

# Girl Scout Highest Awards Celebration

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## Girl Scout Mission

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Highest Award Pledge

With my award, I accept the challenge of living by the ideals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law throughout my life.

I will lead by example and help my sister Girl Scouts to reach their own goals.

I will do my best to give back to Girl Scouting, remembering that this award is not one moment of celebration but a lifetime commitment to being courageous, confident, and a person of character.

The Girl Scout Highest Awards Celebration is an opportunity for Girl Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards to be recognized for their accomplishments. Girl Scouts recognized at this year's event were required to submit all final reports by March 1. Those submitting final reports after March 1 will be recognized at the 2024 celebration.

\*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.



# We Are Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life as they work together to build a better world. Through programs in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.



# Congratulations

Hello Girl Scout Family,

Welcome to a celebration of the highest order – the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast Highest Awards Celebration! Our founder, Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, had a vision 111 years ago – for girls to reach their full potential, helping them succeed at whatever they set their minds to throughout their lives. Our Highest Awards Girl Scouts have proven they have what it takes to make the world a better place – today and tomorrow. Gold Award Girl Scouts are truly world changers, rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes.

This year, 342 Girl Scouts displayed leadership, determination, and resilience while engaging in projects they are passionate about:

20 Gold Award Girl Scouts contributed more than 1,600 hours of developing and carrying out lasting solutions to issues in their neighborhoods and beyond. Projects focused on revitalizing the community through beautification projects in parks and gardens, reforestation projects, projects designed to save music curriculum, and the development of literacy resources for neurodivergent learners, as well as many other impactful projects.

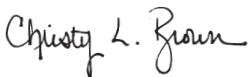
110 Silver Award Girl Scouts gave more than 1,990 hours of service through their projects. They addressed community issues that include clean water initiatives, upcycling projects, becoming pen pals with elderly community members, creating free seed libraries, installing garden benches, and so much more.

212 Bronze Award Girl Scouts provided nearly 520 hours of service to the community through their projects. They addressed community issues like homelessness by making blankets, assembling bags for kids, donating socks and shoes, and creating kits for foster kids. They also focused on wildlife awareness and giving back to animal shelters in the form of toys, food, and treats.

I know I speak for the entire council and community when I say we are so proud of the work and impact you have exhibited, and we are excited to honor all of you for who you are, what you have achieved, and what you will continue to accomplish in the future. We would also like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the troop leaders, project advisors, Highest Awards Mentor Committee, parents, and caregivers for your steadfast guidance and support as these Girl Scouts pursued their Highest Awards.

Congratulations, Girl Scouts!

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Christy L. Brown, JD, MA  
*Chief Executive Officer, GSWISE*



# Highest Award Ceremony

## Flag Ceremony

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

## Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Presentations

## Young Women of Distinction

## Gold Award Scholarship Program

## Eternal Flame Ceremony

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to the *Girl Scout Highest Awards Mentor Committee* for your ongoing dedication and support.

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Leota Thomas-Breitfeld  
Kathy Whiteside  
Amy Zimmerman

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### AWARDEE LISTINGS



**Gold Award Girl Scouts ..... 7-17**  
Awardees are listed in alphabetical order by last name.



**Silver Award Girl Scouts..... 19-27**  
Awardees are listed in order by troop # and then by last name within troop.



**Bronze Award Girl Scouts.. 28-33**  
Awardees are listed in order by troop # and then by last name within troop.



# Gold Award Girl Scouts Change the World

Gold Award Girl Scouts are changemakers. They have changed the world, changed their lives, and earned the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting.

To earn the Gold Award, a Girl Scout identifies an issue in their community, drafts a plan to address a root cause, and leads a team of volunteers to implement it. When the project is complete, the Gold Award Girl Scout and their team have made a sustainable impact on the world that continues to last beyond their involvement.

It's a huge accomplishment that also impacts the Gold Award Girl Scout as a person. How they see the world—and how the world sees them—is forever changed. It's also a credential that will be with them for the rest of their lives; having the Girl Scout Gold Award on a high school transcript or resumé can make a Girl Scout stand out when it comes to college admissions, scholarship applications, internships, and job interviews.



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# 2023 Gold Award Recipients

Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better, they change it for good. The Gold Award is earned by Girl Scouts in grades 9–12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Since 1916, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change. The Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable.

Learn more about the 2023 Gold Award Girl Scout projects at: [https://www.gswise.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/highest-awards/gold-award/2023\\_Gold\\_Award\\_Projects.html](https://www.gswise.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/highest-awards/gold-award/2023_Gold_Award_Projects.html)



 = Pinnacle Award

The Pinnacle Award honors Girl Scouts who have accomplished the incredible feat of continuously making the world a better place by earning all three Highest Awards — the Bronze Award, Silver Award, and Gold Award.



**Hayley Anderson**  **Troop 7311** 

**Kenosha County**

*Reuse, Reduce, Recycle!*

*“I recruited my team members, being sure to tell them when to be at the event and what to bring. I then showed them how to instruct the girls and their overall tasks during the event. I made sure to keep steady communication and to make sure everyone knew what they were doing at all times.”*

In the next decade or so, we may not have many more places to store our trash, as it has been estimated that many of the United States’ 2,000 landfills will reach maximum capacity by 2035. While the lack of space for trash is alarming, recyclable materials placed in landfills causes an equally frightening dilemma. Hayley educated Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts and their troops and families in her community on the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Hayley achieved her goals for youth to become more motivated to recycle correctly, learn why recycling is important and how to recycle properly, and see how their recycling efforts are used to make other products and materials by showing them a Materials Recovery Facility in action. The participants also developed skills to make a bird feeder from reused materials, thereby reducing waste. Hayley created a pamphlet for the participants to take home to their families and facilitated participant surveys at the end of her event that showed the majority of participants had or improved the knowledge they needed to reduce, reuse, or recycle.





## Samantha Ayer ● Troop 4561 ●

### Waukesha County

#### *Trailblazing: Survival Skills Educational Videos*

*“Throughout my years in Girl Scouting, my leaders have told our troop that they are working with us to develop self-efficacy. They describe this as the meeting point of self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-awareness. It’s pretty clear to me now, that all those plans we made for various trips, meetings, and badges were prep for this kind of project.”*

Samantha verified from her research that experience in the outdoors is a strong Girl Scout membership retention tool and an enjoyable activity for older Girl Scouts. With the relaunch of the Girl Scout Trailblazer program in recent years, Samantha created additional tools and resources for Girl Scouts and their adult volunteers to utilize the program with greater ease. Samantha created a comprehensive set of video tutorials on survival skills that are targeted specifically for Girl Scouts. Her videos incorporate progression in learning, align to Girl Scout safety standards, and provide the viewer with knowledge on basic survival skills. Samantha directed, wrote scripts, secured props, and organized the filming of her videos. Through her videos, Girl Scouts and adult volunteers can learn about fire building, safety and preparedness, water purification, shelter building, and wilderness first aid. Each video links to additional resources for viewers to learn even more.



## Malinda Batassa ● Troop 9338 ●

### Kenosha County

#### *Heal The Earth: The Reforestation Project*

*“I learned that as long as I put in the time and have the motivation, I can truly make an impact on the knowledge people have of specific issues in my community. Through my motivation, I can be organized and make important decisions on how to gather people and become more confident in my actions towards creating awareness to deforestation.”*

Learning that deforestation causes increased CO2 emissions and soil erosion and disrupts water cycles, Malinda’s goal was to increase the awareness of deforestation in her community. She achieved this by utilizing online resources and creating educational videos themed around deforestation as well as hosting an information event. Malinda held an Arbor Day/Earth Day event at Pringle Nature Center in Bristol where through posters and hands-on activities she taught 63 participants about deforestation. Participants learned about the causes of deforestation, the water cycle, leaf identification, proper recycling, and how to prevent deforestation in their own homes. To help counteract one of the major causes of deforestation, Malinda also handed out oak tree saplings for families to plant trees in a location of their choice. Malinda’s new YouTube Channel and website provide in-depth reviews of the major causes of deforestation: cattle ranches, soybean and palm oil plantations, and population growth. The Pringle Nature Center has agreed to continue sharing Malinda’s website each spring in conjunction with their Arbor Day/Earth Day activities.







## Julia Della Penna ● Troop 4561

### Waukesha County

#### *BCHS Pond Project*

*“With advice from my mentors, I was able to make decisions about who to get involved with my project. I also connected team members with each other if I thought they could work together, such as with the Key and Environmental Club leaders, thinking about doing combined educational events at the pond.”*

Julia recognized that Brookfield Central High School’s natural area looked neglected and needed repair and enhancements to allow classes to better utilize the space and for students to enjoy their experiences learning in the outdoors. With the support of her team, Julia removed buckthorn and poison ivy, picked up litter and removed the garbage, built an outdoor canoe rack, purchased and installed a container for the canoe paddles and personal flotation devices, resurfaced the pathway, and cleaned, painted, and organized the school’s outdoor storage shed. Julia also added four new housing structures for native birds, planted 158 native plants, and created an aerial map of the area to improve the educational value of the pond for the science and gym classes that use the space. An Outdoor Pursuits class used the Buckthorn Shelter, and the school’s principal has shown appreciation for the renewed accessibility to the natural area knowing it will increase usage. The high school’s Key Club and Environmental Club have adopted the pond and natural area and will host annual events to involve fellow students in future upkeep.



## Mia Findlay ● Troop 4582

### Waukesha County

#### *Go “Rock” Your World*

*“Childhood cancer is something that affects people all around the world. The most successful part for me is seeing the kids learn about childhood cancer in a way that they understand what I’m talking about. People picked up my rocks and put them in different parts of the country, I know that it’s going to get around to other people.”*

Around 11,000 children under 15 years old in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many people know someone or a family who is burdened by childhood cancer but may not know how to help. Children fighting cancer deserve to be acknowledged and have more resources available to them and their families. Desiring to bring awareness of childhood cancer to her community and the world, Mia created a Facebook page sharing statistics about childhood cancer and a variety of ways in which people can help and support families who have a child battling cancer. To further spread awareness and knowledge of childhood cancer across the United States, Mia also created a painted rock project by gathering rocks and painting and sealing them with her Girl Scout troop, a younger Girl Scout troop, and at Girl Scout camp, and distributing the rocks for people to place in the community. Mia’s project brings the community and society together to acknowledge what children with cancer are going through and to show them they have our love and support.



## Caroline Kalinka ◆ Troop 4467

### Jefferson County

#### *Helping Others to Start Over*

*“The most successful part of my project was exceeding my goals! The social media views got to 485, and I made five presentations to 80 people. The evaluations show my presentation made a difference in their knowledge and attitude toward domestic violence victims.”*

Caroline learned that many people do not fully understand the challenges that victims of domestic violence face, their needs through this trying time, or the services offered by agencies as they are starting a new life. Caroline explained the challenges experienced in this community by developing and facilitating presentations in the Oconomowoc community, including St. Jerome Parish, St. Catherine’s of Alexandra Parish, Lakeland Service Unit, Oconomowoc High School, and the Oconomowoc Rotary Club. Caroline also reached 485 people via social media through a video she produced. The video and presentations included information about the financial and emotional challenges of starting over after domestic violence, promoted the transitional living apartments at the Women’s Center, highlighted ways the community can help, and promoted a supply drive she organized. Through the supply drive, Caroline collected enough household supplies for ten families to receive baskets full of products with handmade notes of encouragement, which filled a need of the Women’s Center.



## Lucille Kelley ◆ Individually Registered Member

### Milwaukee County

#### *Amani Reads*

*“I learned a lot about my own character during the work for my Gold Award. I better understood the power of myself when I push my ideas into actions for my community. Also, my empathy has strengthened now more than ever, which is a value I will carry in me forever.”*

Lucille completed a significant amount of research to identify a specific zip code in Milwaukee that would benefit most from an increase in literacy resources to positively impact poverty in that area. Lucille created 108 book packages comprised of age-appropriate children’s books and resources for families. She collected and organized the books to assemble tote bags which included information on literacy community resources for the recipients of the packages. The book packages were delivered to the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary in Milwaukee, as well as families that display a great area of need for literacy support within the zip code she targeted. Lucille also provided additional books for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary’s lending library, created “how to” ideas through social media, and developed a website and YouTube channel with information about the project. Lucille left a program binder with the facility in support of Saint Jude the Apostle Parish continuing the project in years to come.





## Victoria Konkol ● Troop 4733

### Waukesha County

#### *Fidget Boxes*

*“I definitely put my communication skills to the test during this project and making sure that the project and any changes made reflected my wishes. I also practiced how to network with others to implement the project efficiently, and how I can make any changes to better fit the school and keep up with how the project progresses.”*

Fidgets and stim toys are a great way to regulate both sensory systems and emotions. Victoria understands that children who experience neurodivergent disorders, including anxiety, ADHD, and autism, can benefit when fidgets are provided in the classroom to help them focus and calm themselves. Victoria produced a video and educated students and teachers on the importance of having fidgets available for children that need them. By leading a group to organize, assemble, and label fidgets, Victoria created and provided fidget boxes to interested classrooms at Cudahy Middle School, as well as the school psychologist. Since implementing her project, Victoria has received feedback through a survey she distributed highlighting that over 80% of teachers noticed an improvement with their students’ behavior since providing the fidget boxes to the classrooms. Additionally, teachers have noticed an increase in attention and focus, as well as positivity towards students that are neurodivergent.



## Kathleen Krautheim ● Troop 4569 ●

### Waukesha County

#### *Living Healthy Through Lax (Lacrosse)*

*“Through Girl Scouts and my Gold Award, I have been able to enhance my leadership skills overall, and I have the confidence to take charge in situations that require a leader, fueled by empathy, compassion, and communication.”*

Kathleen became aware of the alarming increase in children who are physically and mentally unhealthy and was unable to identify wellness resources for families in her community. Kathleen created a Little Scoopers program tailored for children that introduces health and wellness curricula through the sport of lacrosse. Through the 5-day camp held in Oconomowoc, children learned about healthy eating, values of fitness and living a healthy lifestyle, emotions, hydrating, healthy relationships, and how to play the game of lacrosse through fun activities. Kathleen worked with the Boys and Girls Club to support the launch of the Little Scoopers program she developed. Kathleen created a health information card providing information about living a healthy lifestyle, which was distributed to Little Scoopers participants, their families, and another lacrosse camp taking place after Little Scoopers. Between the 2022 and 2023 seasons, 42 children enrolled in the Little Scoopers program that Kathleen created. Kathleen provided the Oconomowoc Lacrosse Board with the Little Scoopers program curricula as the board will be continuing Little Scoopers in the future.





## Madeline LaFrombois ● Troop 1682

### Milwaukee County

#### *Building Families Through Play*

*“I received countless feedback on how much of an impact my sessions were having on the parents and children and the people working at and associated with Nia Imani. The executive director of Nia Imani shared how the parents especially enjoyed the sessions and helped them find self-worth.”*

Milwaukee has the third highest poverty rate in the United States, and 10% of children live at least half of their lives in poverty. Madeline learned how difficult it is to escape from generational poverty, defined as a family living in poverty for at least two generations. She worked with Nia Imani Family Inc. in Milwaukee to help children and their parents/guardians develop a variety of skills, including communication, parenting, and relational skills, as well as provided toys and other educational resources for children. The five educational sessions that Madeline led with families covered interacting with each other, actions and words, open and effective communication, caring for others, modeling positive behaviors, and encouraged family members to take time to connect and bond with one another. Children and their parents/guardians were able to participate together throughout the activities. Madeline secured donations to purchase more than 50 toys and other educational tools to support her in teaching these concepts. Through her project, Madeline’s goal was to create more stability within families at home in hopes they would have additional resources that would help lift them out of poverty.



## Amelie Lichte ● Troop 1622 ●

### Milwaukee County

#### *Erased and Hidden History: Indigenous Peoples in Our Communities*

*“I led my team by communicating (mostly through email) certain tasks that needed to be done, asking for help with steps, and asking for review of other aspects of the project. The largest part of leading the team was spent communicating with others.”*

Amelie noticed that there was an underrepresentation and a lack of accurate knowledge shared in schools about Indigenous populations from around the world, and that many parts of the history of Indigenous people were not even addressed in teachings. Amelie’s project goals included increasing education about Indigenous people, providing a better understanding of the Indigenous culture and history of the tribes in their area, and helping young people understand the impact that Indigenous people had in their communities. Amelie designed a patch program for Girl Scouts, and researched and gathered resources to create a resource center website for Girl Scouts and educators about Native, Indigenous, and Aboriginal communities. The tools Amelie created are geared for Girl Scouts and other youth in grades K-12, and include the history of important members of various local communities, national history, and current events. Amelie used pre and post surveys to measure what the Girl Scouts have learned through her patch program.





## Lydia Lim ♦ Troop 8051

### Milwaukee County

#### *Spreading Music Resources*

*“I felt a sense of pride and success when I saw the children playing Mary Had a Little Lamb in their piano class. They were so excited. Each of the children wanted to show me their individual skill level. The teacher was so happy to finally be able to teach music and have the keyboards to use for her program.”*

As a pianist, Lydia has experienced firsthand the benefit of being involved in music and wanted to share her passion for music with others. She realized that many public schools in Milwaukee do not have ample resources to provide music education as part of their curriculum. Lydia established a new program and partnered with Heid Music to provide unsold musical resources, that would have otherwise been discarded, to Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and Browning Elementary School in Milwaukee. In addition to securing sheet music and books from Heid Music, Lydia also secured monetary and equipment donations to provide the sites with five keyboards. She worked with Milwaukee Public Schools through a grant to ensure there was enough funding to provide teachers for the music classes. By building this new connection to resource schools with the ability to lead music classes, students have greater potential to develop cognitive skills, enhance creativity, and improve focus, which will translate into many other areas of their education.



## Madison Mathaus ♦ Troop 4609

### Waukesha County

#### *Brilliant Brushes*

*“My project felt like there were many starts and stops due to the amount of collaboration needed with the high school art teachers and administrative staff. I pushed through and learned from the obstacles and setbacks, but the most successful part of my project was seeing the number of students interested in the club.”*

Madison noticed that some high school students had a difficult time finding school activities to participate in, either due to COVID-19 or because of unattainable requirements the school sets for belonging to such groups. Madison wished to combat this issue and provide a safe space for teens to create positive relationships and a sense of community with their peers who share passion for art. She created an art club which met bi-monthly at Menomonee Falls High School. She received feedback from students and school faculty helping to inform the ideal implementation of the art club. The art club was open to all students in 9-12th grades without requirements around attendance record, volunteer hours expected, minimum GPA, or pre-requisite art class experience. The new art club provided a space for participants that supported artistic expression, art appreciation, and collaboration with other artists to expand their knowledge of art skills through a variety of mediums. The art club is being continued by the school's students and faculty.





## Lily Pemble ● Troop 4796

### Racine County

#### *Camp Day Kits*

*“The whole idea around the Girl Scout Gold Award is that they pose possible solutions to problems not just in our own communities, but nationally or globally. This means that others could hypothetically replicate my project in their own communities and give more children with special needs access to a camp experience.”*

Lily noted there were no summer camps offered exclusively for children with disabilities in her community and provided a free summer camp experience to students with special needs in the Muskego School District. Lily developed two Camp Day Kits and donated them to Lakeview Elementary School and Bay Lane Elementary School. Arts and crafts, outdoor games, and songs resource binders were created, complete with a variety of activities and adjustable options to suit different accommodations. Lily handcrafted several large wheelchair accessible tents fashioned from pop-up canopies and tarps. She purchased and donated outdoor blankets, and designed tent wall murals for the campers to customize each year with their own handprints. Lily also purchased a variety of other supplies to provide with the kits, including musical instruments, mock campfires, craft items, wagons, and picnic blankets. She attended both camps and talked to campers and staff about their camp experiences. Lily’s project was made possible by donations she secured from Muskego Lion’s Club, Muskego Women’s Club, Home Depot, and friends and family.



## Clare Plummer ● Troop 4561

### Waukesha County

#### *Educating Kids on Food Waste*

*“I believe the most successful part of my project was how so many people around me were very supportive of my project and its objective. Whether it was the teachers, the librarians at the library, the lunch ladies at school, or the school office monitors, everyone seemed very interested and supportive in what I was doing.”*

Clare aimed to address food waste as an environmental issue in elementary schools. After researching the topic thoroughly, Clare developed a program which she led through classroom presentations with kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade classes at Swanson Elementary School. Through her program, students learned where food comes from, how food is made, and the benefits of a healthy diet. They also learned about the reasons why children waste food, the negative effects of food waste, and how they can lessen their impact. Clare created and provided activity sheets as part of her curriculum and developed take-home materials for the children’s families for them to continue and reinforce what they had learned at home. Clare shared her research, activity sheets, presentations, and other tools with the school for them to continue the program in the future as part of the school’s social studies units. Clare remained in contact with the classroom teachers the weeks following her presentations. Clare also created a display case at Brookfield Public Library and a website, with both providing resources for additional families in the community.





## Morgan Rogacki ● Troop 4626

### Washington County

#### *Rebuilding Tables, Improving the Community*

*“Over the entire duration of this project, whether it was something about myself or something new about my project, I never stopped learning. This project helped me to realize the importance of knowing what my priorities are. This project has reinstilled in me that escaping my comfort zone is the only way that I will truly grow as an individual.”*

Knowing her local parks were in disrepair, Morgan addressed the need for safe and sturdy outdoor seating and trash receptacles when more groups were experiencing the outdoors amidst the pandemic. Working with her family, classmates, Girl Scouts, church, and the community, Morgan coordinated both the refurbishing and building of 25 picnic tables for the Village of Slinger Park System, with 40% being ADA accessible. The tables were sanded, hardware was replaced as needed, metal framing supporting the benches was repaired, holes were filled with caulk and epoxy, and vandalism was removed. Morgan designed posters highlighting the importance of Leave No Trace principles to ensure a sustainable future for the outdoors and the planet. The posters were placed at all the parks in Slinger that focus on Leave No Trace principles and highlight the importance of preparing for travel, camping on durable surfaces, disposing of waste properly, leaving nature the way you find it, minimizing the impact of campfires, respecting wildlife, and being considerate of other visitors. The picnic tables and signage will be maintained by the Village of Slinger Park and Recreation Department.



## Alexandra Streit ● Troop 4561 ●

### Waukesha County

#### *St. Joe’s Curb Appeal Pollinator Garden*

*“I was anticipating it to take a lot longer than it did, so getting most of the major parts done in under two days was a pleasant surprise. It also served as an opportunity to bond with the team members that could come and help me with the work, as part of the reason the work went so fast was because I had help.”*

Alexandra recognized that pollinator habitats are decreasing from the effects of humans on our environment, urbanization, and global warming. Alexandra established a native plant multi-purpose garden at St. Joe’s Catholic Church to increase opportunities for pollinators to thrive. Alexandra planted hardy perennials including Sedum Autumn Joy, Goldenrod, Geranium, Creeping Phlox, Lavender, Daylilies, and Milkweed to attract a variety of native pollinators present from spring through fall. To increase awareness about pollinators and their habitats, Alexandra produced an educational video teaching viewers what pollinators are, the origin of honeybees, common pollinator habitats, why pollinators are important, what is endangering pollinators, and how we can help. Alexandra also created pre and post surveys to measure the impact of the educational video. St. Joe’s Catholic Church also received a manual from Alexandra detailing month-by-month instructions to care for the pollinator garden and each plant species.





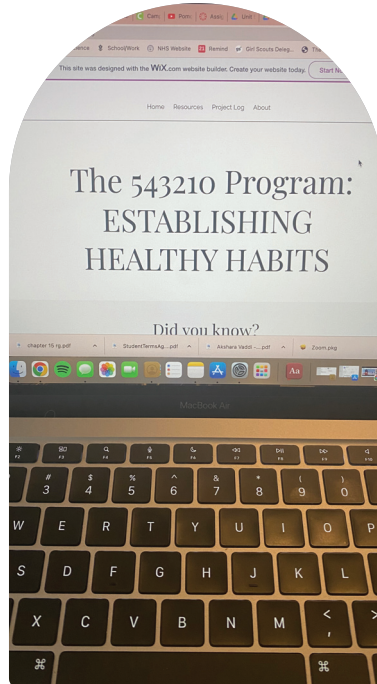
## Akshara Vaddi ● Troop 4679

### Waukesha County

#### *The 543210 Program: Establishing Healthy Habits*

*“The primary leadership skill I had to put into practice was communication. Throughout the process of earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, I needed to effectively communicate with various healthcare professionals, peers, and adults. This really influenced me to put effort into developing these abilities.”*

Acknowledging that the largest contributing factor to the obesity epidemic is a lack of knowledge on how to live a healthy lifestyle, Akshara’s aim was to increase awareness of preventable health disorders through education and behavior modifications related to certain health topics. She presented to the Dharma Internship Program and the Health Service Society of the United States on her 543210 Program, drawbacks of the modern sedentary lifestyle and guidelines to implement in participants’ lives. Akshara published an article on Medium regarding seasonal eating and started a public health podcast to help people to recognize the negative effects of sugar in the body, which was published as an episode on Spotify. Akshara also created informational brochures and shared them through the Brookfield Public Library, displayed posters at Advocate Aurora Health, advocated for living a healthy lifestyle by competing in a Community Awareness Competition hosted by HOSA, and created a website to spread the word about her project.







## Sarah Winkler ◆ Troop 4398

Waukesha County

### *Walking by Faith*

*“I led my team by creating a plan of how to most efficiently accomplish my project in the best way possible. I communicated with each of my teammates about times that would work well for them to help accomplish the part of the project they were helping me with. I also made sure to get all the materials we needed and made a plan of action about the next steps of the project.”*

Sarah designed a portable labyrinth for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, so more schools will have access for students to enjoy the labyrinth experience. It measures 35 square feet and is made of durable canvas, with an 11-circuit medieval labyrinth painted onto the cloth. Sarah produced a binder of resources for teachers/administrators and students of varying age levels that provide directions on how to set up the portable labyrinth, as well as informational worksheets and answer keys, and options for connecting the labyrinth to faith. She also secured 500 labyrinth-themed pencils for the students to receive as a remembrance of their experience. Sarah created a plastic stencil which can be used in the future to maintain the labyrinth design as it wears from use. She informed the Labyrinth Society of the new portable labyrinth, and Divine Savior Holy Angels High School now has the stencils to help produce even more portable labyrinths. Through Sarah’s project, students learned about mindfulness and meditation, decreased anxiety, and strengthened their faith.



## Isabel Zuniga-Meyer ◆ Troop 4469

Waukesha County

### *I Safe Sport*

*“I had to demonstrate courage to share my personal story and Girl Scout Gold Award project journey so that others would be inspired to join me on this critical life-altering issue. My advice to others is, if you are inspired to go for Gold, go for it now, do not wait because as Girl Scouts we do have the power to change the world.”*

Isabel’s project addressed water sports and recreation safety, as on average about 3,600 injuries occur to children each year due to near-drowning incidents. Isabel recognized an increase in families participating in outdoor activities during the pandemic and a decrease in available lifeguards in swimming areas. She educated her community on the dangers associated with water activities, provided knowledge on how to be safe when around water, and included information on direct access to safety equipment including personal flotation devices and proper sizing. Isabel developed educational resources including an informational brochure, activity packets, Water Watcher ID tags, an Instagram account, learning sessions, and signage to spread water safety knowledge. Isabel’s expansive audience benefitting from her information included a Girl Scout Cookie delivery site, Brookfield’s Family Fest, Red Cross Brave Hearts event, Girl Scout camp, GSWISE’s Celebrate the Promise event, and a vacation rental. Isabel also built a stand for Personal Flotation Devices. Isabel has inspired more than 1,000 people to be safe around the water.



Girl Scouts of the USA's  
*Girl Scouts to the Moon and Back*  
Essay Contest Winner



**Karishma Santebennur**  
**Troop 4679**

For more information about this essay contest and the winners, visit  
[girlscouts.org/moonandback](https://girlscouts.org/moonandback).

**GSWISE Young Women of Distinction**

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast recognizes one Highest Award project at each of the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards levels that stands out as GSWISE Young Women of Distinction. All Girl Scouts associated with the project receive this special honor. GSWISE Young Women of Distinction Highest Awards projects exemplify the qualities of the Highest Awards and are selected from all projects that have been completed based on the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Rubrics and national guidelines.



# 2023 Silver Award Recipients

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award that can be earned by Girl Scout Cadettes (Grades 6-8). Working as an individual or small group, Girl Scouts identify a root cause of a community issue and complete a Take Action project. Girl Scouts who earn the Silver Award are ready to take the next step to achieve the Gold Award.

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## **Individually Registered Member** ● Milwaukee County

### **Emma Geiger**

#### *Blankets for Animals*

Emma advocated for animals and donated handmade blankets, paper towel, and toilet paper rolls to Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission, Second Hand Purrs, Humane Animal Welfare Society in Waukesha, VCA Emergency Animal Hospital, and the Wisconsin Humane Society in Racine and Milwaukee.

## **Individually Registered Member** ● Waukesha County

### **Lila Shimmin**

#### *Cambodian Well Project*

Lila provided access to clean and safe water for the Tampuan people residing in two rural Cambodian villages by organizing a garage sale to raise money to drill two hand-pump well systems.

## **Individually Registered Member** ● Milwaukee County

### **Liv Tucker**

#### *Free Seed Library*

Liv supported Victory Gardens Initiative, which provides free organic food to the community, by building and painting a free seed library to increase interest in gardening, connecting the community through service at Victory Gardens Initiative, and educating others on nature conservation.

**Troop 1380 ● Waukesha County**

**Sydney Boyung, Lydia Chandler**

*Turtle Planter*

Sydney and Lydia upcycled aluminum cans, bottle caps, and wood to build a turtle planter, beautifying the landscape for residents at the Regency Senior Communities in Brookfield.

**Troop 1380 ● Waukesha County**

**Ava Wagner, Faith Winberg**

*Upcycled Bench Planter*

Ava and Faith repurposed an old outdoor bench by painting and adding bins to create an upcycled planter, providing gardening joy to the residents at ProHealth Care Regency Senior Communities in Brookfield.

**Troop 1380 ● Waukesha County**

**Sophia Beaudoin, Sophia Hoffren, Anna Sitterly**

*Upcycled Cloud Dresser Planter*

Sophia, Sophia, and Anna brought happiness to residents at ProHealth Care Regency Senior Communities in Brookfield by sanding and painting an old dresser to transform it into a usable planter, where each drawer is used to plant flowers.

**Troop 1622 ● Milwaukee County**

**Aryana Treuber**

*Solar Powered Lights on Posts and Information Board*

Aryana installed two six foot posts with lights at the end of the driveway at Racine County Pony Club and installed two sign boards for their barn to update guests on current events and other information.

**Troop 4626 ● Washington County**

**Emma Monsen**

*Competition Axe Throwing Lanes*

Emma researched and built three official World Axe Throwing lanes at Camp Silver Brook from repurposed platform tent materials and new materials to protect the sides, lanes, and back area from stray axe throws.



## **Troop 6295 ● Washington County**

**Reanna Brazeau, Rebekah Farvour, Lexi George, Hailey Kuester, Haylee Michalski**

### *Operation Tree*

Troop 6295 learned there was a local pine plantation that had failed and worked on a conservation effort with the City of West Bend and the Park and Forestry Superintendent to replant the area with fifty new hardwood trees to help save the local habitat.

## **Troop 6315 ● Waukesha County**

**Ellen Esser, Taylor Lemminger, Olivia Pittman, Victoria Woelfel, Ana Yokes**

### *Gaga Ball for Recess*

Troop 6315 purchased a portable gaga ball pit and additional recess equipment and assembled a storage unit for St. Mary Parish School. They also produced instructional videos for the school's YouTube channel on how to play gaga ball and how to assemble the equipment and held a kick-off event at the school.

## **Troop 6380 ● Waukesha County**

**Emily Adams, Isabella Agnello, Lilly Bennett, Breanna Reed**

### *North Lake and Merton School Outdoor Classrooms*

Emily, Isabella, Lilly, and Breanna realigned stones and pavers, mulched, and reconstructed benches for Merton Primary School's outdoor classroom. They also built chair-to-table convertible benches for North Lake School's courtyard.

## **Troop 8634 ● Waukesha County**

**Valerie Brown, Jillian Drew, Allie Falci, Madelena Harmlink, Madilyn Richlen**

### *Helping People Suffering with Hunger and Homelessness*

Troop 8634 partnered with the Guest House, Street Angels, Wauwatosa Food Pantry, and Empty Bowls, completing a variety of projects to help people struggling with hunger and homelessness in Milwaukee. They also spread awareness among younger Girl Scout troops.

## **Troop 8647 ● Milwaukee County**

**Kailey Thieme**

### *Connecting Milwaukee Area Teens to Local Resources*

Kailey organized two collection drives for needed items for Pathfinders and Walker's Point Youth & Family Center in Milwaukee. She also informed teens in the community about the services these organizations and the Cudahy Health Department provide to help teens who need support.



**Troop 8689 ● Milwaukee County**

**Grace Guertin, Liliana Medina, Alex Peplinski**

*“Knot” Your Typical Knot Board*

Grace, Liliana, and Alex created four knot boards, each with a variety of eight knots, to teach the outdoor tradition of knot tying skills, and created a website providing information on knot tying and instructional videos showing how to tie a variety of knots.

**Troop 8690 ● Milwaukee County**

**Peyton Goeden, Rachel Kaperick**

*Our Lakes Matter Patch*

Peyton and Rachel researched the Great Lakes and created a patch program for Girl Scouts to learn about the Great Lakes, and conservation efforts, including water pollution and the importance of keeping our water clean for humans, animals, and plants.



**Troop 8973 ● Milwaukee County**

**Kate Maki**

*Big Worry Talks Anxiety Social Media Pages*

Kate leveraged Facebook and Instagram to create a safe place for young children and teenagers to share their experiences with anxiety and go for inspiration. She promoted the new sites through posters at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy and in the community.



## **Troop 8977 ● Waukesha County**

### **Kyrra Winchester**

#### *Chinook Girl Scout Nature Boot Rack*

Kyrra designed and built new boot racks for Chinook Program Center to store boots at camp, hoping to instill a sense of responsibility to care for the camp property. The racks were made from sustainable material that require low maintenance.

## **Troop 9009 ● Waukesha County**

### **Madison Danihel, Michaela Henner, Vanessa Konkol, Emma Merschdorf, Lorelai Schimmel**

#### *The Sensory Blanket Project*

Wishing to create more calming activities for residents of the memory care unit at Elder Care Cottages in Waterford, Troop 9009 sewed 12 sensory blankets with buttons, zippers, bean bags, variety of materials, rope, sequins, beads, and a place for a photo.

## **Troop 9057 ● Milwaukee County**

### **Eleanor Brey, Abigail Martin, Ella Michalak, Ella Short, Kayla Tenhaken**

#### *Oak Knoll at Camp Alice Chester*

Troop 9057 purchased a large animal-proof plastic storage container, and built two Aldo Leopold benches and one table to encourage campers, volunteers, and staff to use Oak Knoll at Camp Alice Chester more frequently.

## **Troop 9240 ● Waukesha County**

### **Mia Bremner**

#### *Pen Pals with the Elderly*

Mia created a new pen pal program for local high school English class students to work on writing skills and connect them with seniors experiencing loneliness at Elizabeth Residence in New Berlin.

## **Troop 9300 ● Waukesha County**

### **Clara Cooper, Rayna Jellish**

#### *Games for Kids with Special Needs*

Clara and Rayna designed and created their own Textureland sensory game, based on Candyland, using cards with different textured fabrics instead of different colors. They also made activity bags filled with silly putty, magnetic letters, and other items for children with disabilities to have hands-on learning opportunities.



## **Troop 9300 ● Waukesha County**

### **Kelsey McFadyen**

#### *Handmade Rosary Donations*

Kelsey made hand tied rosaries, had the rosaries blessed by a priest, and then donated the rosaries to St. James Church, Linden Grove, and The Village at Manor Park to help people pray the rosary and be more involved in their religion from home while navigating the pandemic.

## **Troop 9300 ● Waukesha County**

### **Abbey Lochowicz, Isabelle Olson, Libby Poser**

#### *Shelter For Strays*

Abbey, Isabelle, and Libby worked with the Humane Animal Welfare Society in Waukesha by building four wooden stray cat shelters for Project Guardian, which were kept by residents for the humane society to collect cats for spaying/neutering thereby decreasing over population.

## **Troop 9347 ● Racine County**

### **Addison Schwochert**

#### *Slingshot Targets*

Addison used power tools and creativity to construct four new sturdy wooden slingshot targets for younger campers to use while at Camp Alice Chester in the summer. The new slingshot targets are easy for volunteers and staff to set up and maintain for many years to come.

## **Troop 9348 ● Waukesha County**

### **Sara Fifield, Ellyn Rask**

#### *Pet Supply Drive*

Sara and Ellyn created posters and collection boxes for a local pet supply store and public library to hold a collection drive for Lucky Mutts Rescue in Milwaukee collecting hundreds of essential pet supply items. They also educated the community on Lucky Mutts Rescue's mission and benefits.

## **Troop 9364 ● Kenosha County**

### **Alaina Limbaugh, Ashleigh Ours, Alexis Zagame**

#### *Rascals Rabbit Rescue*

Alaina, Ashleigh, and Alexis partnered with Wisconsin House Rabbit Society to teach families fostering domesticated rabbits about safe enrichment activities and healthy eating, built three wooden rabbit play toy tables and eight scratching pads made from cardboard boxes, and dried fruit snacks for the rabbits.





## **Troop 9379 ● Milwaukee County**

**Sydney Murray, Emily Thil, Reina Tucknott**

### *Children's Playground Bottle Cap Artwork*

Sydney, Emily, and Reina turned trash into treasure creating whimsical upcycled bottle cap art and installing the art at a local playground, to decrease plastic pollution in our Great Lakes and advocate for a cleaner environment.

## **Troop 9445 ● Kenosha County**

**Riley Achterhof, Annabelle Brault, Carly Corelli**

### *K9s4U*

Riley, Annabelle, and Carly made and donated blankets and dog toys to the K9s4U Dog Rescue for the foster dogs to have cozy, soft blankets, and toys to help them feel calm and secure while transitioning into their foster homes. They also started a wish list and collected supplies for foster families to get started.

## **Troop 9445 ● Kenosha County**

**Addison Brown, Kyla McCollum, Erika Osterman, Grace Urban**

### *Twin Lakes Sportsmen's Club Gun Rack*

Finding a lack of gun racks at the Twin Lakes Sportsmen's Club in Trevor, Addison, Kyla, Erika, and Grace presented their plan to their Board of Directors to receive approval, and designed and built two outdoor wooden gun racks which each can safely hold 20 guns.

## **Troop 9451 ● Waukesha County**

**Clare Schweitzer, Hannah Spring**

### *Sensory Tools for Friendship Circle*

Clare and Hannah recognized that the quiet room at Friendship Circle in Fox Point had limited items for people with disabilities to utilize. They made wave bottles, glitter battles, I-Spy kits, sensory boards, stress balls, and slime, and provided directions for making additional tools in the future.

## **Troop 9461 ● Milwaukee County**

**Hailey Bogues, Ella Boyer, Julia Gardipee, Sophia Neilson, Valerie Perron, Madelyn Ruffolo**

### *Time to Help the Hungry*

Troop 9461 made over 100 bagged lunches and volunteered for The Gathering Meal Program in Milwaukee, and at Kinship Community Food Center in Milwaukee helping over 300 families shop for and receive groceries.



## **Troop 10303 ● Waukesha County**

**Briana Doyle, Morgan DuVall, Averej Feggestad, Brooklyn Greco, Brooklyn Groh, Isabella Kurtz, Claire Maas, Sophia Nelson, Jayden Scholz, Leah Sova, Callie Swan-Wein**

### *Bluebird Nesting Boxes*

Troop 10303 supported Wisconsin conservationists' efforts to restore the native Bluebird population in our state by building four nesting boxes with smaller entrance holes that were installed on poles near food sources in Nashotah Park to improve the overall ecosystem of the park and community.

## **Troop 10379 ● Racine County**

**Allyson Luchinske**

### *Raised Garden Beds for Camp Minikani*

Allyson built raised garden beds as part of the camp's sustainable gardening program that all campers take part of, so that no matter any camper's ability all can reach the garden to plant and weed as they are learning about Wisconsin plants.

## **Troop 10642 ● Milwaukee County**

**Ava Gibson, Evelyn Mutsch, Alexa Olive, Isabella Rapczyk, Grace Streich, Erynn Wiegele**

### *Fairview School Pollinator Garden*

Troop 10642 secured supplies and built and planted a pollinator garden at Fairview Elementary School in Milwaukee to help save endangered monarch butterflies, bees, and other pollinators along the Kinnikinnic River Parkway, whose food resources have been dwindling.

## **Troop 20079 ● Waukesha County**

**Catalina Hayes, Lauren Meissner, Kate Wilde**

### *Wetlands Trail Improvement at Camp Silver Brook*

Catalina, Lauren, and Kate removed fallen trees, cleared paths, cut tall grass and overhead branches, raked debris, and made trail signs for the Wetlands Loop Trail at Camp Silver Brook. Additionally, they created a QR code flyer connecting Girl Scouts to educational information on animals, trees, maps, and Leave No Trace principles.



## Troop 31576 ● Kenosha County

### Ariana Wine

#### *Honduras Boat Ministry*

Ariana spent time in Honduras as part of Teen Missions International and built a new fence surrounding the Teen Missions International property, traveled to remote island villages performing skits and songs teaching English to children, and planted a new pineapple field in San Pedro Sula.

## Troop 31585 ● Racine County

### Brooklyn Arbinger, Nevaeh Colon, Annika Jendrzejek, Sophia Johnston, Chloe Snyder, Paige Zehner

#### *Outdoor Winter Animal Shelters*

Troop 31585 built six outdoor insulated animal shelters and donated additional shelter building supplies for the Humane Animal Welfare Society in Wind Lake, to provide barn cats and other small stray animals a dry and warm place in cold temperatures.

## Troop 31592 ● Racine County

### Saije Foster, August Graham, Cheyenne Sadler

#### *Animal Angels*

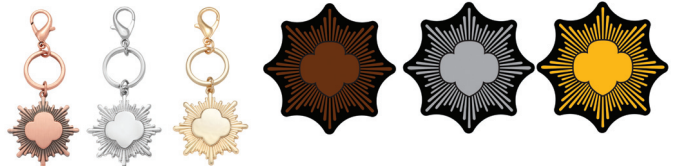
Saije, August, and Cheyenne sewed 23 double-sided dog bandanas, made cat toys and dog treats, designed adoption certificates, and donated dog and cat food to Lakeland Animal Shelter in Delevan to help them with the care and adoption of their animals.

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# 2023 Bronze Award Recipients

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award that can be earned by Girl Scout Juniors (Grades 4-5). It is symbolic of their interests and efforts in Girl Scouting. By earning this award, Girl Scouts have demonstrated growth in leadership and have made a positive impact in the community.

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## **Troop 1425** ● Waukesha County

**Audrianna Delleman, Elena Ehlert, Tisha Naidu, Sophie Scher, Quynh Vo**

***Making Tie Blankets*** – made and donated tie blankets to the Hope Center in Pewaukee to help people who are homeless in the community keep warm.

## **Troop 10126** ● Washington County

**Lily Marshall, Kiley McCarty**

***Archery Shed Overhaul*** – cleaned, sorted through broken equipment, and organized the archery shed at Camp Silver Brook; also made new archery equipment storage units.

## **Troop 10256** ● Waukesha County

**Maddy Beckman, Allison Hansen, Keira Kroepfl, Maddie Slager, Molly Synold, Maggie Wu**

***Dog Toys for the Elmbrook Humane Society*** – researched low-cost animal enrichment toys and collected old T-shirts to make dozens of upcycled chew ropes for the Elmbrook Humane Society.



## Troop 10262 🟣 Ozaukee County

**Diya Aly, Jordyn Barnes, Avery Bradley, Jayde Cottrell, Delia Demitros, Laura Gattoni, Ava Kihslinger, Dorian Klug, Olivia Nudel, Adelyne O'Connor, Addisyn Roby, Illeana Shank**

*PBIS Videos for Oriole Lane Elementary School* – created and published eight videos highlighting positive and appropriate behavior expectations in multiple school environments for students.



## Troop 10291 🟣 Washington County

**Taylor Franklin, Meaghan Klassy, Faith Kreuser, Aubree Naumann, Maddilynn Schmidt, Danielle Tietzen, Natasha Tyler, Ally Whitman**

*Animal Toy & Supply Drive* – worked with a local pet supply store to host a collection drive for toys, pet food, and bedding for the animals at the Washington County Humane Society.

## Troop 10327 🟣 Waukesha County

**Addison Hietala, Lauren Vanderkooy**

*Bottle Cap Mural* – raised awareness regarding trash that cannot be recycled, and created an art installation with colors inspired by the six Girl Scout grade levels, for Chinook Program Center in Waukesha.

## Troop 10363 🟣 Milwaukee County

**Isabella Brigham, Ava Brost, Hana Jurgens, Olivia Lichucki, Sophia Rekowski**

*Wildlife Rehab Awareness* – supported and raised awareness of the Wisconsin Humane Society's Wildlife Rehab Center by promoting their needs at school, collecting supplies, and teaching younger Girl Scouts about helping wildlife.



### **Troop 10422** 🍷 Waukesha County

**Lily Buchmann, Dia Cooper, Penny Fleischer, Kennedy Garner, Bella Heckel, Carley Hendricks, Claire Hinterlong, Lisel Holzem, Riley Kebbekus, Kiersten Kempinski, Michaela Moriarty, Emerson O'Brien, Scarlett Rauls, Emily Rickert, Eva Soto, Peyton Westerdale, Chloe Wood**

*Brownie Jamboree* – hosted an event at Chinook Program Center in Waukesha, with a nature walk, scavenger hunt, dance party, jewelry craft, and cookie decorating, to introduce younger Girl Scouts to camp.

### **Troop 10435** 🍷 Milwaukee County

**Autumn Abbott, Clara Bratel, Elizabeth Crisostomo, Olivia Crisostomo, Ava Eide, Abigail Norton, Maya Richmond, Elenor Vogelmann, Madelyn Wagner**

*For the Love of Pets* – created handmade blankets and toys and collected pet food and other pet supplies to help the animals and their owners at the Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee.

### **Troop 10449** 🍷 Kenosha County

**Anna Koboldt, Amanda Osterman, Keira Walley, Lilly Zubor**

*Composting Bin for Sharing Center* – designed and built two compost bins for the local Sharing Center in Trevor to support their local community garden.

### **Troops 10453 & 11353** 🍷 Milwaukee County

**Jenna Krysiak, Olivia Larson, Nella Rekowski, Aubrey Sobczak**

*Honor Flight Cookie Donations & Sponsor of Veteran* – provided Girl Scout Cookies and thank you cards for 175 Honor Flight veterans and made signs to welcome home a veteran that didn't have family in the area.

### **Troop 10455** 🍷 Milwaukee County

**Mara Dehli, Paige Ehlers, Madelyn Genduso, Emily Gold, Ella Huston, Norah Jurowski, Lisa Payne, Sophia Peplinski, Scarlett Platka-Weber, Isabel Scardino, Hailee Zwolinski**

*Little Free Library* – built and installed a Little Free Library to provide access for the South Milwaukee and Oak Creek communities to free books.



**Troop 10478** 🟡 Waukesha County

**Kenzey Ganas, Quinn Ganas, Cassandra Geise, Lydia Larsen**

*Making STEM Accessible to All: Heyer Idea Lab* – provided new program opportunities and updated the Idea Lab at Heyer Elementary School in Waukesha, for all students to use the space to work together and experiment with STEM.

**Troop 10484** 🟡 Waukesha County

**Katie Carerros, Kylie Smith**

*Helping Hillcrest* – earned money to purchase and plant two shade trees on the playground and purchased reusable ice packs for the health room at Hillcrest Elementary School in Waukesha.

**Troop 10529** 🟡 Milwaukee County

**Elena Herrmann, Lucija Karas, June Rickman**

*Comfort Kits for Foster Kids* – focused on providing comfort objects and mental health aids by creating care packages for teens and tweens in foster care at Kids Matter Inc. in Milwaukee.

**Troop 11003** 🟡 Milwaukee County

**Cady Allen, Arya Barth, Julianna Coleman, Scarlett Giese, Edie Goldstein, Gabby Kaufert, Emma Kelly, Emma Kramer, Ava Lemorande, Emma Lippow, Iola Manske, Gabby Primakow, Charlotte Robbins, Mackenzie Steiner, Finley Stoflet, Charlotte Wadzinski, Emily Wandtke**

*Bird Houses for Glen Hills Outdoor Classroom* – designed and built bird houses and squirrel feeders and provided educational opportunities for the outdoor classroom at Glen Hills Middle School in Glendale.

**Troop 11088** 🟡 Waukesha County

**Rebecca Allen, Elle Bartholomew, Autumn Bodi, Stella Dotto, McKinley Evans, Vanessa Flemming, Juliana Hollman, Alice Hudson, Charlotte Jaskolski, Tanvi Kaveti, MacKenna Kelly, Cece Korducki, Greta Kreitzer, Ellie Lieber, Liliana Medina-Dischler, Bridget Olin, Delia Renno, Bailey Riley, Sydney Walter**

*Cushing Elementary Learning Path & Nature Walk* – built a Little Free Library and bat houses, cleaned up the nature trail, refinished a table, and created signage, a kindness rock garden, and an outdoor classroom at Cushing Elementary School in Delafield.



**Troop 11138** ● Waukesha County

**Sylvia Falsetti, Maddy Frisch, Lilly Hebert, Libby Kreil, Olivia Kurdziel, Hazel Luttman, Audrey Rosentreter, Julia Slawny, Hailey Spring**

*The Giving Bag* – assembled 100 drawstring bags filled with necessities and goodies for Hope House in Milwaukee to bring comfort and joy to children who are homeless in a time of need.

**Troop 11154** ● Racine County

**Kendall Aussem, Elliott Dietz, Makayla Fiene, Maelyn Kruse, Avery Kuhl, Samantha Lindsay, Abigail Pease, Ella Sossaman, Abigail Spiegelhoff**

*Blankets and Tabs for Ronald McDonald House* – collected 35 gallon-sized Ziploc bags full of pop tabs and created 34 tie blankets for the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

**Troop 11170** ● Milwaukee County

**Harper Anderson, Sarah Czukas, Teagan Dietrich, Frankie Dietz, Eleanor Fievet, Ellison Glanzer, Audrey Jensen, Winnifred Stowe, Clara Tank, Ida Troedsson-Bussa, Abigail Wurzbarger**

*Tosa Turkey Community Outreach* – researched wild turkeys, created an advertisement and infographic, and led a presentation for the community to learn about peacefully coexisting with wild turkeys.

**Troop 11192** ● Waukesha County

**Mackenzie Bailey, Makenzie Davis, Layla Kristbaum, Mia Massek, Natalie Stone, Nora Tatrow**

*Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County* – made treats, toys, and shelters for animals, and volunteered at the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha.

**Troop 11203** ● Waukesha County

**Bella Bartowitz, Eve Blankenheim, Kenley Caves, Abigail Durham, Penelope Hooper, Tessa Kirley, Anya Murphy, Olivia Petersen, Zoey Schilz, Sabrina Vizier, Isabella Wall, Abigail Wall, Madelyn Weigel, Shannon Whitecotton**

*Care Packages for Kids with Cancer* – created themed activity boxes to cheer up youth patients suffering from cancer at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.





## Troop 11210 ● Waukesha County

**Tia Borkowski, Ally Cole-Swanson, Lia Davies, Abigail Hoffren, Elanor Kolar, Kaylee Koslowski, Anneka Lalk, Gabriella Mamalakis, Abigail Manthei, Mia Valentine, Rorie Welch, Isabelle Wojczak**

*Socks for the Soles* – collected nearly 1,000 new and used socks for Hope for the Homeless, to include in care packages benefiting people who are homeless in Milwaukee and Waukesha.

## Troop 11379 ● Racine County

**Kaidenne Chaffee, Izabel DeLuca, Kate Klingenmeyer, Emma Strehlow**

*Escape Room Badge in a Box* – developed an escape room style challenge that can be checked out from a resource center, to assist Girl Scout Brownies in earning their cybersecurity badges.

## Troop 20173 ● Waukesha County

**Bella Bretzel, Madilyn Duewell, Cassie Ellifson, Eliana Pederson, Baylee Stevens, Livia Yongberg**

*Operation MAIL (Memorable Affirmations in Letters) No Fail* – created cards with positive messages to brighten residents' day at Shorehaven retirement community in Oconomowoc.

## Troop 30046 ● Kenosha County

**Charlotte Erickson, Emrie Glasel, Adelaide Gould, Ellie Hansche, Charlotte Hofer, Allison Jozwiak, Katherine Kratowicz, Avery McDonnell, Leah Phillips, Alaina Rose, Alana Ruha**

*Supporting Foster Care in Kenosha* – raised awareness and supported Kenosha Foster Closet by organizing and building shelving for a storage area, assembling over 100 personal care bags, and designing a promotional sticker.

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# The Girl Scout Alum Difference



More than **one in three** women in the United States were Girl Scouts at some point in their lives



Alums say they “bring people together to get things done” and **84%** hold leadership roles as adults



Nearly all Gold Award Girl Scouts (**99%**) hold leadership roles in their everyday lives— such as at school, in their careers, or through volunteer work—and seven in ten hold three or more



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