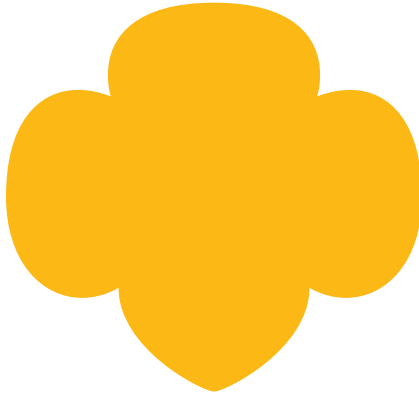


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# Girl Scout Highest Awards Celebration

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May 14, 2022

First Christian Church  
2845 Beaumont Drive  
Evansville, IN 47725





## Girl Scout Promise

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.

## Girl Scout Law

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 Mission

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

\*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 from coast to coast, 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.

# Highest Awards Ceremony

**Welcome**

**Caroline Bossman**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Flag Ceremony**

**Troop 418**

**GSSI Adult Awards**

**Aimee Stachura**  
*GSSI CEO*

**Journey Summit Award**

**Rachel Hollinden**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Honor & Golden Honor Troops**

**Kaylee Schmitt**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Community Service Bar  
Service to Girl Scouting Bar  
Program Aide Award**

**Kylene Danzer**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Ten Year Members**

**Rachel Hollinden**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Graduating Seniors**

**Jessica Cottone**  
*GSSI COO*

**Top Cookie Bosses**

**Gretchen Fuelling**  
*GSSI Director of Product Sales*

**Bronze Award**

**Caroline Bossman**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Silver Award**

**Katelyn Barnett**  
*Gold Award Girl Scout*

**Gold Award**

**Amy Chan Hilton**  
*GSSI Board Chair*

**Scholarship Recipients**

**Aimee Stachura**  
*GSSI CEO*

**Reception**

**Courtesy of GSSI Board of Directors**



# Gold Award Recipients



## **Katelyn Barnett**

### *Caring for Community Cats*

My project addressed the problem of community cats. Domestic cats that live outside and avoid human contact are known as feral cats, while cats that used to live with humans, but are now living outside are known as stray cats. These cats along with their offspring fall under the umbrella term of community cats. These cats cause havoc on their environment by rapidly multiplying. Community cats harm bird populations and are a danger to themselves and people's pets. A majority of these cats are unfixed and thus reproduce with no limitations creating more and more destruction with each new generation. I addressed the root cause of the issue by educating the public on how they can help community cats through a workshop and informative pamphlets. I also built 10 outdoor cat shelters, which I donated to the Vanderburgh Humane Society. These shelters help those who take care of cat colonies to keep cats safe from harsh weather conditions. The shelters can also be helpful when humanely trapping cats for Trap Neuter Release programs.

## **Sierra Berry**

### *Ebenezer Cemetery Bell Restoration*

The wooden base of the historic Ebenezer Cemetery bell, which weighs 1500-2000 lbs, was rotting, meaning the bell would soon fall. The old church bell was also worn and weathered and in need of restoring. Together with my team of volunteers, we removed the bell from the existing base, rebuilt a new concrete base, and refinished the bell. My project will ensure that the iconic bell will continue to greet people at the cemetery for years to come.



## **Caroline Bossman**

### ***Fidget Mats for Local Elementary School***

My project addressed the potential lack of support for children with ADHD and similar conditions in schools. ADHD can affect a student's ability to focus, pay attention, listen, or put effort into schoolwork. ADHD can also make a student fidgety, restless, talk too much, or disrupt the class. Something simple, like fidget toys, can help make it easier for a child to focus in the classroom. As a student with a learning difficulty myself, I

chose to address this issue by making 40 fidget mats to donate to the elementary school my younger brother attends. I designed the mats to be durable, long-lasting and easy to clean. They are also quiet, so they don't disturb other children in the classroom. These mats were distributed among fourteen classrooms across all seven grades at the school.



## **Wren Brooks**

### ***Turner Syndrome Awareness***

My Gold Award promoted Turner Syndrome awareness. Not many people know much about this rare disorder, so I created a Turner Syndrome Awareness Facebook Page. The page helps spread more information about Turner Syndrome and gives people the opportunity to buy Turner Syndrome Awareness t-shirts that I designed. I also hosted a virtual walk to spread awareness.





## **Kylene Danzer**

### ***St. John Bosco Youth Room Renovation***

My project helps bring a safe and welcoming environment for teens at the St. John Bosco Youth Ministry, where they can talk and make new friends. The existing space was too small to accommodate all teens who wanted to attend the ministry's programs. By renovating the room, I was able to add more space. BOSCO can now divide into small groups and can be more spread out. Through my project, my team and I also improved the

room by adding furniture, painting the walls, putting up new curtains and wall art, and added a TV, gaming center, and new lighting. We have created a space for even more young people to come together. BOSCO is still growing; now, they have room to grow.



## **Rachel Hollinden**

### ***Activity Shelves for SWICACC Waiting Rooms***

My project created comforting and welcoming waiting room environments for victims of child abuse at the Southwest Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC). SWICACC conducts forensic interviews with children reported to be victims of child abuse. By providing one central location, the child does not have to go to multiple places and repeat the story many times. I successfully refurbished and repurposed four activi-

ty shelves and placed one in each waiting room. I filled each shelf with toys and also added a HugglePod®, a special swing to help ease anxiety. I hope that the toys and games on the colorful shelves will continue to provide much-needed relief during these difficult times for the children.





## **Caroline Kieffner**

### ***Water Bottle Refill Station at Bohnert Park***

My Gold Award addressed the issue of water fountain closures in local parks during COVID-19. I initiated the idea to install refillable water bottle stations at parks to ensure people and pets don't get dehydrated in the summer heat. It is also more environmentally friendly to refill bottles instead of using disposable plastic bottles. I connected with the city parks department to approve the new water

station and received donations from local business. Since unveiling the new water station, I have received positive feedback from multiple park patrons.



## **Kaylee Schmitt**

### ***Holy Family Church Courtyard Area Beautification***

My project turned an unused courtyard area at Holy Family Church into a usable space for teachers, church staff, and school/church-affiliated groups. The courtyard now provides a safe outside green area for groups and individuals to gather, relax and be with nature. I added a sitting area with a fire pit, table, benches, and trees for a sound barrier.

I reached out to the church and school by displaying my project plans, talking to parishioners, and asking for donations. I took my binder with my ideas to local businesses and asked for donations to fund my project. Together with community support and my team, we have created a beautiful space that will continue to serve the parish and school for years.



## Silver Award Recipients

Geneva Adams  
Rachel Bach  
Catherine Barron  
Addison Burge  
Shelby Cave  
Breanna Cook  
Kassidy Fontenot  
Ava Hulse  
Kari Johnson  
Ashlyn Jones  
Zoe Mann

Mary Mayfield  
Morgan Metz  
Julia Rennie  
Katie Ruschau  
Isabel Schwenk  
Samantha Scurry  
Nadia Stewart  
Jillian Troutman  
Jordan Voegerl  
Ava Warnock



## Bronze Award Recipients

Jenna Allred  
Maggie Antey  
Aubrey Bagby-Kline  
Brookelyn Beard  
Swayzie Bonesteel  
Haley Brown  
Olivia Burke  
Audrey Carter  
Lillian Chambliss  
Alanea Dillon  
Jaylin Dunkel  
Julia Gray  
Heidi Heerd  
Savannah Heldt  
Isabella Jobe  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Nikki Kelle  
Peyton Keller  
Jessica Koewler

Bella Lucia Willett  
Sarah Mintline  
Alexis Mintline  
Jessica Niehaus  
Mia Oliva  
Danielle Phipps  
Addison Polk  
Melanie Russell  
Jessica Sandefur  
Giselle Schoenike  
Rose Schultheis  
Lucy Schultz  
Claire Schweiss  
Lily Smith  
Isabelle Thompson  
Grace Vandendorpe  
Kiera Vincent  
Paisley Whetstine  
Scarlett Woodward

# Service to Girl Scouting

Theresa Allen  
Lacy Huckelby  
Rhyanna Allen

Abby Ruschau  
Katie Ruschau

# Journey Summit

Geneva Adams  
Maggie Antey  
Daisy Barker  
Hannah Bartley  
Harper Bartley  
Anna Blessinger  
Swayzie Bonesteel  
Addison Burge  
Blair Buse  
Shelby Cave  
Lillian Chambliss  
Rosalyin Chestnut  
Breanna Cook  
Hadlynn Courtney  
Avin Dortch  
Stella Dwenger  
Rosalyn Gramelspacher  
Julia Gray  
Ava Greenwell  
Madison Hartley  
Cheyenne Hartley  
Savannah Heldt  
Kaitlyn Hunt

Kari Johnson  
Mia Lagle  
Katharine Leinenbach  
Zoey Mandabach  
Zoe Mann  
Tenley Miller  
Alexis Mintline  
Sarah Mintline  
Chloe Peters  
Melanie Russell  
Giselle Schoenike  
Lucy Schultz  
Nadia Stewart  
Ryley Sullivan  
Karagen Sutton  
Chloe Vincent  
Sophia Vincent  
Ava Warnock  
Jasmin Watkins  
Ella Winkler  
Emma Winkler

# Golden Honor & Honor Troops

**Golden Honor:**

Troop 216  
Troop 557  
Troop 570

**Honor:**

Troop 52  
Troop 64  
Troop 108  
Troop 174  
Troop 263

Troop 281  
Troop 408  
Troop 418  
Troop 433  
Troop 630

# Program Aide Award

Emma Prow  
Abby Ruschau

# Community Service Award

Alexis Hall  
Samantha Scurry

# Top Cookie Bosses

Addison Burge *3,313 packages*  
Nykole Barnett *2,398 packages*  
Kaylee Smith *1,982 packages*  
Hannah Grimes *1,773 packages*  
Mallory James *1,764 packages*

# 10 Year Members

Victoria Abernathy	Jaclyn Hohne	Cyrilla Sommer
Amber Allen	Chloe Holt	Nora Sutton
Maddy Anderson	Ava Hulse	Isabella Terry
Anna Babcock	Madison Kalb	Allie Thomas
Rachel Bach	Margaret Kicklighter	Jordan Voegerl
Isabella Bass	Caroline Kieffner	Ava Warnock
Delaney Blankenbuehler-Lee	Lillyan Kilgore	Malia Zoll
Addison Burge	Elle King	
Emma Cashmore	Alyssa Kleaving	
Shelby Cave	Abigail Lance	
Mesa Compton	Alyssa Lightner	
Breanna Cook	Zoe Mann	
Bailey Coomes	Emma Mitchell	
Kylene Danzer	Ariel Norris	
Akayla Eichmiller	Denae Reimann	
Ashtyn Eichmiller	Katie Ruschau	
Laura Green	Kassidie Rust	
Olivia Hall	Isabel Schwenk	
	Ainsley Sheffer	

# Graduating Seniors

Katelyn Barnett	Anna Hollinden	Katie Strange
Isabella Bass	Alsace Key	Lauren Strange
Caroline Bossman	Cora Kirsch	Grace Wagoner
Caitlyn Chesterfield	Madeline Lemon	Emma Warnock
Jessica Cline	Montana McIntosh	Katelyn Wathen
Alexis Coy	Shaina Miller	Holyn Williams
Laura Green	Taylor Owens	Amaya Zarate
Kaitlyn Grismore	Rachelle Parker	Maya Zoll
Alexandria Hall	Melissa Partridge	
Alexis Hall	Jordan Schatz	

# GSSI Adult Awards

## **The Community Award**

*This certificate recognizes an individual or group in the community that has been consistently supportive of Girl Scouting by donating time, support, or the use of their facilities.*

**Kenny Speed/Access Storage**

**Bessie Adams/Salem United Methodist Church**

## **The Behind the Scenes Award**

*This certificate recognizes adult and teen volunteer members who have been instrumental in the success of Girl Scouting in their service area by using their organizational skills in indirect service to girls.*

**Kelly Birkhead**

## **The Innovator Award**

*This certificate recognizes adult and teen volunteer members who are successfully implementing new ideas in their troop, cluster, service unit, or the council.*

**Becky Grimes**

**Amanda Scurry**

## **The Shining Star Award**

*This certificate recognizes adult members who inspire, motivate, and support other volunteers at any level.*

**Amber Sutton**

## **The Rising Star Award**

*This certificate recognizes new adult volunteer members, in their first or second year of service, who have fully embraced Girl Scouting with energy and passion.*

**Danielle Arrigo**

**Laura Cave**

**Kymerly Mosby**

**Meghan Premuda**

**Amy Schroeder**

# Gold Award Scholarships

## **Bettye A. Statham Scholarship**

The Bettye A. Statham Scholarship honors former Girl Scout alum and council staffer, Bettye “Cinnamon” Statham who devoted her life to the advancement of women in leadership. Bettye was a champion for girls throughout her 94 years, holding many roles including troop leader, council staff, Camp Koch Event Chair, and Juliette Gordon Low Society member. Bettye’s legacy of giving to others lives on through this special scholarship.

The Bettye A. Statham Scholarship is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship open to any high school senior Girl Scout who has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. It is awarded based on achievement in Girl Scouting, academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. One scholarship is available per year.

## **GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship**

The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship program recognizes and provides financial support to one Gold Award Girl Scout per council.

Each Girl Scout council will select their scholarship recipient from among the Gold Award Girl Scouts in their council, based on a rigorous local review process. In addition to receiving a \$2,000 academic scholarship, each recipient will receive an official letter of notification, promotion that helps them reach a broad audience while highlighting the importance and impact of their projects, and Movement-wide recognition. GSUSA will announce the scholarship recipients in June.

## **More Opportunities**

In addition to these scholarships, several other opportunities are listed on the GSUSA Scholarship Database. Visit [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org) and search “Scholarships” to find more information.





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