



2022 GOLD AWARD CEREMONY
JUNE 11

The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art
150 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome

Laura Webb, GSWCF Board President

Flag Ceremony/Girl Scout Opening Ceremony

Troop 32300

Message from Our CEO

Mary Pat King, GSWCF CEO

Message from Laura Hine

Laura Hine, Executive Director of James Museum

Presentation of the 2021-2022

Girl Scout Gold Awards: Part 1

Abby Mackness, GSWCF Board First Vice President
Stephen Ponzillo, GSWCF Board Member at Large

Presentation of Scholarships

Retired Lt. Col, USAF, Jean Kohler, Girl Scouts of Suncoast
Council Board President, 1994-2000

Message from Diejonia Abbott

Diejonia Abbott, GSWCF High Award Committee Member and
Gold Award Girl Scout

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Girl Scout Gold Awards: Part 2

Michelene Everett, GSWCF Board Member at Large
Carrie Alexander, GSWCF Gold Award Committee Member

Bronze Cross Tribute:

In Memoriam of Amerie Jo Garza

Mary Pat King, GSWCF CEO

Gold Award Ceremony Closing

Laura Webb, GSWCF Board President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's 2021-2022 Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony!

For more than 100 years, the Gold Award has established a legacy, not only for the young women who achieve it, but also for the communities that have benefitted. As the award has evolved from its beginnings in 1916 as the Golden Eaglet of Merit, it has always held its place as the highest award in Girl Scouting, a testament to the leadership and determination of every girl who has earned it.

We thank you for joining us as we honor the outstanding achievements of 38 young women who continue that legacy by earning their Girl Scout Gold Award. We look to the future as we recognize 98 Girl Scout Cadettes who are following in their footsteps by earning the Girl Scout Silver Award and 252 Girl Scout Juniors who are earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award. These young leaders demonstrate hard work and passion, and in doing so touch lives and improve our communities of today and the future.

Today, these Girl Scouts join the alliance of women who took the initiative to assert themselves as leaders and community advocates, making meaningful, sustainable changes in their communities and around the world. Please spend some time learning about these inspiring young women and their projects. I promise that you will be in awe of their dedication, perseverance, compassion, and overall character. Each of these girls have overcome many obstacles in order to complete their projects. They are our future business and community leaders, and they possess the skills and ambition to overcome any obstacles that comes their way. We honor them today as they move into the next phase of life, following paths that lead them to continue to be enthusiastic visionaries.

Congratulations to all of the 2021-2022 Gold, Silver, and Bronze award recipients. These extraordinary young women are leaders and innovative change-makers. We can be confident that whatever their aspirations, with Girl Scouts as part of their background, these young women will continue to make all of us proud! We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Lastly, a special thank you to all of the Girl Scout Gold Award mentors and families for their help in guiding the girls to achieve their goals, and to the Gold Award Committee members for this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Webb".

LAURA WEBB
President, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Board

The Mark of the Truly Remarkable

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable Take Action projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. In 100 years, one million girls have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent. University research indicates that adding the Gold Award to a college application is a critical element in the admissions decision process.

- ▶ According to the 2012 National Girl Scout Alumnae Study, Gold Award Girl Scouts place significantly higher importance on having a successful career and financial security, being leaders, and they are more likely to believe that they are achieving their life's ambitions.
- ▶ A number of colleges and universities recognize the achievements and leadership abilities of Gold Award Girl Scouts by establishing scholarship programs for them. Girl Scouts of the USA publishes the Scholarships for Girl Scouts at [girlscouts.org/scholarships](https://www.girlscouts.org/scholarships) and all Gold Award Girl Scouts and their families are strongly encouraged to check it out. Seniors in high school can also apply for a council scholarship.
- ▶ A Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award immediately rises one rank in any U.S. military branch.
- ▶ Gold Award Girl Scouts are acknowledged by many government, state, local, and non-profit organizations.
- ▶ Girls completing their High Awards at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold levels may apply their service hours to the President's Volunteer Service Awards. For more information, visit [presidentialserviceawards.gov](https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov).
- ▶ Through sustainable Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award projects, girls find the root cause of community issues and take action to improve lives now and in the future.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS **girl scouts** gold award



ASHLYN G.



BREANA W.

Ann Hensler Scholarship

The Ann Hensler Scholarship is in honor of Ann Hensler, a past GSWCF Executive Director and a 1992 Woman of Distinction who was with GSWCF for approximately 10 years. Ann passed away from cancer in 1999, and in her will she donated funds to be used as a scholarship for Gold Award Girl Scouts in recognition of their accomplishments.



LILY P.

GSWCF Scholarship

Funded by ad purchases in the Gold Award Ceremony program, the GSWCF scholarship is a scholarship opportunity for Gold Award Girl Scouts in the west central Florida area. This new scholarship provides Gold Award Girl Scouts with funds to help support their higher education.



TATUM M.

GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes one outstanding Gold Award Girl Scout per council. The following Girl Scout has been selected because her project exemplifies the core components of the Gold Award, and demonstrates extraordinary leadership to drive lasting change in their community and beyond.



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GRACE ALLEN
Pretty Port Pillows

Grace advocated for those going through chemotherapy by making over 100 port pillows. The ports patients have placed to help with chemo can become irritated by seatbelts and cause infection. The port pillows Grace created provide comfort and help to eliminate that issue by attaching to a seat belt giving a cushion so no infection or discomfort occurs. Grace shared the video on how to create port pillows with her community and had over 100 and counting pillows made by other people. The project is sustained in numerous ways; the video is uploaded to YouTube for anyone to access. Grace's box at Dr. Cogburn's office at Florida Cancer Specialists directs people to the video each pillow has a web link to Grace's website gsprettyinpink.com. Grace's community also hosts Pretty in Pink every year and will ask for pillows annually to keep donating. Grace is working with Troop 3529 in her community so they can be in charge of the port pillow project and keep it going for years to come. Grace is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



MADISON AYERS
Meditation Garden at My Warrior's Place

Madison created a Meditation Garden, a peaceful environment for all the brave men and women serving in the military and as first responders, to be able to reflect and relax. My Warrior's Place is a place to support veterans, military, firefighters, and law enforcement, as well as Gold, Blue, and Silver Star families. Sometimes these jobs can cause stress. Meditation is the ancient practice of gaining clarity through mindfulness. It is also one of the oldest methods to harmonize the mind and body. The Meditation Garden will be sustained by the volunteers and people of My Warrior's Place. The brochure for the Meditation Garden is located in the My Warrior's Place office and displayed in the brochure holder. To learn more about My Warrior's Place, visit mywarriorsplace.org. Madison is graduating from Newsome High School in 2023.



OLIVIA BASS
Observation Deck at CDT Pioneer Pond

Olivia created an observation deck to teach young girls why it is important to maintain a healthy ecosystem and how to recognize a healthy ecosystem. They can take the information they learned and help others throughout the country learn how to maintain their own ecosystems and keep their environment strong and healthy for many more generations. The deck at Pioneer Pond is 10x10 feet with programs posted around the deck with QR codes to take the girls to a web page to learn more about animals local to CDT. There is also a QR code guest book for visitors to scan to see how many people have visited the deck. The observation deck will be sustained by Troop 33529, who will replenish the brochures at the library. Olivia graduated from Newsome High School in 2021.

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ANN B. Friendship Bridge

Ann's Gold Award addressed the issue of the children's obesity epidemic. The main source of inspiration for this project was that children do not want to play outside and want to play on their phones instead. Ann addressed this by building a bridge for kids to play on at Camp Wai Lani. The Friendship Bridge also doubles as a bridge for bridging ceremonies, hence the name "Friendship Bridge". The bridge also has a video, a link for public access and will be sustained by Ranger Darryl Behensky at Camp Wai Lani. Ann is graduating from the Academy of The Holy Names in 2022.



KATHERINE B. Green Thumb Girl

Katherine created a curriculum and taught young girls from Kindergarten to 3rd grade about the importance of gardening and sustainability. In the curriculum, there are activities and a lesson plan that explored many of the aspects of growing your own food as it correlates to being healthy. The plants that Katherine showed the girls came from the garden boxes that were donated to Nancy Lemon with the organization, Girls with Confidence. The project will be sustained by Nancy Lemon, who has included the Green Thumb Girl curriculum as a permanent class that she will teach. Katherine also shared the curriculum with a local Girl Scout Troop to implement. Katherine is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



SADIE C. (2020-2021 recipient) Type 1, Type What?

Sadie addressed the common misconceptions about Type 1 vs. Type 2 Diabetes focusing on educating youth to alleviate medical bias related to diabetes. Sadie created an in-depth video of how Type 1 diabetes affects the body, presented the video, and held a discussion along with a question and answer session with a 7th-grade class via Zoom. Additionally, she created an Instagram account @typeonetuesday, posting facts and information about Type 1 diabetes every Tuesday. The project will be sustained through the Instagram page and through the newly established support group for Type 1 diabetic teens called Type One Tuesday. On the first Tuesday of every month, the group meets to discuss various topics that affect a Type 1 diabetic's everyday life. Post-graduation, Sadie's younger brother (who is a Type 1 diabetic) will continue the meetings. Sadie's former middle school science teacher has agreed to present and discuss the video every year. Sadie is graduating from the Academy of The Holy Names in 2022.

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HEIDI C. **Identification Cards for Kids**

Heidi's project focused on informing more kids and their parents about the importance of having state-issued identification cards and inspiring them to get one if they don't already have one. Heidi worked to help lower the number of kids that go missing and increase the chances of finding them faster with identification cards to lower the number of Amber Alerts that go out in a year. Heidi created a video with special guest speakers to emphasize the importance of identification cards for kids. The project will be sustained by the teachers at Heidi's local elementary and middle schools sharing the video along with informational flyers with their classes every year as part of the Great American Teach-In. Heidi graduates from Tarpon Springs High School in 2022.



MIRINA C. **Dental Hygiene Bags for Foster Kids**

Mirina's project focused on teaching foster kids proper dental hygiene and the importance of keeping their teeth nice and clean to alleviate future health issues she created cards about dental hygiene to put inside of the bags for the kids to read and distributing a flyer to the parents about the importance of keeping teeth healthy. The flyers were dropped off at Family Support Services, the local library, and a dentist's office. The project will be sustained by the Pinellas Park High School National Honor Society. Mirina will graduate from Pinellas Park High School in 2022.



EMILY C. **Astraea Zine Project**

Emily's project aimed to amplify the voices of girls around the world who do not have the resources or ability to express and share their experiences. Emily created a platform for anyone women and non-binary people from the ages of 10-21 to share their creativity through works of art and writing. Emily created a beautiful website with over 2,000 visitors since she began, an Instagram account with over 300 followers, and a team of ten girls who help share and design the zine. The 50-page-long first issue was entitled "Goddess." Emily will continue working to sustain this creative platform for years to come. You can read the current issues or submit work at astraeazine.com. Emily will graduate from St. Petersburg Collegiate High School in 2024.

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LINDSEY D. **Recycling in Tampa Bay**

Lindsey created education about proper recycling and the impact of improper recycling in the Tampa Bay Area to address the lack of education among kids and teens about the state of our environment and the climate crisis. To spread the message she spoke to a middle school biology class; at a local elementary school to first through third-grade classes, and to her own school's environment club of approximately 30 students. Lindsey helped 4 girls from a local Girl Scout Cadette troop earn their EcoTrekker badge and was given the opportunity to speak about her Gold Award project on WFLA News Channel 8. Lindsey's educational materials can be accessed by anyone through the videos she created and posted on YouTube about recycling guidelines, the importance of proper recycling, and the reasons to advocate for and care about our planet. The project will be sustained by the presentation framework and posters, which were passed on to the leader of the environment club to continue distributing in future years and through the YouTube videos, which remain public and widely accessible. Lindsey is graduating from Tampa Preparatory School in 2022.



OLIVIA D. **Life Skill Memory Boxes**

Olivia addressed the lack of stimulation that the elderly lose from living alone or from not being able to communicate with family members. Over 11 million people provide unpaid care, with little training or tools, to individuals who experience memory loss. She created life skill boxes that contained items related to a theme in someone's life such as weddings, traveling or gardening. Olivia also created YouTube videos with DIY instructions for caregivers to create the boxes at home. The project will be sustained by Discovery Villages. The boxes were donated to Discovery Villages and will be continuously used by the residents at the memory care facility. She also created a flyer that the facility will send out to the community of Discovery Villages to promote the YouTube videos. Olivia is graduating from Berkeley Preparatory School in 2022.



FARAH E. **Backyard Composting**

Farah addressed pollution by promoting better approaches to reuse things separated from plastics and offer assistance to reduce the sum of trash that goes into landfills, through approaches such as composting kitchen scraps, which benefits nearby and individual home gardens. Farah hosted Zoom meetings to increase awareness of composting and started a composting site at a nearby school where the community can contribute. The project will be sustained through the website, pamphlets shared in local libraries and a newly established patch program. Farah is graduating from Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School in 2022.

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CAROLINA F. **Purple Martin Birdhouses**

Carolina created Purple Martin birdhouses to control the mosquito population at Camp Dorothy Thomas. Carolina's goal was for the young Girl Scouts at the camp to increase their knowledge about Purple Martins and how they are useful to our environment, thus educating girls about the bird habitats that are being destroyed and how we can help them. She was able to install a birdhouse with a QR code on the post linked to an educational video explaining birdhouses and Purple Martins. There are four binders in the camp lodge with coloring activities, informational sheets, and more QR codes along with a guest book that will be used to measure results. The project will be sustained by Troop 771. Carolina graduated from Newsome High School in 2021.



ELAINE F. **Literacy Awareness**

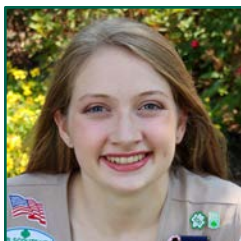
Elaine created a sustainable literacy awareness portal website for adults and children. For adults, it provides information about literacy, how they can help children with reading and resources for the children in their lives. For children, it provides resources for many read-aloud videos and fun learning sites. To promote her website, Elaine created social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), designed bookmarks for children, made a business card for adults, had a rubber stamp made, and collected books so she could stamp the books before donating them. Elaine collected over 4400 books, all stamped with the rubber stamp with her website address and "Read. Share. Repeat." to encourage others to share the book when finished. She also distributed packets to 34 elementary schools to advocate the importance of literacy where students at the school get together and read. The project will be sustained by the National Honor Society at Freedom High School, 34 Hillsborough County elementary schools, and by the Hillsborough County School Board Members. Elaine is graduating from Freedom High School in 2023.



LINDSEY F. **Bridging the Silence**

Lindsey installed communication boards in Corr Elementary and Belmont Elementary schools. These boards have pictures and words that are familiar to kids with communication impairments. Lindsey demonstrated to the teachers how these boards can be used and implemented in the classroom to help kids who are non-verbal. She created an Instagram with information on how to create the communication boards, tips on how to interact with people who are non-verbal, and a comment section for any questions that arise as the general public uses the boards. She also placed flyers in local libraries, schools, and doctor's offices on frequently asked questions about the communication boards and interaction with people who are non-verbal. The project will be sustained by Alison Vallejo, the Speech/Language Pathologist at Corr Elementary who incorporates the communication boards into her therapies to teach students about these important tools for years to come. Lindsey is graduating from Riverview High School in 2022.

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ASHLYN G. Look Out!

Ashlyn created a connection among the population to our local natural treasures by installing an observation deck at Girl Scout Camp Dorothy Thomas and hosted events like viewing the Perseid's Meteor shower to actively get kids into nature. By offering suggestions and events about nature, Ashlyn introduced ideas and concepts about environmental preservation in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Ashlyn continued the work by creating an informational video about protecting and helping grow the population of Burrowing Owls meant to reach children with no access to local nature spots. In addition to the video, she installed Burrowing Owl habitats and set up talks for the Audubon Society to host at Camp Dorothy Thomas to further children's education of the endangered species. The project will be sustained by the Tampa Audubon Society and Camp Dorothy Thomas. Ashlyn is home-schooled and will be graduating in 2022.



SARAH H. A Change in Scenery

Sarah attends a relatively new high school with very few resources allocated for the theater department. Sarah's project alleviated this by establishing two lesson plans and two Hollywood flats that can be used to teach future students about set design. This will give them real world practice through analytical woodworking skills while strengthening their ability to focus on, process, and sequence information when building the 4x8 foot Hollywood flats and practice tool safety in the process, while giving the theater department more access for future generations of students. Providing the school with two multi-use set pieces for scenery and also establishing and posting lesson plans and a slideshow to a teacher website as well as a social media platform allows for consistent reference tools for both teachers and students. Sarah will graduate from Cypress Creek High School in 2022.



CASEY I. Library for Little Learners

Casey addressed the and the disparity of student literacy resources among elementary schools. She collected books and hosted a free book fair at Westshore Elementary School right before summer to ensure students would have a minimum of one book to read over the summer. Additionally, she created an Instagram page to educate people about the issue of illiteracy sharing literacy facts, and a YouTube page with six audiobooks for students to listen to and follow along with the corresponding free e-book. The YouTube videos were shared with the librarian at Westshore Elementary School who passed them on to teachers. The project will be sustained by the National Honor Society at Robinson High School which will host a book drive yearly. Furthermore, the YouTube audiobooks will be available publicly. Casey is graduating from Robinson High School in 2022.

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KAITLYN J. **Cardinal Direction Scavenger Hunt**

Kaitlyn created a scavenger hunt that teaches girls how to use a compass and identify and navigate using the cardinal directions. She created a Facebook page to share the educational resources that were used in the scavenger hunt to increase awareness of the project. The scavenger hunt informed the community of the layout of Camp

Dorothy Thomas. The project will be sustained by Kaitlyn's troop and Camp Dorothy Thomas staff. Kaitlyn graduated from Newsome High School in 2021.



EMILY M. **Operation Serenity**

Emily addressed restricted VA hospital visitation during the COVID-19 global pandemic by collecting items the Lake Nona Hospital needed and donating them on Veterans Day. Operation Serenity promotes a smoother recovery for those in the VA hospital by providing recovering veterans with resources that aim to better their mental state

during their hospital stay. Additionally, Emily's project brings awareness to the struggles that veterans faced while in the VA hospital during the pandemic. Emily was able to donate over 800 items to the VA hospital. She planned, organized, and worked with different groups that are now inspired to continue to donate items to veterans. The project will be sustained by the Students Serving Soldiers Club and the quilting group QGOTV Charities who will make and donate quilts to different VA hospitals all around Florida yearly. They will also donate quilts once a year to the Lake Nona VA hospital. Emily will graduate from West Orange in 2025.



SAMANTHA M. **Reading for Success Book Cabinet**

Samantha addressed the issue of homelessness and low-income families not having access to books to read by putting book cabinets at homeless shelters. One cabinet is at Metropolitan Ministries and the other is located at the Pinellas Hope Homeless Shelter.

With the help of the community, Samantha has been able to keep both cabinets filled with books. The project will be sustained by the Beautiful Waters Service Unit who will host a yearly book drive and deliver the books to both locations. Carol Clark will bring books to Pinellas Hope every two to three months from her community library and Tiffany Butts will collect unsold books at her community yard sales and deliver them to both locations twice a year. Adapt Fresh, Main Street Pharmacy, Traumatic Brain Diagnostics, and Funding4Doctors have all agreed to host book drives. A Pinellas Hope resident and Jennifer Young at Metropolitan Ministries will maintain the book cabinets. Samantha will graduate from J.W. Mitchell High School in 2023.

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KENZIE M. **Tic-Tac-Toe Therapy**

Kenzie created Tic-Tac-Toe boards for the memory care unit at Discovery Village in Westchase. As residents and their families play the games and discuss how it helps memory, the family members spread the word about the benefits memory games.

Kenzie wanted to tell people about what she learned and how these types of games and projects can help elderly residents in simple ways. A description of the project was posted in a local magazine, Kenzie posted a YouTube video about the project, posted information on social media, and created a flyer that was provided to Discovery Village. The project will be sustained by Kelsey Ballehr at Discovery Village and through the publicly accessible YouTube video. Kelsey will distribute the flyer to the other facilities in the Assisted Living Facilities network. Kenzie is graduating from Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School in 2022.



JULIANA M. **Project Positivity**

Juliana addressed depression, home issues, self-insecurities, bullying, and mental illnesses by creating an Instagram and Wix website. On Instagram, she posted positive affirmations reminding others to celebrate how far they've come if they are going through a hard time, gave ideas on what to do when you are overthinking, and the difference between toxic positivity and genuine optimism when talking to someone going through a hard time.

Juliana's Wix website addresses depression, mental health, and how to spread positivity in your community as well. The project will be sustained by Juliana's sister, Silvana, who took over the project to implement it in her ambassador group at school. Juliana graduated from Cambridge Christian School in 2021.



TATUM M. **12.3 My Home is Drug-Free**

Tatum worked to encourage, educate, and empower individuals in her community to make the world a better place. Hosting a local prescription drug take-back day, she collected 25 pounds of medicine from her local community, which effectively motivated citizens to properly dispose of their unwanted, unused, and expired

prescription or over-the-counter medicines. Tatum's audience was educated on the importance of proper disposal of medicines and the dangers of improper disposal. The project will be sustained by the Students Against Destructive Decisions club at her school where she is president of the club this year and will train and assist the underclassman next year, so that when she graduates they will be prepared to sustain the project annually. Tatum is graduating from H.B. Plant High School in 2023.

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ELENA M. **Bring Kids the Stories**

Elena's project focused on supporting the needs of the Ronald McDonald House by providing access to books to kids who have to stay for long periods of time due to a family members hospitalization. Elena held a book drive to donate books for the kids to read, along with recordings of the books for kids who might not have strong literary skills yet, and need someone to help, even if their parents are preoccupied at the hospital. The project is being sustained by the volunteers of Ronald McDonald House. Elena graduated from Gibbs High School in 2021.



MADELINE M. **Code Camp**

Madeline's project aimed to help close the gender gap for women in technology fields by providing engaging STEM activities for young women within the inclusive environment of Girl Scout camp. Girls participated in fun activities, such as coding in Minecraft, coding using drag and drop coding for younger girls, making binary code bracelets, and playing a game to teach them about algorithms using LEGO Friends. These activities were specifically designed to be more stereotypically girly, and the girls had lots of fun participating in them with their friends. Code Camp is being passed onto INTERA Geosciences Corporation, as well as being sustained by members of Troop 1241. These groups will continue to act as facilitators for Code Camp programming, as well as maintain any necessary computer upkeep and continue to fund the project, should additional funding be required. There are trained facilitators for the project both within Troop 1241 and at INTERA. Madeline graduated from Sunlake High School in 2021.



REMI N. **Boxes of Joy**

Remi addressed the lack of activities and materials needed for teens to stay active while they are in the hospitals by creating Boxes of Joy. The boxes focus on skill development; creativity with sketchbooks and origami, writing skills from journaling, and positivity by learning more about themselves and what they can achieve. Remi's project can be used by other hospitals that see the impact that it has on the teens, allowing for the boxes to reach not only locally but further than Remi imagined. The project will be sustained by Remi's youth group who will continue donating boxes to local hospitals. Remi graduated from Newsome High School in 2021.

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NATALIE O. **What is Weighing on Your Mind**

Natalie's project focused on helping to lower the anxiety that children with autism and ADHD can face every day. Neurodivergent children can experience a sensory overload in classrooms, but accessibility devices like weighted lap pads can help. The weighted lap pads Natalie created will help calm them and maintain their focus. Natalie donated 30 lap pads to three elementary schools: Woodland Elementary, West Zephyrhills Elementary and Sand Pine Elementary School. She also demonstrated to students and teachers how to use them. The project will be sustained by the elementary schools. Natalie is graduating from Zephyrhills High School in 2022.



AURORA O. **A New Beginning- Blessing Baskets**

Aurora's project focused on advocacy for women in domestic violence situations, teaching people signs of domestic violence, places to get help such as resource centers, and in her own way helping by giving blessing baskets. Aurora was able to donate 50 blessing baskets to the Women's Resource Center. Aurora spread awareness of domestic violence through social media, through an article that was published in local newspapers and through flyers posted at different public locations such as libraries, community centers, etc. The project will be sustained by a charity group called the Cherubs of Charity. Aurora is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



ALEXANDRA "ALLIE" P. (2020-2021 recipient) **Letters of Love**

Allie's project aimed to help lonely senior citizens find companionship. Allie established two pen pal programs to help brighten up the elderly's days. Each program was with a different Girl Scout troop and a different living facility. Both troops are based in Tampa, along with one of the independent living facilities, Renaissance North Tampa. The other living facility is located in North Carolina, Presbyterian Homes Inc. Allie increased awareness of elderly depression by distributing flyers, infographics, and sharing information on social media. The project will be sustained by the Girl Scout troops and the independent living facilities who will continue the pen pal program. Allie is graduating from Academy Of The Holy Names in 2022.



TAYLOR R. **A Great Day to Care**

Taylor's project addressed the issue of poverty and homelessness of single mothers who cannot afford childcare during the day by creating a playroom for kids to stay in, to alleviate some of the pressure of life for the single mothers trying to get back on their feet financially. The playroom is located at the Resurrection House and allows the mothers to keep their children somewhere educational, fun, and safe while they are out doing important errands, attending school, or working. The project will be sustained by the Resurrection House and Taylor's little sister's Girl Scout troop led by her mother. Taylor is graduating from Gibbs High School in 2022.

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EMILY R.
Nature to Every Table

Emily's project educated children at a local summer camp about the benefits of eating healthy and helped them start a garden. The garden gave them an excellent way to get involved in making healthy choices and got them to collaborate with other campers who they might not otherwise spend time with, strengthening their sense of belonging and awareness of others. The gardening program will be sustained by the recreation center and the website will be updated by Emily's friends and family, as they enjoy gardening and healthy eating. Emily is graduating from Alonso High School in 2022.



MAGGIE R.
A Hug from a Mug

Maggie's project focused on mental health awareness. Families with a member undergoing medical treatment struggle with many emotions during the process. They can deal with financial, emotional, physical, and most importantly mental stress. Maggie decorated and donated mugs with inspirational quotes to the Ronald McDonald House to help alleviate mental stress. Maggie met with two Girl Scout troops to explain her project, the Ronald McDonald House to discuss the importance of mental health. The project will be sustained by the Ronald McDonald House by continuing to raise mental health awareness. Maggie is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



SOPHIA S.
Wonderful Words

Sophia's project aimed to promote literacy in school-aged children and to spread awareness about literacy in lower-income areas. Sophia reached her goal of helping literature become more accessible by building a little library near the Seeds of Hope Food Bank. The project will be sustained by the volunteers at Seeds of Hope. Since the little library is right by the food bank, people at Seeds of Hope volunteering have also been trained to help check on the little libraries. Additionally, there are automated posts that are distributed via social media to encourage book donations at the little library. Sophia is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



ABIGAIL S.
Beauty Standards and their Effect on Body Image

Abigail addressed the issue of harsh beauty standards and their effect on young girls, specifically those in middle school. Often, social perception of beauty may lead to issues of self-worth and change how girls see themselves. This issue, besides impacting mental health, can also cause illnesses such as depression and anorexia. Abigail created a slideshow addressing social norms and beauty standards, and how these impact self-esteem to educate girls on these issues and inspire change through awareness. Abigail contacted leaders and sponsors of multiple groups at middle schools and in Girl Scouts, distributed the slideshow to spread the message to schools and organizations across the county, and the slideshow will continue to be presented into the future. Abigail will graduate from East Lake High School in 2023.

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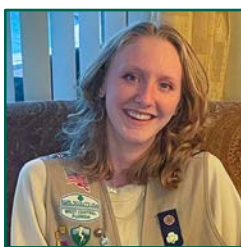
SARAH S. **Fabulously Unique**

Sarah created the Fabulously Unique support group to provide a safe place to ask questions, shares success stories, and also to address challenges that come along with having an upper limb difference. She created a Facebook group for members to participate in and a monthly Zoom support group meeting. Fabulously Unique also received a donation to purchase picture books about limb differences to donate to a local elementary school. The goal of the book donation was to start spreading awareness about limb differences. The school media specialist and the social workers used these books to educate the children about upper limb differences. The project will be sustained through the support group and a licensed mental health counselor. Sarah graduated from Cielo Vista Christian Academy in 2021.



BREANA W. **Medical Supply Pantry**

Breana addressed the homeless population's need for first aid medical supplies by creating pamphlets regarding common medical injuries and the best ways to treat them and receive help. Breana also created a medical supply pantry program at the Shepherd Center in Tarpon Springs to ensure that the homeless and less fortunate can receive over-the-counter medical supplies to assist them and help them stay healthy in any situation. The project will be sustained by the Shepherd Center. Breana is graduating from Palm Harbor University High School in 2022.



EMMA W. **Mental Health Awareness Patch, for Girls by Girls**

Emma's project addressed the negative stigma and bias surrounding the topic of mental health by providing an accurate education for middle and high school students. In particular, focusing on teaching Girl Scouts about good mental health practices and accurate information about mental illness. Emma addressed the lack of education about mental health and treated the gap which creates that negative stigma. Emma's patch program provided a variety of options for completion, making the educational access very accessible. Participants can receive a guided education on the exclusive Zoom program offered or can participate in self-led education through the patch's website. The project will be sustained by Anclote's National Honor Society. Emma is graduating from Anclote High School in 2022.

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REILLY W. **Operation Clean Berets**

Reilly worked to provide a safe clean space for veteran families and friends to visit on Veterans Day, as well as to educate the community and project team members on the difference cleaning gravesites can make and the stories of our veterans. Reilly shared the stories of veterans via social media as well as through focused speeches at organizations that serve veterans, and through an article in the local newspaper. The project will be sustained by the Newsome High School JROTC and the Hillsborough County Chapter of Disabled American Veterans. Reilly is graduating from Newsome High School in 2022.



KELLY W. (2020–2021 recipient) **Gardens for Grandparents**

Kelly started Gardens for Grandparents to break the stigma associated with memory care and dementia. She created YouTube videos that educate viewers on dementia and explain how specific herbs are beneficial to people with memory issues. She also built and planted garden beds for the Memory Care Unit at Discovery Village. The gardens are filled with the different memory-supporting herbs that Kelly discusses in her videos. The residents of Discovery Village not only get to enjoy tending the gardens but also reap the benefits the herbs provide. Kelly is graduating from Alonso High School in 2022.



ANNA W. **Eating Disorder Education**

Anna worked hands-on with middle school students to educate them about what an eating disorder is, and how to talk effectively about themselves or others that they believe are at risk. To emphasize the educational aspect, Anna, along with a psychologist, educated parents on how to properly approach the subject with their children. Anna also created a website that detailed what an eating disorder is, types of eating disorders, and how to treat them. She included pages on how to talk to a parent, friend at risk, doctor, and your child, along with a blog that features volunteers talking about their struggles with eating disorders and/or body image. By connecting middle school students and other individuals with these resources in an accessible and anonymous way, Anna was able to support her goal to decrease the stigma by making people feel less alone and more confident in their knowledge of eating disorders. The project will be sustained through the website, and the Guidance Office and PTSA at Wilson Middle School. Anna graduated from Robinson High School in 2021.

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve. Girls earning this award have DISCOVERED issues, CONNECTED with their community, developed leadership skills, and TAKEN ACTION to advocate for their passions. They have each given 50 hours, and most gave many more, towards their award. We congratulate the girls below for their dedication and hours of hard work!

Alyssa A.
Emma A.
Emma A.
Sydney A.
Angelina A.
Elin B.
Isabelle B.
Joleen B.
Grace B.
Jocelyn B.
Leishka C.
Ashley C.
Kenzie C.
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Jasmine C.
Kathryn C.
Rae D.
Dhara D.
Megan D.
Hannah D.
Margaret D.
Laran D.
Sophia D.
Amelia D.
Mary D.
Abigail D.
Sara E.
Emily E.
Ellise E.
Kaitlyn F.
Mary F.
Sierra F.
Sienna F.
Abigail F.
Kaitlynn G.
Zoe G.
Claire G.
Alie G.
Mariana G.
Julia G.
Ayla G.
Maisey G.
Adeline H.

Bailey H.
Korinne H.
Amelie H.
Brianna H.
Madelynn H.
Chloe H.
Lilith J.
Eden J.
Ashlynn J.
Brenna K.
Amber K.
Dahlia K.
Ariana K.
Adrian L.
Lily L.
Katie M.
Asiah M.
Mia M.
Eryn M.
Madelyn M.
Avery M.
Meghan M.
Gianna M.
Ariana O.
Deanna P.
Jocelyn P.
Katherine P.
Roma P.
Crystal P.
Alexa P.
Shea P.
Zeniya R.
Meagan R.
Melissa R.
Natalia R.
Savannah R.
Isabella S.
Elizabeth S.
Pearl S.
Cecilia S.
Aubrey S.
Haylee S.
Danai S.

Lexi S.
Brenda S.
Angelina S.
Eva S.
Abigayle T.
Madison T.
Madison V.
Anna W.
Laila W.
Samantha W.
Madison W.
River Y.
Danielle Y.

*List reflects girls who
completed their projects
between March 30, 2021–April
1, 2022.*

BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. Girls earning this award have DISCOVERED issues, CONNECTED with their community, developed leadership skills, and TAKEN ACTION to advocate for their passions. They have each given 20 hours, and most gave many more, towards their award. This award is worked on as a troop. We congratulate them for their dedication and hours of hard work! We cannot wait to recognize our 2021–2022 Bronze Award recipients who have completed or are currently working on their project.

Emma A.	Kayla C.	Emily G.	Shelby L.	Abigail N.
Haven A.	Julia C.	Charmari G.	Lainey L.	Kylie N.
Hailee A.	Sophia C.	Alannah G.	Isabella L.	Marin O.
Zoe A.	Clarissa C.	Elise G.	Emma L.	Gabrielle O.
Natalie A.	Elise C.	Harmony G.	Grace L.	Mia O.
Olivia A.	Clair C.	Alice H.	Maya L.	Braelyn O.
Elaina A.	Lily C.	Nevaeh H.	Morgan L.	Bryce O.
Isabella A.	Grace C.	Kendall H.	Maya L.	Sierra P.
Margo A.	Mariana C.	Adriana H.	Audrianna L.	Olivia P.
Zoe A.	Coralynn C.	Rylinn H.	Madalyn L.	Payton P.
Jacinta B.	Eadie D.	Brianna H.	Eliana L.	Elizabeth P.
Brooklyn B.	Taryn D.	Ava H.	Brooke L.	Malila P.
Megan B.	Eva D.	Natalya H.	Christiana L.	Micah P.
Briyel B.	Lindsey D.	Emma H.	Isobel M.	Whitney P.
Mara B.	Olivia D.	Lily H.	Alivia M.	Avery P.
Molly B.	Sophia D.	Isabella H.	Olivia M.	Grace P.
Savannah B.	Chloe D.	Grace H.	Maggie M.	Gabriella P.
Layne B.	Katie D.	Haleigh H.	Stephanie M.	Margaret P.
Emily B.	Bailey D.	Katarina H.	Eva M.	Aaliyah R.
Caroline B.	Cecilia D.	Madelyn H.	Layla M.	Abigail R.
Keiara B.	Grace D.	Aleksa I.	Izalia M.	Rosemary R.
Katie B.	Abigail D.	Madison J.	Leah M.	Angelica R.
Anna B.	Lillian D.	Alexis J.	Lily M.	Maggie R.
Patience B.	Katielynn D.	Kayla J.	Riley M.	Olivia R.
Kayla B.	Hillary D.	Gabriella J.	Cynthia M.	Kylie R.
Trinity B.	Caileigh D.	Lena J.	Peyton M.	Caroline R.
Alina B.	Alannah D.	Kaylee J.	Cadence M.	Gracie R.
Ashley B.	Reagan D.	Sophia K.	Paula M.	Summer S.
Sophia B.	Alice E.	Giuliana K.	Kamilla M.	Elizabeth S.
Genavive B.	Reilly F.	Haylie K.	Lola M.	Shandielys S.
Sarah B.	Julia F.	Jillian K.	Lyrlee M.	Ava S.
Jordan B.	Rory F.	Summer K.	Lainee M.	Josephine S.
Gabriella B.	Maci F.	Zoey K.	Ellie M.	Lucy S.
Isabelle C.	Diora F.	Layne K.	Tess M.	Kayla S.
Isabella C.	Summerlee F.	Jenna B.	Julia M.	River S.
Brooke C.	Olivia G.	Jaelynn K.	Kaiden M.	Amelie S.
Alexa C.	Zoey G.	Ekaa K.	Dianna M.	Allison S.
Jolyan C.	Shreena G.	Kyleigh K.	Harper M.	Kaylee S.
Lily C.	Vivian G.	Lillian K.	Natalia M.	Collins S.
Hana C.	Natalia G.	Tegan K.	Eleanor N.	Chloe S.
Abigail C.	Aubrey G.	Lola K.	Paige N.	Addison S.

BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Hayley S.
Gianna S.
Danica S.
Emma S.
Samantha S.
Kaitlyn S.
Siena S.
Jane S.
Sophya S.
Jasmine S.
Katelynn S.
Gracie S.
Olivia T.
Rose T.
Alyssa T.
Brooke T.
Claire T.
Eden T.
Katie T.
Lacey T.
Avery T.

Lacey T.
Ava T.
Rain T.
Lianna V.
Samantha V.
Maribel V.
Addison V.
Sofia V.
Slayton V.
Sara V.
Kate V.
Delaney W.
Samantha W.
Cheyenne W.
Elizabeth W.
Khloe W.
Olivia W.
Ava W.
Nya W.
Lily W.
Karlie W.

Addison W.
Mia W.
Alexis W.
Alyssa W.
Victoria Y.

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Congratulations Abby,

We are very proud of you,
now and always.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Emily

We are so proud of you!
You worked so hard to earn this
and we love you!



Congratulations, Breana

Look how much you have
done to lead and help your
community already. You
have an amazing future
ahead of you and we can't
wait to see how far you go.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nathan

Aurora & Sophia,

We are all so proud of
both of you and your
hard work on your
Gold Award projects!

Many congratulations!



Congratulations, Heidi

Heidi Bear,
Everything you do makes
us extremely proud of you.
Love you bunches,
Mom, Dad, Shannon, Star,
and Rose



Congratulations, Katy

We are so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, Philip
and Michael



Congratulations, Casey

We are so incredibly proud of you!

Your time in Girl Scouts has enriched all of our lives and will guide your path forward.

We love you so much!
Mom, Jordyn & Mia

Congratulations on all your hard work!

We are so proud of you and look forward to all the amazing things you will do in the future.

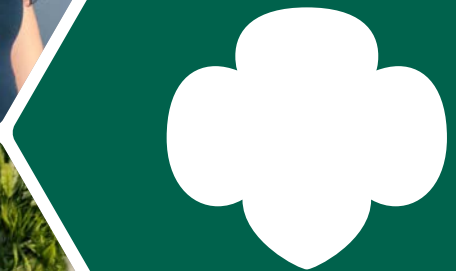
Love,
Mom, Dad, Charlotte,
Nanny, and PopPop.



Congratulations Maggie!

We are so proud of you. Earning your Gold Award is the ultimate accomplishment. Girl Scout, there is nothing you can't do.

We love you!
Dad and Mom



Congratulations Katy

On working hard,
never giving up and
earning the highest honor
in Girl Scouting-the
Gold Award!

We are all so proud of you!





Congratulations,
Maddy on earning your
Gold Award!

Your family and troop are proud
of your commitment to build
girls of courage, confidence, and
character as you make the world
a better place!



Grace,

We are so proud of you,
your hard work and your
commitment to helping
cancer patients for the past
five years! Congratulations
Gold Award Girl Scout!

Love you,
Mom and Genevieve





**Congratulations,
Grace Allen, Lindsey Flag,
Maggie Russ, and Reilly Weicht**

For achieving the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting! We are extremely proud of each of you for your hard work and dedication!

Carrie & Kelly



Congratulations, Natalie



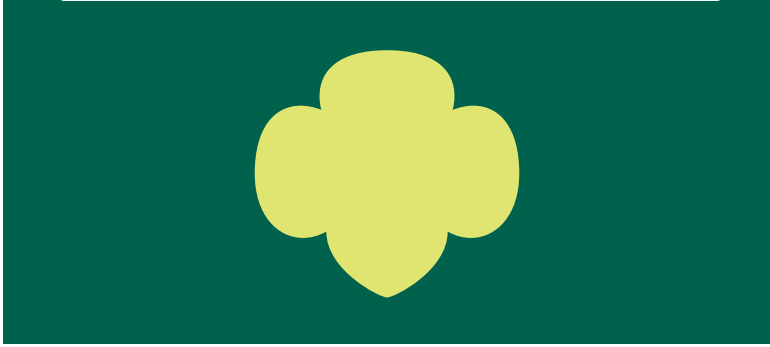
We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom and Dad

**Become a
Lifetime Member
today!**

When you become a lifetime member, we'll keep you updated on what's new, continue to inspire you with stories of girls who are making the world a better place, and share opportunities for you to speak up for girls.

Simply register at girlscouts.org/gradltm

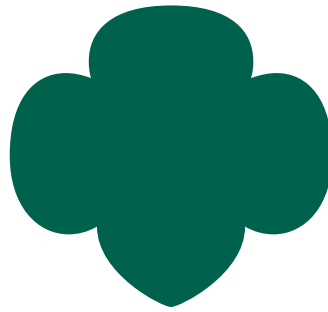




Congratulations
Ann, Allie, Casey,
Emily, Kelly, Kenzie,
Olivia & Sadie



You Make the
World a Better
Place!



Love,
Ms. Susan & Ms. Jenny
Troop 806

Thank You

for attending the
2021-2022
Gold Award Ceremony





Girl Scout Promise

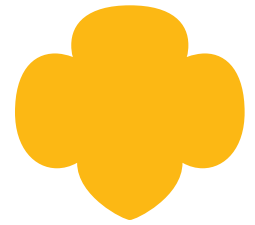
On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

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.

Gold Proclamation



GO within,

See yourself as pure gold, free to shine and way too good to play small.

GO deeper,

Into problems and places where help is needed, with the strength to spark worldwide change.

GO ALL OUT,

As a golden-gifted gi-normous force of nature owning your power to lead.

Imagine what will happen if we show a girl the heights of achievement,

Then promise to get her there.

Her inner light will take on an incredible new hue.

She'll see so many paths she can take,

She'll join hands with girls around the globe—

Learning, leading, lifting, climbing, shining, shaping the future,

They'll dream anew, in color. And together, they will go boldly forward.

We're inviting you to participate in the power of a billion bright lights.

A world ignited. When every girl believes that she can **GO GOLD**.

So how do we get her there? We ALL GO gold.

We GO to her side with the encouragement she needs.

We GO public with her incredible story.

We get everyone talking about what Gold Award means so when girls seek out community support, it's there.

And for every Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadet, Senior and Ambassador we put Gold firmly on their radar, and in their hearts.

We reignite the passion of Gold Alumnae, we get the entire community on the same glorious page with a clear-cut mission and a powerful rallying cry—a cry that will be heard, and felt, across this nation.

Everyone, together, **LET'S... GO GOLD!**

Make New Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver, the other is gold.

A circle is round, it has no end.
That's how long, I will be your friend.

A fire burns bright, it warms the heart.
We've been friends, from the very start.

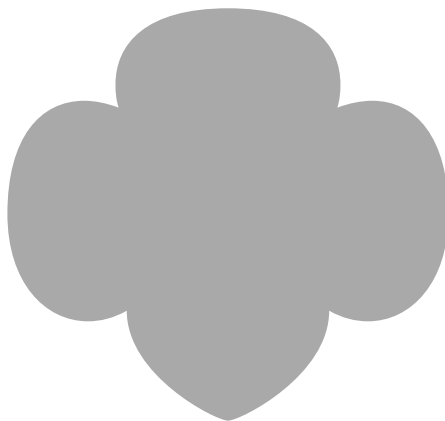
You have one hand, I have the other.
Put them together, we have each other.

Silver is precious, gold is too.
I am precious, and so are you.

You help me and I'll help you
and together we will see it through.

The sky is blue. The Earth is green.
I can help to keep it clean.

Across the land, Across the sea.
Friends forever we will always be.



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