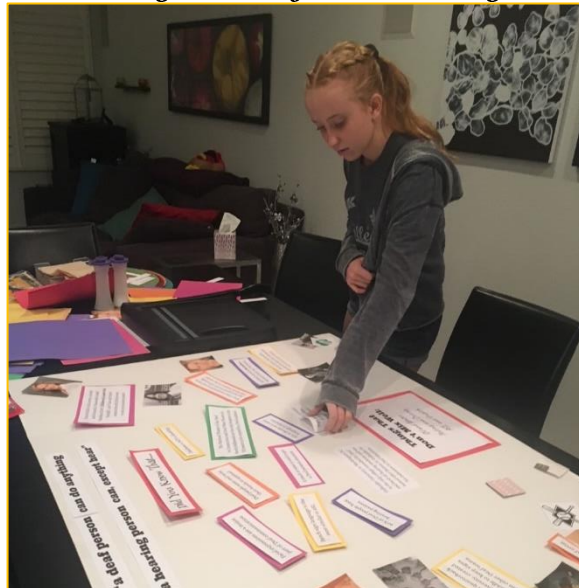
North Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Saarah Rangwala

Embracing Differences on Campus



Yorba Linda West Gold Award Girl Scout Shayda
Roshdieh

Connecting the Deaf and Hearing World



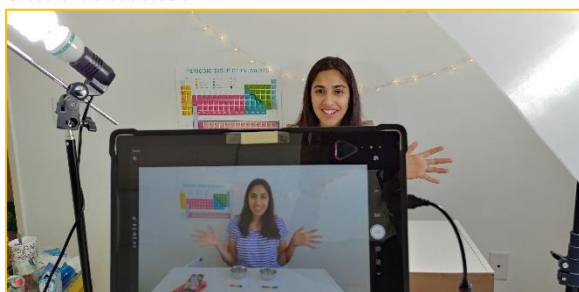
HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Miranda Shannon

Motivation for Ambulation



Yorba Linda West Gold Award Girl Scout Rianna Christy

Virtual Elementary STEM Curriculum



Tustana Gold Award Girl Scout Mansi Saini

Save Our Gills-Return Your Pills



San Clemente Gold Award Girl Scout
Isabella Marcovechio

Voter Empowerment Initiative



Yorba Linda West Gold Award Girl Scout
Riya Upadhyaya

Healthy Eating Through Gardening



Anaheim Gold Award Girl Scout Kristin Suzuki

One Hoppy Little Bunny



Tustana Gold Award Girl Scout Jenny Lozano

Every Girl Has a Voice



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Natalie Westfall

The Future of STEM



Fullerton/La Habra Gold Award Girl Scout Kim Doyon

Environmental Safety



Newport Mesa Gold Award Girl Scout Baily Simco

How To Grow and Maintain a Vegetable Garden



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Gold Award Girl Scout Vy Nguyen

Got Platelets?



Oso Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Amrita Kaur

Mental Health Awareness



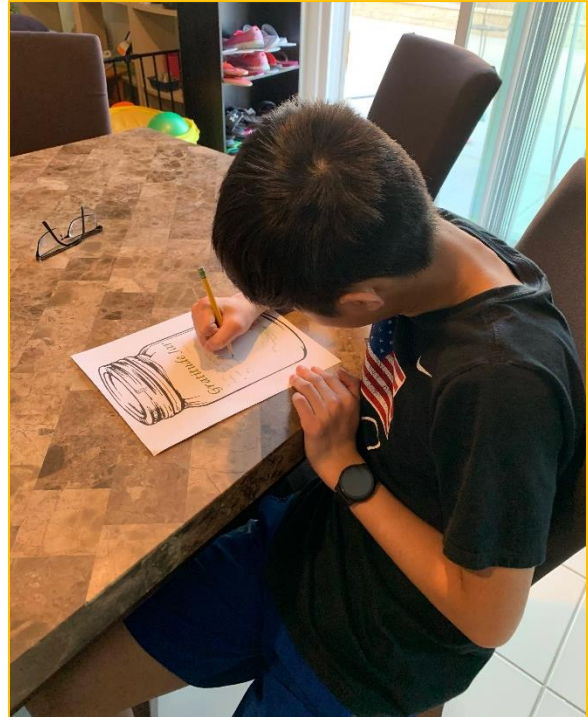
Garden Valley Gold Award Girl Scout Tracy Le

Knee Injury Prevention



HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Taya Riley

Mindful Thinking and Time Management



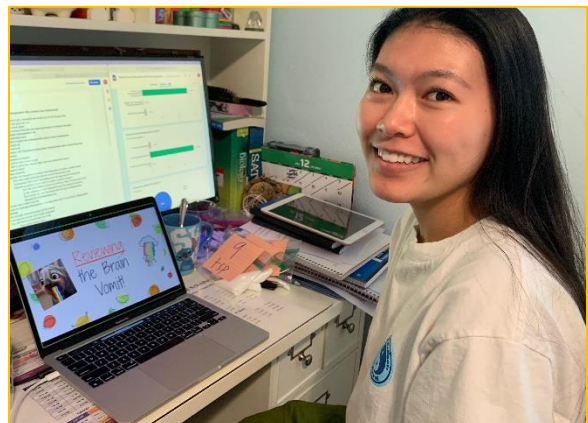
Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Gold Award Girl Scout Kaitlyn Shimohara

First Aid for First Timers



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Vyvy Truong

Rethink Your Plate



Heart of Irvine Gold Award Girl Scout Kiana Kelii

Handprints of Remembrance



STEM for Everyone





Activity

2 people have a conversation

- pretend that one of the people just said a gendered word
- one person explains why using a gendered word is not inclusive and what it is
- other person can choose to react (skepticism or understanding)

Example:

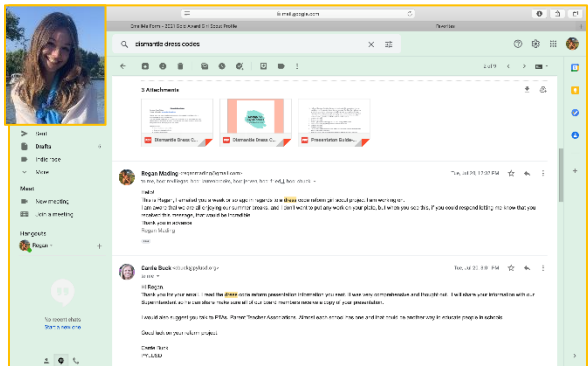
- A: "Hey, that's a fireman!"
- B: "Do you mean firefighter?"
- A: "Yes, aren't they the same thing?"
- B: "No, actually the word 'fireMAN' implies that all people in this job are men, but there are women too! 'Firefighter' includes all genders."

Promoting Pickleball



Dismantle Dress Code



Sonora Theatre Club



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Water Wells for Women's Education



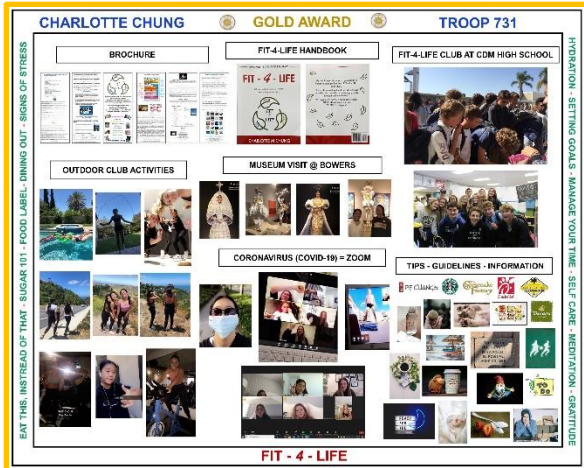
Lake Forest Gold Award Girl Scout Hannah Comroe

Mindful Meals by Kids



Ocean View Gold Award Girl Scout Jillian Raymer

Fit 4 Life Teens: Mind, Body, and Soul



Newport Harbor Gold Award Girl Scout Charlotte Chung

Future Fitness



Tustin East Gold Award Girl Scout Maya DeLaTorre

School Safety Renovations



HB Pierside Gold Award Girl Scout Caitlyn O'rork

Students for Seniors - Pen Pals



Tustin East Gold Award Girl Scout Emma Pran

Remembering the Missing Man



Rancho Portola Gold Award Girl Scout Emily Ricketts

Bullying: Stop The Cycle!



Ocean View Gold Award Girl Scout Emily Nguyen

Celebrating Siblings of Kids with Chronic Illness



Placentia Gold Award Girl Scout Kate Toller

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courage, confidence and character
who make the world a better place.**

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CONGRATULATIONS GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Recipient Sophia Madrigal



Gold Award Girl Scout Sophia Madrigal Puts Indigenous Storytelling in the Spotlight

Before he passed away, my father taught me an important lesson: “The greatest loss in life is not loss itself, but who we forget when trying to erase who we are.” The loss of who we are is something Indigenous people have faced through colonization. In fact, until 1978 it was illegal for us to practice our spiritualities in the United States.

To honor my father and help heal the wounds of my community, I created the Luke Madrigal Indigenous Storytelling nonprofit to earn my Gold Award. Through my nonprofit, I created, planned, and hosted a series of eight virtual workshops called Healing Through the Indigenous Art of Storytelling.

The project started with my own story, “Wildflower: Indigenous Spirit,” which describes a girl’s journey through grief and loss to health and strength. I turned this into a play that was performed and filmed for a virtual presentation. When I saw the impact it had, I decided to expand my project to the eight presentations that became my Gold Award project.

Other community members shared their stories, each exploring a personal or traditional story of strength. Each person also created a story symbol prompted by a theme in their narrative and offered a prescription for healing. I then created a medicine bundle infographic to pair with the stories.

With my project, I sought to revitalize culture within my own community—and I got to spread my message even further when I was invited to participate in the United Nations’ International Day of the Girl “Girls Speak Out” event in October 2020. There I represented Native Americans in the U.S. and spoke about the importance of cultural revitalization through storytelling. My presentation also led to an invitation for me to give a TED Talk.

My creation of the Luke Madrigal Indigenous Storytelling nonprofit ignited passion in my community for sharing our stories. I was able to see the wisdom of my culture and the need for this wisdom in the world at large.

But above all else, it helped me heal from my own loss: my father’s death. The spirit of my father and the strength he and my ancestors continue to give me is the most powerful medicine for overcoming obstacles, and I never lose sight of this source of perseverance and strength.

Girl Scouts of Orange County

2021 Silver Award Girl Scouts



When Girl Scout Cadettes focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, they gain confidence and skills that will catapult them to lifelong success. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.

Girl Scout Cadettes are registered Girl Scouts in grades 6-9. The Girl Scout Silver Award project is approved by volunteers who have been trained to support girls in developing a Take Action project befitting the standards of the award. The project may be conducted by girls as a troop, group or individual.

Congratulations to all **2021 OC Silver Award Girl Scouts!** This listing includes more than 130 girls - representing more than 60 projects - who earned the award and submitted their names between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.*

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

Central Region

Anaheim Hills, Newport Harbor, Newport Mesa, Tustana, Tustin East

Tustana

Troop 3144

Amelie Hagland

Garden Boxes

Environment and Sustainability: Farming
Built pvc pipe and netting boxes for the local school garden to prevent plants from being eaten by critters.



Tustana Troop 3144

Troop 3331

Bella Lin

Pet Fire Safety

Animals: Animal Safety

Created an online resource guide to educate pet owners about pet fire safety.



Tustana Troop 3331

Tustin East

Juliettes

Sienna Morgan, Sammy Park ***Dog Bandannas for I.C.A.R.E. Dog Rescue***

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: I.C.A.R.E Dog Rescue

Sewed & screen printed 200 "adopt me" dog bandanas given to I.C.A.R.E for their fosters to use.



Tustin East Juliettes

Troop 3439

Kate Kim

Creative Writing Stepping Stones

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Writer's Ink

Created a writing booklet with Writer's Ink to inspire and encourage young elementary students to write.

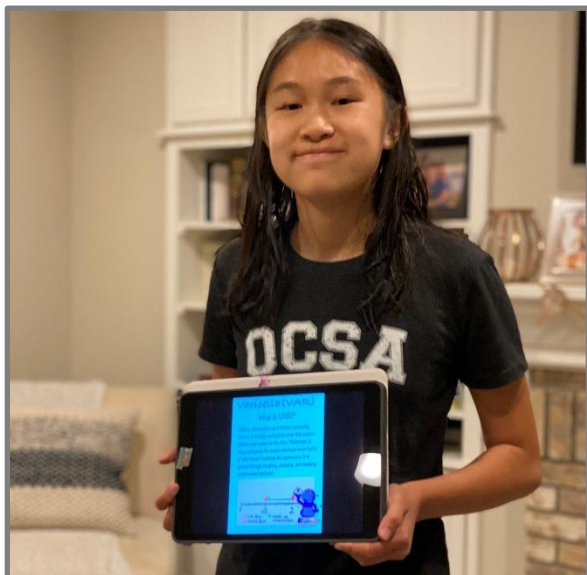
Troop 3439

Emma Chuang

Spreading Awareness about Viruses

Health: Global Health

Emma studied transmittable viruses to create informative illustration posters to educate her community on viruses to get people vaccinated.



Tustin East Troop 3439

Newport Mesa

Troop 3203

Chloe Larson

Educating Girl Scouts in CyberSecurity and Space Science

STEM: Technology

Presented badge workshops to over 150 Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadettes in Cybersecurity and Space Science.



Newport Mesa Troop 3203

Newport Mesa Troop 3283

Paula Garcia, Emily Phillips

Engaging Girls in STEM careers

STEM: Technology

Presented badge workshops to over 150 Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadettes in Cybersecurity and Space Science.

Troop 3482

Grace Burke, Claire Casey, Madison Lewis, Nicole Thorp ***Preschool Playhouse Refurbishment***

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with:

Renovation of preschool playhouse that was terribly run down. House was reinforced and completely re-painted.



Newport Mesa Troop 3482

Central Coast Region

HB Pierside, Huntington Harbor, Ocean View, Surf City

HB Pierside

Troop 2983

Kayla Aviles, Kayla Bui, Laurel Brookhyser, Roxanne Brookhyser, Autrina Kasravi

Trauma Dolls for CHOC Hospital

Health: Mental Health

Volunteered their time tracing, cutting, and sewing trauma dolls for CHOC hospital. Trauma dolls comfort children during their hospital stay.



HB Pierside Troop 2983

Ocean View

Troop 3380

Kenzy Ackert, Morgan Carles, Caitlin Cook, Madeline Gerber, Kiera Lietz, Kayla Orejudos, Aubrie Sokoloff

Reading Literacy/Colette's Childrens Home

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Colette's Childrens Home

Girls worked with at-risk families to assist their children in reading and comprehension. They completed CPR training to be prepared.



Ocean View Troop 3380

Mid South Region

North Irvine, Heart of Irvine, Lake Forest, South Irvine

North Irvine

Troop 3314

Samantha Bailey

Wellness Yoga Packs for Health Care Workers

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: True Healing Acupuncture

Samantha created chair-yoga cards/videos and collected N95 masks to assemble 100 wellness packs for Bolsa Medical Center.



North Irvine Troop 3314

Heart of Irvine

Troop 3158

Emily Wolff

The Purrfect Bed

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: East Chapman Veterinary

Beds will help cats feel more comfortable in their cages because it lets them get away from their litter boxes.



Heart of Irvine Troop 3158

Troop 6420

**Evan Matsuda, Lynn Morishita,
Kara Niho**

Care Crates

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: OCO Club and Orange County
Buddhist Church

Created 65 Care Crates with pandemic essentials for senior
citizens in the community to be distributed by members of
OCBC.



Heart of Irvine Troop 6420

Troop 6420

Madison Nguyen, Audrey Shiono
It Could Happen to You!

Healthy Relationships: Rape Prevention

Partnered with: Play it Safe! Self Defense, OCO Club,
and Ironmen Basketball

Created a video and social media blitz to teach girls to use
personal safety strategies to defend themselves from
attackers.



Heart of Irvine Troop 6420

Lake Forest

Troop 2123

Kaelynn Forest

All For Me Bags for Foster Kids

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Created 25 bags for children in foster care to have a bag of
things that belong just to them.



Lake Forest Troop 2123

Troop 2889

Grace Regier, Dorina Tamaddon
Barn Rehabilitation for Animal Rescue

Animals: Animal Rights

Partnered with: Farmhouse Rescue

Repaired & painted barn for Farmhouse Rescue, and created
a kindness rock garden to beautify the home of rescue
animals.



Lake Forest Troop 2889

Troop 2889

Jocelyn Ruiz, Lorelei Setran
Boys & Girls Club Reading/Game Center

Civic Engagement: Community Development
 Partnered with: Boys & Girls Club
 Created /built a game/reading station for B&G Club program for kids to continue improving reading skills in a fun environment.

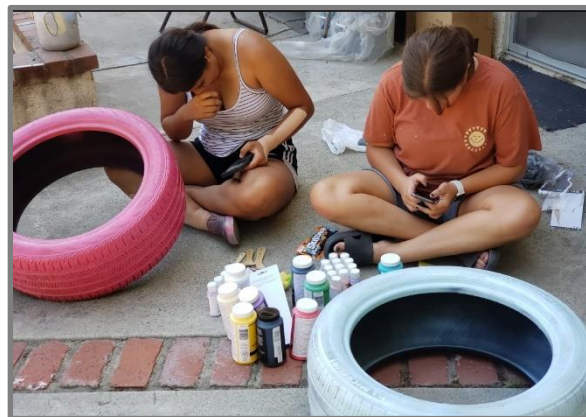


Lake Forest Troop 2889

Troop 2889

Zoe Garduno, Olivia Green
Ethel's Pasture Refurb at Tanaka Farms

Environment and Sustainability: Farming
 Partnered with: Tanaka Farms
 Refurbished tires into planters and created a wishing well for Tanaka Farms new baby cow pasture.



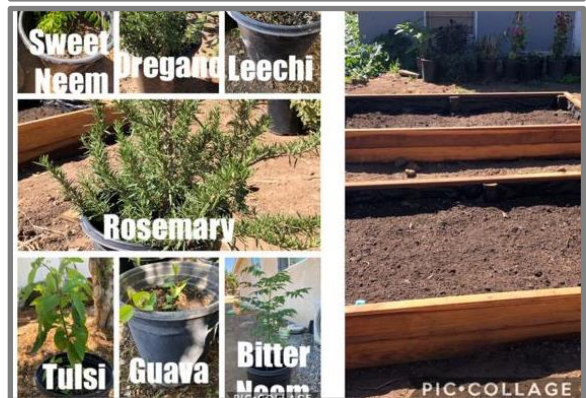
Lake Forest Troop 2889

South Irvine

Troop 3515

Saniya Ali
Herbal Garden

Health: Mental Health
 Partnered with: Divine Art of Yoga
 Bringing well-being from natural resources to all.
 Created an herbal garden to help with people's mental and physical health.



South Irvine Troop 3515

Troop 3553

Lilian Gan, Fiona Law

Better Days Lunch Club

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
Created a lunch club to help middle school students with social anxiety learn to approach other people more easily.



South Irvine Troop 3553

Troop 3553

Elizabeth Kim, Annabella Luo

Crafts for Kids

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Created crafts and art projects to teach kids how to make them and to help them learn art activities.

Troop 3553

Samantha Bowlenn

Crochet for Charity

Health: Global Health

Partnered with: Knit A Square

Taught people at school and family to crochet squares, and donated squares to charity to make blankets for children.

Troop 3553

Nidhi Ramiah, Camille Ridder

Learn New Crafts

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: Worked with Elementary School Teachers

Created a website with detailed videos for kids and preteens to express their creativity through the pandemic.



South Irvine Troop 3553

Troop 3553

Violet Brindis-Reich

Mask/COVID Education for Kindergarteners

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Another Girl Scout troop

The impact of the project was to educate kindergarteners about the importance of masks and how to wear one properly.



South Irvine Troop 3553

Troop 3553

Giuliana Lane

Rancho Theater Club

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Performing Arts

Partnered with: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
Created a theater club at school to help students interested participate in what they love and interact despite restrictions.



South Irvine Troop 3553

North Central Region

Fullerton/La Habra, Garden Valley, Seal Beach, West Garden

Fullerton/La Habra

Troop 1

Ella Jones

Mental Health Benefits of Pet Ownership

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: California Psychological Association and Imperial Highway Animal Clinic

Provided Information on the mental health benefits of pet ownership. Displayed via streaming tv in local vet office/website.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 1

Troop 2719

Zeena Katbi, Zoeya Mansoor, Asiya Simjee

Beautifying the Patio

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Minaret Academy

Provided outdoor seating and greenery for 100+ teachers and students to relax and eat during their breaks.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 2719

Troop 3021

Jenessa Valle

Anti Bullying Project

Healthy Relationships: Bullying

Partnered with: La Habra Community Church

Talked about problems of bullying, put out posters and a binder with facts of antibullying.

Troop 3021

Tori Kaufmann

Art Box for Kids

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Partnered with: La Habra Childrens Museum

My project is an art box at the children's museum.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Alyssa Rosa

Book Shelf for Women's Shelter

Human Right: Girls' and Women's Rights

Partnered with: Women's Transitional Living Center

Made a bookshelf to make books more accesible to people living at WTLC.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Isabella Lucero

Cats in Need

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Vida

Helped cats waiting to be adopted by making beds & toys.
Benefited cold and bored cats in the shelter.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Annabelle Taylor

Coyote Safety Awareness

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with: Sunny Hills Veterinarian Hospital and
La Habra Animal Hospital

Designed a pamphlet about coyote awareness and safety
and distributed to local Vet offices.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Syana Walsh

Fidget Blankets for Dementia Patients

Elderly Issues: Dementia

Partnered with: Sunshine Villa Rossmoor

Made fidget blankets for dementia patients. It benefits by
helping the residents with agitation and mobility.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Julieta Archuleta

Little Library in Community

Education: Literacy

Built a free little library in neighborhood to increase
accessibility of books.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Natalia Ponce

My Voice, My Talent!

Arts, Culture, and Heritage: Art

Created a private and safe server where Girl Scouts can post stories and artwork to share.

Troop 3021

Zoe Rodriguez

Sanitary Products for Girls

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: Two Little Children

Sewed reusable pads for girls who don't have access to sanitary products, 20 girls will be impacted by them.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3021

Troop 3021

Damaris Baez

Spreading Awareness for Body Positivity Movement

Health: Self-Image

Made tiktoks spreading awareness about body positivity movement. Benefits/impacts people to make change in how they talk about body positivity.

Troop 3193

Audrey Jeon, Jessica Rivas, Hannah Won

Gift Bags to Seniors

Elderly Issues: Elder Care

Partnered with: Seniors at Rancho Fullerton Mobile Home

Made and distributed 24 gift bags with essential items to seniors in the community.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3193

Troop 3193

Ashley Kim, Caroline Kim, Ava Park, Sienna Shah

Making Cards for Sick Children

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach

Sent 127 handmade cards to sick kids in Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3193

Troop 3193

Calene Lee, Alicia Yoon, Mina Yu

Mask Pollution Prevention

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Developed a video to inform people in our community about mask pollution via zoom workshops and social media.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3193

Troop 3235

Layla Andre, Riya Macwan, Bela Mody, Heta Mody

Showing Appreciation for Essential Workers

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Kaiser Permanente

Baked treats for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and created a digital "Baking for Beginners" cookbook to share recipes.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 3235

Garden Valley

Troop 997 Lien Doan Hoa Lu

Kayla Nguyen

Youth Homelessness: How I Helped and How You Can Help

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: standupforkids.org

Reached out to an organization and delivered groceries to them, to help kids in poverty.

West Garden

Troop 345

Melody Gibbons, Kaitlyn Nguyen, Afton Simpson

Camp Scherman Mailboxes

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Camp Scherman/GSOC

Created 8 mailboxes for Camp Scherman to encourage campers to send mail home, encourage happiness, healthy relationships & friendship building.



West Garden Troop 345

Troop 4194

Irene Nguyen

Composting Workshop

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: Tanaka Farms

Hosted a public composting workshop to educate people how easy it is to turn food waste into fertilizer.



West Garden Troop 4194

Troop 4194

Alison Do

Emergency Preparedness

Disaster Relief: Fire/Earthquake

Partnered with: Fullerton School District

Created video and flyer to teach 6th graders about emergency preparedness at various Fullerton District Elementary Schools

Northeast Region

Orange Villa, Placentia, Santiago Creek, Yorba Linda East, Yorba Linda West

Yorba Linda West

Troop 3002

Celine Kim

Care Packages for Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Church of Southland, Mary's Kitchen

Created care packages to provide homeless people with basic necessities such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, floss, and toothpaste.

Troop 3002

Madison Chou

Design and Make a Product

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: MeowwResQ

Fostered kittens then built a cat scratcher for the organization MeowwResQ to give their cats more places to scratch.



Yorba Linda West Troop 3002

Troop 7224

Mila Kuppenova, Sammie Lummas
Boredness Begone

Health: Mental Health

Created a website of activities for children with cancer to keep them entertained during their treatment.



Yorba Linda West Troop 7224

Troop 7224

Pamela Carbajal-Falcon, Sammie Lummas, Charlee Ocheltree

Dance in Schools

Sports: After-School Programs

Partnered with: Buena Vista Virtual Academy

Planned and executed a virtual dance club for students who have to stay at home due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Yorba Linda West Troop 7224

Troop 7224

Ana Chupinsky, Sara Chupinsky, Kira Safier, Angela Umholtz
Educational Supplies Cabinets for Casa Teresa

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Casa Teresa

Built educational supplies cabinets for Casa Teresa.

Troop 7224

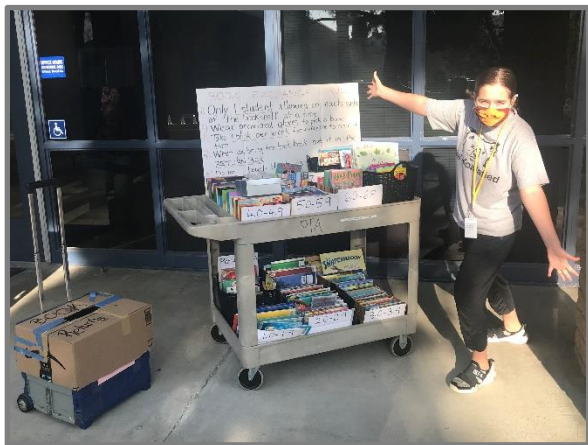
Julie Robertson

Literacy of Kids During a Pandemic

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Fairmont Elementary School and PTA

Organized a book drive/exchange for an elementary school to promote literacy during a pandemic.



Yorba Linda West Troop 7224

Troop 7224

Sophia Herrera

Little Free Library at Fairgreen

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Little Free Library and the Fairgreen Community Association

Designed and built a Little Library to provide an option for children, teenagers, and adults beyond technology.



Yorba Linda West Troop 7224

Northwest Region

Anaheim, Brea, La Cypress Park, Los Alamitos/Rossmoor

Anaheim

Troop 675

Olivia Inanaga, Kaitlyn Nakagawa, Tristan Tanamura

Living a Healthier Lifestyle

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Lina Okita, MS RD, Registered Dietitian

Created a website and video to educate all ages on the importance of nutrition. Led Troop 855 in cooking badge.



Anaheim Troop 675

Troop 675

Thalia Eclarinal, Yuko Koyama, Stephanie Sarashina

Mental Health of Youth and Teens

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Iwukuni Base, Miramar Air Base C130

Raider Squadron, Point Loma Naval Submarine Base
Distributed journals to military dependents in Japan, sailors on deployment, and marines to teach the importance of mental health.



Anaheim Troop 675

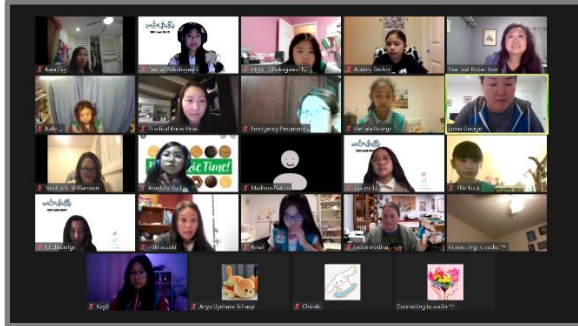
Troop 675

Madison Ige, Justine Ueno, Emma Wakabayashi

Promote STEM and Lego FLL for Orange County Buddhist Church

STEM: Robotics

Informed and promoted Lego Robotics at OCBC.



Anaheim Troop 675

Troop 675

Madison Ige, Jaclyn Kanda, Kenna Kashima

Simple and Healthy Recipes

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Kristen Motooka, CulinaryArts Teacher, Dr. Leslie Kanda, OC Buddhist Church
Created a cookbook with simple, healthy recipes and kitchen safety tips for teenagers who may be unfamiliar with cooking



Anaheim Troop 675

La Cypress Park

Troop 2800

Demi Totah, Kayla Tolentino
Saving the Monarch Butterflies

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Shipley Nature Center
Constructed a webpage and linked it to a Q.R. code at Shipley Nature Center to educate visitors about Monarch butterflies.



La Cypress Park Troop 2800

Los Alamitos/Rossmoor

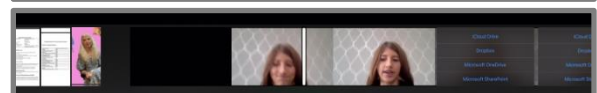
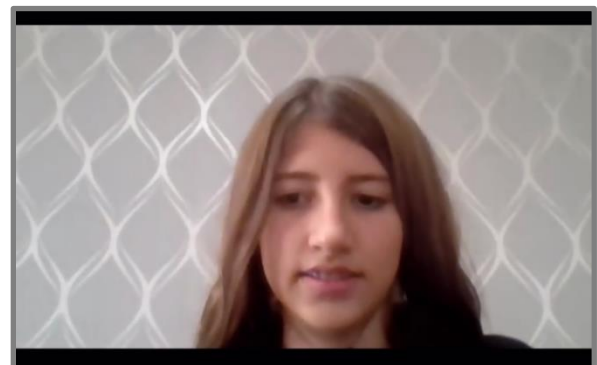
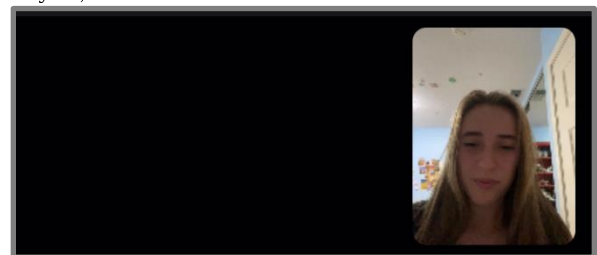
Troop 2586

Sydney Forsyte, Siena Laws
When U Grow Up

Education: Career Training

Partnered with: Oak Middle School

Interviewed 6 adults and created 5 videos explaining what they do, which were shared with students.



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 2586

Troop 2586

Bridget Knapp, Layla Mohanna

Books for Veterans

Military/Veterans' Affairs: Veterans' Assistance

Partnered with: High Ridge Costa

Collected books and built library bookshelves to establish a library at a new housing development in Los Angeles for Veterans who were previously homeless.



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 2586

Troop 2592

Mary Lavalle

Giant Jenga Game - Weaver Elementary School

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues

Created a wooden Giant Jenga game & storage container to benefit children with disabilities.



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 2592

South Coast Region

Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach, Niguel Coast, San Clemente

Laguna Beach

Troop 3222

Hannah Miller, Aneliese German, Isabella Renezedder, Ellis Adams, Giselle Lopez

How to Help the Overpopulation of Homeless Kittens

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Orange County Animal Care

Developed an educational outreach program with a website, flyers, presentation boards and video to reduce the overpopulation of homeless kittens.



Laguna Beach Troop 3222

Niguel Coast

Troop 3116

Maya Jackson, Nadia Taraman, Victoria Zidron

Don't Be Hangry

Health: Nutrition

Partnered with: Orange County Ronald McDonald House

Created cooking videos & tips for families of the OC Ronald McDonald House showing how cooking is fun & nutritious.



Niguel Coast Troop 3116

Troop 6477

Kaili Ah San, Kaila James

Assisting the Amazing Animals

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: Icare Dog Rescue and Irvine Animal Shelter

Developed a system to collect and give items to community shelters for animals in need of shelter, food, comfort, and love.



Niguel Coast Troop 6477

South County Region

Ladera Valley, Mission Viejo, Oso Valley, Rancho Portola, Rancho Trabuco

Oso Valley

Troop 3379

Grace Mansour

Crocheting for the Homeless

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Warm Up America!

Crocheted rectangles for Warm Up America! to stitch together to make blankets for distribution to the homeless and the needy.



Oso Valley Troop 3379

Rancho Portola

Troop 3350

Tarini Neeladaran

STEM in Your Life!

STEM: Science

Created 50 bags of STEM kits to be distributed to students in underserved schools.

Rancho Trabuco

Troop 2581

Katie Nagy

How Heavy Is Your Backpack?

Health: Fitness

Partnered with: RSM Intermediate

Created and completed research project on student backpack weights to educate school administration of health risks.



Rancho Trabuco Troop 2581

Troop 2898

Sonal Gil, Pia Pumar, Urja Pumar, Roma Witowski

Podcast with NAMI-OC Addressing Mental Health for Teens "It's Okay to Feel"

Developed a podcast with NAMI-OC designed for middle school aged kids and impacting 300+ listeners to address mental health awareness and address topics such as body image, self-respect, and more.



Rancho Trabuco Troop 2898

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Girl Scouts of Orange County

2021 Bronze Award Girl Scouts



When Girl Scout Juniors team up to make a difference in their communities, they learn important leadership skills, discover new passions, and watch how seemingly small actions make a big difference. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Bronze Award – the highest honor a Junior can achieve.

Girl Scout Juniors are registered Girl Scouts in grades 4-5. The Girl Scout Bronze Award is approved by volunteers who have been trained to support girls in developing a Take Action project befitting the standards of the award. The project may be conducted by girls as a troop, group or individual.

Congratulations to all **2021 OC Bronze Award Girl Scouts!** This listing includes nearly 200 girls - representing more than 40 projects - who earned the award and submitted their names between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

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

Central Region

Anaheim Hills, Newport Harbor, Newport Mesa, Tustana, Tustin East

Anaheim Hills

Troop 3756

Kayla Hall, Saraiya Menon, Alexandra Sudasinghe

The Ongoing Mission

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Partnered with: Pacific Marine Mammal Center
Wrote and published an educational fictional book to inspire action against plastic/ocean pollution, held storytime on Zoom, and participated in local and out of state beach clean-ups.



Anaheim Hills Troop 3756

Troop 5165

Julie Abdelmalek, Sophia Acquarelli, Leen Alasadi, Natasha Persaud, Korina Lee, Marie Lozano, Kate Mittelstaedt, Avery Ness, Lucinda William, Cara Yun
Second Harvest Food Bank Bins

Poverty: Hunger

Partnered with: Second Harvest Food Bank
Painted large bins with lids, for Second Harvest Food Bank to store food/supplies for events and distribution to Orange County.



Anaheim Hills Troop 5165

Troop 5176

Adeline Casanova, Brooke Collins, Elysee Esmaeili, Sophia Ghorbani, Julianna Medina, Esha Sablok, Lauren Saltikov, Kareena Shrikhande, Keeley Thurman, Brianna Waldinger, Ava Yzadianpour

Kitten Care: Fleece Blankets and Heating Pads

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: OC Animal Care

Made blankets and heating pads for OC Animal Care.



Anaheim Hills Troop 5176

Newport Harbor

Troop 5381

Annabel Algazi, Emma Caamano, Colette Chang, Aila Motamedian, Megan Mohler, Sheiva Mork, Madeline Oppegard, Lexi Sassani, Angeline Shipman

Helping Kids with Cancer

Health: Diseases

Partnered with: Negu

Partnered with Negu.org making joy jars for kids with cancer and provided community outreach supporting families affected by cancer.



Newport Harbor Troop 5381

Tustana

Troop 4214

Allie Alvarado, Abigail Band, Hannah Fung, Zoe Rider, Carly Shoemaker, Lucy Tobiska

Hygiene Kits for the Homeless

Health: Hygiene

Partnered with: Mary's Kitchen

Created hygiene kits with pamphlets educating on COVID safety including resources for free shelters, food and medical clinics.



Tustana Troop 4214

Troop 4641

Alyssa Alvarado, Izabella Cardenas, Claire King, Ilona Lilien, Izzy Silberman

The Girl Scout Law Path to the Dining Hall

Children's Issues: Mentoring

Partnered with: Camp Joe Scherman

Educate Girl Scouts attending Camp Scherman on the Girl Scout Law.



Tustana Troop 4641

Tustin East

Troop 4187

**Zoe Angeles, Kiana Cataraha,
Chloesse Chang, Vanessa
Huffman, Emma Law, Arianna
Miller, Jessie Park, Malana
Pascual, Mikaela Saengdara, Elina
Tsai**

Why Dogs Should Not be Stereotyped by Their Breed

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: LIFE Animal Rescue

Prepared and distributed safety kits with essential supplies to help keep their community safe during the COVID pandemic.



Tustin East Troop 4187

Troop 4615

**Isabelle Antunez, Nina Minchala,
Victoria Rivera, Karley Serrano**
Save the Monarch Butterflies

Environment and Sustainability: Preserving Outdoor Spaces

Partnered with: Save the Monarchs

Presented an educational presentation at Famers Market and passed out milkweed seeds with information to help the community do their part.



Tustin East Troop 4615

Troop 5341

**Camryn Johnson, Anna Keller, Ava
Schnell**

Pollution Effects on Ocean Animals

Animals: Animal Rights

Created an educational video about pollution effects on ocean animals and what we can do about it.

Troop 6347

Sreeja Vadlakunta

Dance 4 Fun

Health: Fitness

Created a dance program to help kids get exercise while having fun.



Tustin East Troop 6347

Troop 5341

**Annabella Betancourt, Rachel
Busch, Francesca Jensen**

Operation Covid Care Packages

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Orange County Rescue Mission

Made care packages for the homeless.



Tustin East Troop 5341

Troop 5341

**Charlotte Brooks, Siouxsie Garcia,
Natalie Ho, Ava Waite**

Reducing Single Use Plastics

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Created short videos to define single-use plastics, educate about their effects on the environment, and suggest alternative reusable products.

Troop 6347

**Leighton Collins, Eleanor Kwon,
Cheryl Prabakaran**

Garden Planting and Maintenance

Environment and Sustainability: Farming
Partnered with: Tustin Memorial Academy
Clean and maintained school garden during covid including weeding and planting seeds and seedlings.



Tustin East Troop 6347

Central Coast Region

HB Pierside, Huntington Harbor, Ocean View, Surf City

Ocean View

Troop 4254

**Priscilla Blum, Lily Casas, Reese
Pendergraft**

Community Little Library

Education: Literacy
Provided on going free access to books and reading in their community.



Ocean View Troop 4254

Troop 5241

**Liliana Barnett, Avery Castillo,
Lauren Crommett, Kayden Foley,
Sophia Smith, Kailee Wilson**

***Save the Sea - a Virtual Earth Day
Event***

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution
Partnered with: Climate Reality, Surfrider
Foundation, Pacific Marine Mammal Center,
PlasticFreeRestaurants.org
Developed a virtual Earth Day event educating students in
three school districts about the harms of single-use plastics.



Ocean View Troop 5241

Mid South Region

North Irvine, Heart of Irvine, Lake Forest, South Irvine

Heart of Irvine

Troop 5427

Sahi Gopavarapu, Zoe Hernandez, Sonya Kazaryan, Faith Leong, Mande Nguyen, Abby Pacheco, Keshavi Patel, Krishali Patel, Isha Prashant, Shriya Shah, Keira Tamayo

Environmental Pollution & Impact to Marine Mammals

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with: Pacific Marine Mammal Center

Made fleece blankets and raised public awareness for animals.



Heart of Irvine Troop 5427

South Irvine

Troop 5405

Saanvi Dantuluri, Anna Lim

Care Packages

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Hoag Urgent/Emergency Care

Made care packages for the ICU healthcare workers who have been caring for COVID-19 patients.



South Irvine Troop 5405

Troop 5405

Peyton Ferraro, Mia Sadeghian

Caring for Our Healthcare Heroes

Health: Mental Health

Partnered with: Hoag Irvine

Organized card making from the school community, created inspirational quotes, and made care packages for healthcare workers fighting the pandemic.



South Irvine Troop 5405

Troop 5405

Emmersyn Fiorentino

Making A Way at Modjeska

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Modjeska Animal Rescue

Created flyers to raise awareness and collect items to better the lives of many animals at the rescue.



South Irvine Troop 5405

Troop 5405

Eva Fagalde

OC Animal Care Pet Food Drive

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: OC Animal Care

Raised awareness via social media to support OC Animal Care and collected over 200 pounds of pet food to donate.



South Irvine Troop 5405

North Central Region

Fullerton/La Habra, Garden Valley, Seal Beach, West Garden

Fullerton/La Habra

Troop 4138

Annika Bapna, Noella Lee, Emily Tam, Olive Yoon

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Created and distributed flyers to educate and encourage community to reuse, reduce and recycle.



Fullerton/La Habra Troop 4138

Troop 5037

Aviya Aluwihare, Corabella Dover, Brianna Gill, Isabel Moreno, Jalyce Northgrave

Tail Docking and Ear Clipping

Animals: Animal Rights

Educated classmates about the history and purpose of ear clipping and tail docking in dogs and its relevance today.

Northeast Region

Orange Villa, Placentia, Santiago Creek, Yorba Linda East, Yorba Linda West

Placentia

Troop 3503

Seylah Bae, Alana Khoe, Charissa Lee, Erin Park

Stress-Reliever Kits for Students

Health: Mental Health

Created stress-reliever kits for local elementary schools to help students cope with the pandemic and distance learning.



Placentia Troop 3503

Santiago Creek

Troop 5192

**Ayla Burgos Boyd, Eliana Sanchez
Enriquez, Cianna Haile, Danica
Layton, Sabine Le, Sydnie Bennett,
Victoria Gonzales**

Caring for Pets of the Homeless

Animals: Pet Care

Partnered with: Mercy House

Created a website dedicated to informing and advocating for caring for pets of the homeless and donated supplies.



Santiago Creek Troop 5192

Troop 7290

**Grace Garkovich, Taryn Johnson,
Kennedy King, Frida Maldonado-
Valencia, Daelen OConnor, Gianna
Talarico**

Community Education on Adopt vs. Buying a Pet

Animals: Animal Adoption

Partnered with: OC Animal Rescue

Developed educational flyers and video on buying vs. adopting a pet, what to expect, and caring for new pets.

Yorba Linda East

Troop 4008

**Myka Eilers, Tina Salcedo, Sofia
Southwell, Kamryn Vargas**

Sea Turtle Awareness

Environment and Sustainability: Pollution

Partnered with: Bryant Ranch Elementary School
Collected data and presented results to 5th grade peers to promote ways to change beach going behaviors to save the turtles.



Yorba Linda East Troop 4008

Troop 5145

**Annora Doty, Gina Longobardy,
Clara DeMattia, Katelyn
Stoughton, Olivia Wong**

Native Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies

Animals: Animal Safety

Partnered with: Girl Scouts of Orange County

Replaced Tropical Milkweed plants with Native Milkweed plants at the Yorba Linda Program Center to aid Monarch migration and reproduction.



Yorba Linda East Troop 5145

Northwest Region

Anaheim, Brea, La Cypress Park, Los Alamitos/Rossmoor

Anaheim

Troop 855

Madelyn Araki, Sophia Bayouk, Emma Hirotsu, Kayli Kimura, Eleanor Medina, Christie Nakagawa, Kenzi Nawa, Torri Yoshida

OCBC Pen Pal Project

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Orange County Buddhist Church

Women's Association

Established a Pen Pal program with older women at OCBC to combat loneliness during the pandemic and to learn from them.



Anaheim Troop 855

Troop 2387

Kylie Harrison, Katelynn Pancake

Lending Library

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Girl Scouts of Orange County

Built a lending library for the Anaheim Program Center.



Anaheim Troop 2387

Troop 4111

Liz Avila, Jasmine Gomez, Emily Uribe

Birthday Boxes

Children's Issues: Foster Care

Partnered with: Olive Crest

Collected items and prepared birthday boxes for children in foster care.



Anaheim Troop 4111

Troop 4111

Samantha Thomson

Homelessness Help and Awareness

Poverty: Homelessness

Partnered with: Mercy House, Salvation Army, school, United Methodist Church, 2-1-1

Organized collection drives of clothing, protein, and toilet paper, made hygiene bags, and posted 211 information.



Anaheim Troop 4111

Troop 4111

**Ariana Castillo-Perez, Mila Diaz,
Viviana Ramos, Sofia Rodriguez,
Maya Stuckey, Mia Stuckey**
Promoting Literacy in our Community

Education: Literacy

Promoted literacy to help community members who lack transportation to go to the public library.



Anaheim Troop 4111

Troop 4111

Mikayla Taylor
Thank Police Officers

Civic Engagement: Community Development

Partnered with: Roosevelt Elementary School

Developed a "Thank you" card program for police officers and educated classmates and fellow Girl Scouts how to use it.



Anaheim Troop 4111

Los Alamitos/Rossmoor

Troop 4277

Kayla Teng
Rossmoor Free Libraries

Education: Literacy

Created a tinyurl.com/free-rossmoor-libraries website including a map, and information about how to start a library and donate books to raise awareness of Rossmoor free libraries.



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Troop 4277

La Cypress Park

Troop 4134

**Fiona Ashley, Ella Beaver, Sydney
Christensen, Carmen Cubillo,
KayCee Jackson, Quinn Johnson,
Jade Logovii, Emily Mundala,
Alexandria Phan, Sydney Roberts,
Samantha Treadway**
Girl Scout Book Fairies

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: Boys & Girls Club of Greater
Anaheim-Cypress

Created a digital reading resource and designed a Little Free
Library for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-
Cypress.



La Cypress Park Troop 4134

South Coast Region

Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach, Niguel Coast, San Clemente

Aliso Viejo

Troop 4501

Amelia Bucklin, Eliana Garcia, Sarah Gates, Kaia Bella Pintarelli
Stay Safe from Kidnapping

Human Rights: Human Trafficking
 Researched, created, and disseminated a flyer and video with educational tips for elementary school students to stay safe from kidnapping.



Aliso Viejo Troop 4501

Troop 6463

Isabeau Angenent, Julia Brown, Charlotte Coveyou, Holly Finkelstein, Lucy Harmor, Emerson McKernan, Miki Ponzo, Amanda Welsh

Book Drive and Little Library for The Shea Center

Disability: Disability and Special Needs Issues
 Partnered with: Shea Center
 Conducted book drive and built a Little Library for the Shea Center which serves annually 1200 people with disabilities.



Aliso Viejo Troop 6463

Niguel Coast

Troop 6477

Jadin Ahsan, Ori Foxlin, Olivia Lin, Aliyah Yu

Animal Donation Achievement

Animals: Pet Care
 Partnered with: I.C.A.R.E and Irvine Animal Rescue
 Collected and gave needed items to animal shelters.



Niguel Coast Troop 6477

San Clemente

Troop 4454

Grace Brown, Kendyl Burke, Elizabeth Debenedetto, Isabella Frangapol, Sasha Keck, Brooke Keckler, Eva Mohr, Riley Peters, Stella Pingaro

Girl Scouts CAN Make a Difference

Poverty: Hunger
 Partnered with: Family Assistance Ministries, #LunchesOC
 Raised awareness of food insecurity, prepped and worked local food distribution, and held a canned food drive.



San Clemente Troop 4454

South County Region

Ladera Valley, Mission Viejo, Oso Valley, Rancho Portola, Rancho Trabuco

Mission Viejo

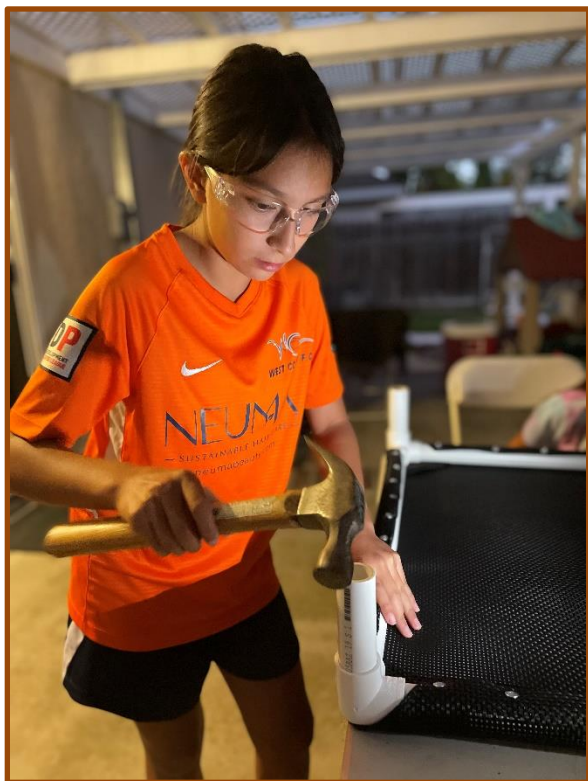
Troop 5570

Briana Gutierrez

Sleeping Doggies

Animals: Pet Care

Made dog beds for the local animal shelter to provide better care.



Mission Viejo Troop 5570

Oso Valley

Troop 7671

Riley Gauf, Maiya Nakawatase

Riley and Maiya's Little Free Library

Education: Literacy

Partnered with: City of Mission Viejo

Established the first Little Free Library on city property available to the public 24/7 providing community entertainment and education.



Oso Valley Troop 7671

Rancho Portola

Troop 7998

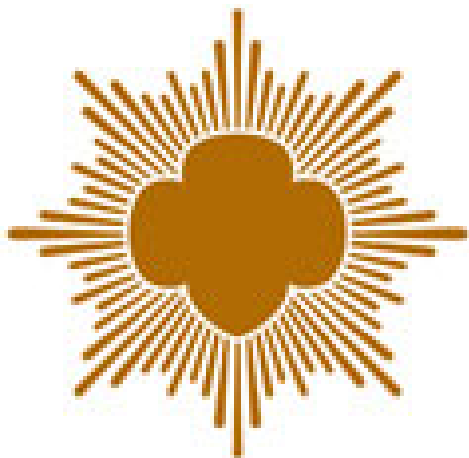
Eesha Neeladaran

Grow Your Love with STEM

STEM: Science

Impacted 100 people through STEM.

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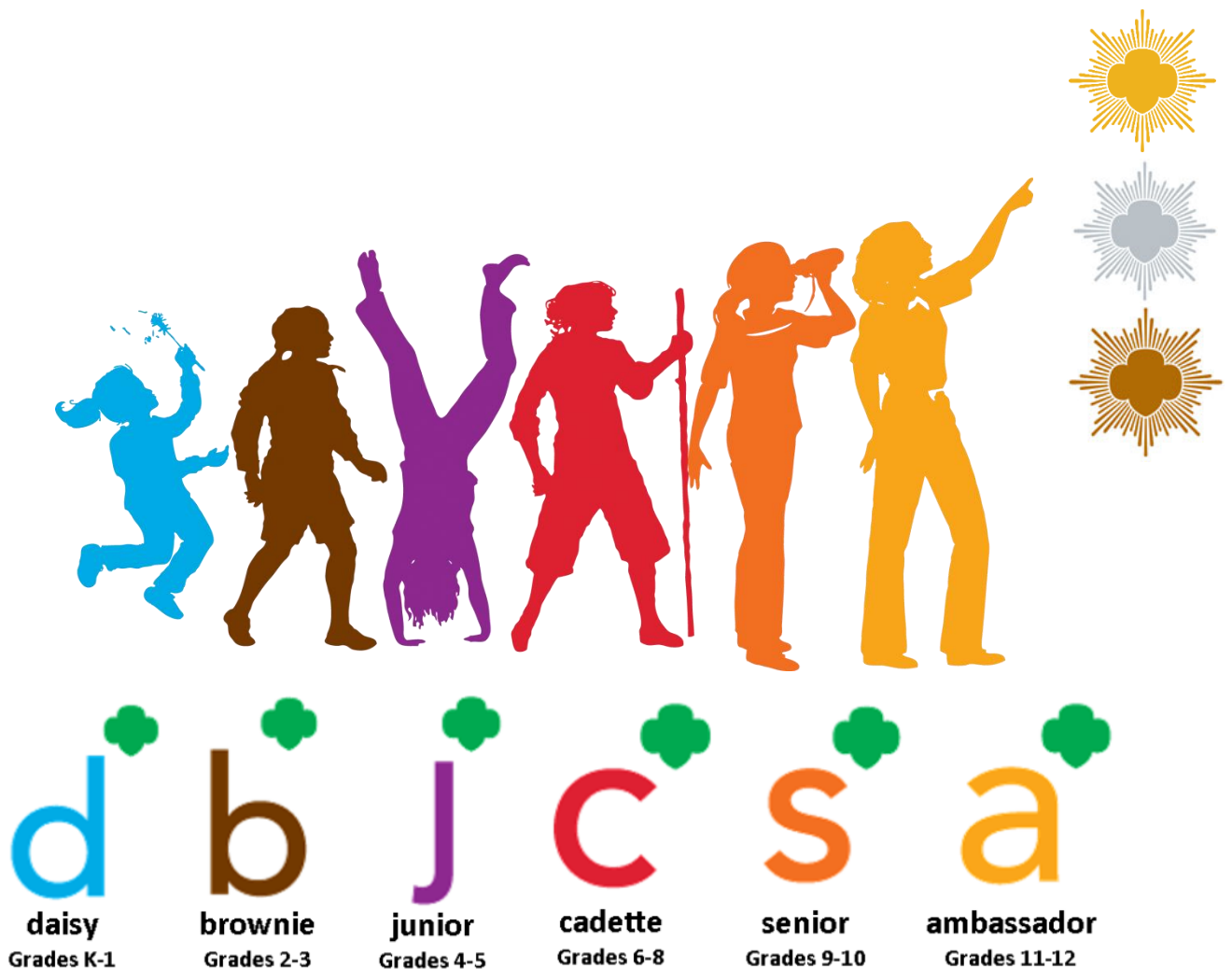
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**Racism
& hate
have no
place here.**



The Girl Scout Promise

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

The Girl Scout Law

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

Mission

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

Vision

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



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