

2014 Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Gold Award Recipients & Project Descriptions

Morgan Anderson, Troop #12102, Athens "Butterfly Dreams Sensory Trail"

Morgan's project was to construct a sensory trail at a therapeutic horseback riding and hippotherapy facility for children.

Ashley Behrend, Troop #20308, Evans "Teens Against Texting"

Ashley's project addressed the increasing car accident rate in society due to texting and driving. She educated teens and adults in the community hoping that they will be less likely to contribute to the issue.

Susanna Bondar, Troop #20151, Martinez "Illustrating to Improve Reading"

Susanna developed and delivered lesson plans on graphic novel writing for elementary school students to engage them in a fun and interesting reading activity.

Lena Boyd, Troop #60268, Monticello "Veterans of Jasper County Georgia"

Lena produced a DVD which included interviews with Jasper County veterans about their experiences in the military. She interviewed people from each branch of the military and a variety of different time periods in history. After the DVD was complete, she held a showing at the VFW and donated copies to local libraries.

Kristen Debrock, Troop #11819, Winder "Operation WDYB Beautification"

Kristen's project upgraded the condition and appearance of the Winder Dixie Youth Baseball Fields, a thriving community gathering place.

Darla Dunning, Valdosta "Keeping the Pantry"

Darla worked to create public awareness about a local food pantry, organize donations, and spearhead a pantry makeover to make it more efficient and inviting. The food pantry now assists more than 50 individuals every week.

Grace Flemer, Valdosta "Grace and Giving"

"Green and Giving"

Grace recruited volunteers and then established and organized a volunteer plant-giving program at her local hospital. Plants have been documented to increase healing in patients and assist in cleaning the air of harmful bacteria.

Amy Griggs, Evans "A Stitch in Nine"

Amy's love of quilting led her to teach this skill to a group of girls who not only learned how to quilt, but who also used their newfound ability to make over 50 quilts and donate them to the local Ronald McDonald House.

Sarah Hall, Troop #30064, Statesboro

"Raising Awareness for Foster and Adoptive Parents"

Sara worked to bring awareness to the need for foster parents and families in Bullock County by speaking to over 400 people, creating educational materials, and working with the Fostering Bullock Clothes Closet.

April Howell, Troop #40483, Thomasville "Head Start Picnic on a Sunny Day"

April built picnic tables and benches so that the Head Start program could better utilize their outdoor space for educational purposes.

Ashlynn Kilcrease, Troop #60102, Macon "Maze to Success"

Ashlynn identified a lack of physical education in a local elementary school and created a maze to give kids more exercise. She also taught a group of students how to play the game so they could teach their friends.

Nicole Lilly, Troop #60078, Warner Robins "Backpack Project"

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Nicole held food drives to collect nonperishable food to send home with school children on weekends to bridge the gap between lunch at school on Friday and Monday morning breakfast at school. She also included information for parents on the current nutritional guidelines.

Briana Lott, Troop #12021, Colbert "Costume Room Makeover"

Briana's project benefitted the Athens Little Theatre. She organized a system for their numerous costumes to be arranged, completed a makeover of the storage area, catalogued the costumes and created an online checkout system complete with costume photographs.

Caroline Mayfield, Troop #60268, Macon "Sidewalk to Success: Butterfly"

Caroline identified a lack of physical education in a local elementary school and created a butterfly design with a game that gives students more exercise. Additionally, she taught a group of students how to play the game so they could teach their friends.

Chrishaunda Paige, Troop #30394, Hinesville

"Dance and Cheer Camp"

Chrishaunda worked with the Parks & Recreation Department, Bradwell Band Majorettes and the Fort Stewart Youth Department to organize a girl empowerment day for over 40 girls.

Erin Rodenroth, Troop #60102 Macon

"Compass to Success"

Erin identified a lack of physical education in a local elementary school and created a compass design with a game that gives students more exercise. The compass is painted on the ground in the correct orientation to teach students how to identify which way is north. She also painted some of the world's wonders (like the Eiffel Tower) in the correct direction from the school.

Sophie Rosen, Troop #60102, Macon

"Geometric Shapes for Success"

Sophie identified a lack of physical education in a local elementary school and created a geometric shapes game so students waiting for the bus line could get more exercise. Additionally, she taught a group of students how to play the game so they could teach their friends.

Ansley Solomon, Troop #12102, Athens

"Providing Athens Regional Pediatrics with the Enjoyment of Art"

Ansley collected art pieces from local artists and the Art Club at her school to display in the Pediatrics wing of her hospital. She also provided supplies for the children there to create their own art while they were hospitalized.

Nicole Stephens, Troop #11856, Monroe "KIDS – Keep Inspired Dance Strong"

Nikki's love of dance inspired her to raise money and provide a dance class experience to children who might not otherwise have been able to afford it.

Ashley Sutton, Troop #30315, Kingsland "Life Jacket Station"

Ashley instituted a life jacket checkout system at Crooked River State Park, and put together educational materials for those who are in or around the water there to promote water safety.

Kalin Tate, Troop #50359, Columbus

"Anti-bullying Video and Pamphlets for the School District"

Kalin provided information to students and parents in Muscogee County about how to recognize, prevent and properly take action against bullying without becoming subject to retaliation. Kalin produced a video and brochures about the subject to be distributed to students, teachers, and guidance counselors.