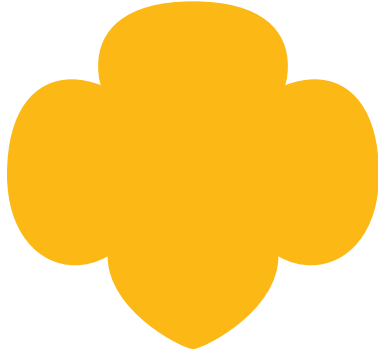


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2023  
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# Gold Award Recipients



## **Theresa Allen**

Troop 357, Forest Park High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Goodbye Franklin—A Book  
About Grief

**Project Summary:** This project was written as a grief resource for parents helping their child through the grieving process. I wrote this book after our community lost a young Girl Scout. After her passing, we found that there were not many resources for the other

girls in the troop or kids at the school. This book includes a story about the loss of a farm animal, and it includes more resources for parents to use. I donated a copy of the book to local schools and libraries for children to check out. In writing this book, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and really enjoyed writing it. This project taught me better time management and leadership skills.

### **What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

The things I will use in my future are my leadership skills, confidence, and to not be afraid to try new things. Girl Scouts has taught me to be a strong leader. It has given me the confidence to lead and follow through with projects. Through my Gold Award project, I have learned better time management, and it gave me a place to implement my leadership skills. Girl Scouts has also given me a way to try new things and push myself out of my comfort zone. In doing that, I have learned new things that I enjoy doing. Girl Scouts has given me many skills that I will continue to use throughout my life.

**My plans after graduation:** I will be attending Ivy Tech in the fall to study Graphic Design.



## **Abbie Buttry**

Troop 132, North High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Advocating Against Horse Abuse

**Project Summary:** My gold award project was 100% based on horses and helping share and explain the signs of horse abuse. The reasoning for my Gold Award topic was because I have been involved and in love with horses since I was a kid. I care about them

more than anything as well as their well-being. The impact of this project educated people about what horse abuse looked like, how to stop it, where to reach out to, and what happens once a report has been made. I learned about several different things, including the fact that we don't have any specific laws based on horses, as well as most people within the equine industry still don't know all the signs of horse abuse even though they're around horses frequently.

### **What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

Throughout all the years I've been in Girl Scouts, I have learned how to push myself past my mental limits, how to make new friendships, learned life skills and lessons, and so many other things. GSSI has made me a more independent and well-spoken person as well as less nervous and more outgoing at times. I have truly become a better person because of Girl Scouts, and I will miss it going forward.

**My plans after graduation:** My plans after graduation are to go to USI for the radiology program. I want to eventually move to Montana, build a house, and start a family there. I will use my skills and life lessons from Girl Scouts throughout the rest of my life. I truly believe it has made me a better and stronger person overall.



## **Madeline Elpers**

Troop 132, North High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Pollinator Nation

**Project Summary:** In my project, I created a website informing others about pollinators' importance and how they affect our ecosystem. On top of this, I have grown and planted a pollinator-friendly garden in Oak Hill Cemetery to help attract pollinators to that area. I have also been informed that my

website and garden may be used in a "Pollinator Patch" to help inform younger girls about pollinators and teach them how they can help their environment.

### **What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

I have learned that I am able to do things that I didn't think I was capable of doing. I had many doubts about my Gold Award project, but in the end, I was able to accomplish my goals. I have also learned that I am good at coming up with new ideas and picking the best option, because my project had many different ideas attached to it.

**My plans after graduation:** I will be attending Vincennes University, where I plan on majoring in Zoology and Marine Biology. At Vincennes University, I will acquire an associate's transfer degree and move on to Purdue to earn my Bachelor of Science. Over the summer of 2023, I also plan to get a second job to help pay for college.



## **Zoe Hollinden**

Troop 490, Southridge High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Every Kid Gets a Book

**Project Summary:** For my Gold Award project, I wanted to address the importance of early reading and how it positively impacts a student's ability to learn, which is my root cause. Many children don't get into reading at an early age, which is a healthy hobby

with many benefits that all kids should discover. For my project, I put together a booklet that outlines a program that teachers can use. This program would allow students to get a free book each month, which would encourage them to start reading at an early age. Through my project, I was able to learn more about myself. I realized that I need to improve my time management. I also learned that communication is very important.

**What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

Throughout my years in Girl Scouts, I have learned many new skills that will help me in my future. Most importantly, I have learned leadership skills. I also learned the importance of kindness, trying new things, and setting goals to achieve them.

**My plans after graduation:** After graduation, I plan on attending the University of Southern Indiana. Currently, I plan on getting a Bachelor of Science in both Biology and Medical Laboratory Sciences.



**Jenna Kast**

Troop 132, New Tech Institute  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Birdhouses for the Elderly

**Project Summary:** Building birdhouses gives birds a safe place to live and grow their babies while also entertaining the elderly. The birds have a safe place to nest and eat while keeping their eggs away from predators. From my own experience with my grandparents, they love bird watching.

**What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

I have learned how to plan and organize an event and reaching out to people is important, and you will get a response from someone willing to help.

**My plans after graduation:** After graduating high school, I am going to study Construction Management for 4 years at Ball State University. After that, I hope to start my career, get a car and a house, and eventually get married and have a few kids.





## **Eliana Kaufmann**

Troop 108, Jasper High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Camp Carnes Improvements

**Project Summary:** My Gold Award project was to make needed improvements to Camp Carnes in Jasper. I worked with the city government and Camp Ranger to decide what work needed to be done most and gain project approval. In the end, I painted the playground equipment and shelter

house, improved the existing campfire circle, built a new fire pit for future campsites, and assembled a donated recycled plastic bench on the porch of the mess hall. My project taught me a lot about organization and planning as I had to coordinate with multiple people, shop for supplies, request donations, and recruit volunteers to help with the project. I had to overcome some obstacles, including delays from outside partners. I am excited to know that people will be able to enjoy my improvements at camp for years to come.

**My future plans:** I will attend Vincennes University in the fall.



## **Abigail Lance**

Troop 363, Boonville High School  
Class of 2024

**Project:** Pillowcases for Peds

**Project Summary:** My Gold Award project aimed to make hospital stays more enjoyable for children by creating and filling pillowcases with crafts, games, and toys. I wanted to address the issue that children might feel scared during a hospital stay. Being away from home and in a hospital can be scary for anyone, but it can be even more stressful for a child. Some areas of a hospital can feel very overwhelming and I wanted to help bring some cheer to these areas for them. I chose this as my project to help give back to something that had helped me when I was in the hospital. When I had surgery, I was admitted and

received a pillowcase to use during my stay. I still have the pillowcase as a keepsake, and it meant a lot to me that I was given something meaningful during a scary time. The pillowcases I created provided comfort, entertainment, and interactive activities for children in hospitals, helping to make their stay more manageable and less stressful.

**What I have learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:** As a Girl Scout, I have had the privilege of learning a wide range of valuable skills, traveling to exciting places, creating meaningful friendships, and embracing new experiences. Through my involvement as a Girl Scout, I have cultivated a deep appreciation for preparedness, a passion for community service, and a strong desire to help others.



### **Kaitlyn Larmore**

Troop 132, North High School  
Class of 2023

**Project:** Thank You for Your Service  
(Now Let Us Serve You)

**Project Summary:** The purpose of my project was to create a system to collect donations for veterans in need on a regular basis. Our veterans are often remembered on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, but they deserve our gratitude year-round. I created two donation

boxes, similar to "Little Free Libraries," where people could drop off donations, and veterans could access them for whatever items they may need. The boxes were delivered, fully stocked, to two locations that provide services for veterans and are accessible to the general public.

**What I have learned from Girl Scouts so far that will help me in the future:** I had to change the overall plan for my project, and find a solution that would still address the problem. I persevered, and in the end, was happier with the final outcome. I know that any goal will have setbacks, but through patience, and looking at the bigger picture, I can still get to the finish line.

**My future plans:** I will be graduating from North High School and from the Early College program at Ivy Tech with my Associate's Degree. I plan on attending Purdue University in the fall. Go Boilers!



## **Abigail Maserejian**

Troop 680, Signature School

Class of 2023

**Project:** Signature School Purple Day and Respect Week

**Project Summary:** Respect Week was a week in March in which my friends and I hosted color-themed days to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence in my community (my high school). I created infographics and announcements and handed out free themed ribbon pins, sold themed bead bracelets, and hosted a themed bake sale during lunch. Students who dressed up showed their support for victims and survivors. This increased awareness and support also reduces students' risk of getting stuck in these situations.

### **What I learned from Girl Scouts that will help me in the future:**

Through this project and my time in Girl Scouts, I was encouraged to learn not only about the problems my society faces but also how to reduce them and support other girls who have lived through them. Additionally, I have seen firsthand how a community can come together to show support for those in need and how willing they are to learn more.

**My future plans:** After I graduate high school, I plan to attend UCLA with an Anthropology major (BS) on a premedical track. I hope to explore many new places and study abroad during my time at UCLA to broaden my worldview and become a pediatrician so that I may help kids in the future!





# Silver Award Recipients

Presley Auxier  
Taliyah Fleming  
Isabelle Kast  
Kaiya Stratman

Eillena Tate  
Brionna Tyler  
Bella Lucia Willett



# Bronze Award Recipients

Kynlei Beard  
Brookelyn Beard  
Olivia Blair  
Maria Buechler  
Violet Buttrum  
Alyssa Carter  
Isla Chappell  
Isabella Evans  
Yukari Hagan  
Yukiko Hagan  
Mallory James  
Elizabeth Lee

Gabriella Leiberling  
Austin Messmer  
Alana Meyer  
Eli Miller  
Addilyn Mills  
Maren Pellett  
Seanna Rhodes  
Riley Schaefer  
Danyelle Schaefer  
Charlotte Stamm  
Alita Taylor

# Journey Summit

Hannah Bartley  
Jennifer Brietwieser  
Maria Buechler  
Alyssa Carter  
Stella Dwenger  
Myranda Harper  
Mya Harper  
Hallie Kasten  
Alana Meyer  
Tenley Miller

Chloe Peters  
Emma Prow  
Alyssa Prow  
Abby Ruschau  
Kate Schiefer  
Karagen Sutton  
Lydia Vincent  
Jozlynn Walker  
Sarah Wehr

# Community Service Bar

Myranda Harper  
Mya Harper  
Amanda Mason

Morgan Metz  
Tenley Miller  
Hannah Strouse

# Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Theresa Allen  
Rhyanna Allen  
Ava Edmond  
Rya Graves  
Mya Harper  
Myranda Harper  
Elizabeth Hill  
Gracie Hill  
Alice Hoyt  
Madison Moore

Anna Miley  
Tatum McNally  
Anna O'Brien  
Emma Prow  
Abby Ruschau  
Katie Ruschau  
Kiley Santos  
Meadow Schroering  
Jozlynn Walker

# Graduating Seniors

Amber Allen	Madison Heim	Abigail Maserejian
Theresa Allen	Brenna Hildenbrand	Kynzee Meeks
Olivia Andrews	Rachel Hollinden	Payton Neier
Emma Buening	Zoe Hollinden	Denae Reimann
Abbie Buttry	Lacy Huckelby	Cheyenne Scherle
Emma Cashmore	Hazel Kaiser	Taryn Schmitt
Kyla Dickens	Jenna Kast	Nora Sutton
Claire Dierks	Eliana Kaufmann	Trista VanHoosier
Madeline Elpers	Mallory Krapf	Brianna Williams
Maggie Fuelling	Kaitlyn Larmore	Mariah Williams
Marissa Gibson	Sidney Layton	Sydney Woodard
Myranda Harper	Karleigh Lemond	
Alexis Hawkins	Kella Lichlyter	

## Bettye A. Statham Gold Award Scholarship Recipient

Rachel Hollinden, 2022 Gold Award Girl Scout

## Top Cookie Bosses

Addison Burge 3,584 packages	Zia Williams 1,798 packages
Hannah Grimes 2,719 packages	Becca Vaughan 1,774 packages
Mallory James 2,639 packages	Nykole Barnett 1,755 packages
Abigail Wagoner 2,293 packages	Marlena Mullins 1,750 packages
Jaclynne Arrigo 1,838 packages	