

# **2020 ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONIES**



**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

## 2020 BOARD LEVEL AWARDS

### Appreciation Pin

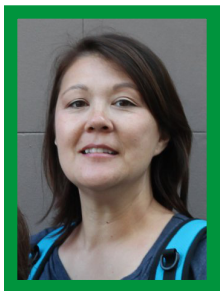
*Honoring those who delivered outstanding service to at least one geographic area, Service Unit or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the GSHNC's goals.*



**JENNIFER CRAWFORD**

Stanly County

Jennifer began leading a troop of Girl Scouts in 2014 and has also been actively involved in the Stanly County Service Unit team. As Recruitment Coordinator, Jennifer works hard to organize events, and is always looking for opportunities to increase the visibility of Girl Scouts in the community. In addition, Jennifer was a strong force behind the return of Stanly County Day Camp and she has spent the past two years helping to plan, organize and run the now annual event.



**MICHELE DEATON**

Meck 7

Michele has been a troop leader for 6 years and as the Meck 7 Treasurer, she has shown great skill in budgeting and reducing expenses, allowing the Service Unit to maintain a fund to support girls who need financial assistance to fully participate in Girl Scouts. Michele has also helped plan and execute the Meck 7 Encampment, including being trained as a Small Craft Safety facilitator, allowing girls the opportunity to participate in boating while at camp. She also extended an invitation to another service unit to participate in the Meck 7 Encampment.



**TINA FUSSELL**

York 1

Tina is a long time troop leader and also serves as a mentor for other Senior and Ambassador troop leaders. In addition to leading an active troop of high schoolers, Tina serves as the Communications Coordinator for York 1. Since taking on this role, service unit attendance and participation in events and meetings has increased substantially. Tina also organizes trainings for girls and volunteers to be provided locally in York County, including a Highest Award training for all older girls and First Aid/CPR training for leaders.



**MARISSA GILBERT**

Meck 1

Marissa has been a troop leader and member of the Meck 1 Service Unit team for 7 years. During this time, she has chaired the annual World Thinking Day event, with over 1,000 Girl Scouts participating in the event over the past five years. Marissa also created and filled the role of Outstanding Troop Award Advisor, encouraging Meck 1 troops to use the award to plan their year. Marissa helped to establish the Meck 1 travel troop, helping with itinerary selection, promotion, registration, and fundraising for 38 Girl Scouts to travel to Europe.

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**KRYSTEN HOVERSON**

Meck 1

Krysten has been a troop leader for 5 years, leading two troops. She joined the Meck 1 Service Unit team in 2016 and has been a driving force behind the service unit's focus on community service. As the Community Visibility Coordinator, Krysten provides dozens of service opportunities for troops to choose from. Krysten has also organized the annual Meck 1 Food Drive for several years, managing all logistics and promotions. This signature project has resulted in thousands of pounds of food being collected for the Ada Jenkins Center.



**MICHELLE MORGAN**

Trailblazers

Michelle has been an active member of the Trailblazers Service Unit for 3 years. She has led the Trailblazers Older Girl Travel Group, served as a delegate, led the outdoor skills-focused Badge Bonanza, and helped plan the service unit Day Camp. Michelle recently stepped into a significant role in Trailblazers Service Unit by volunteering to serve as Recruitment Coordinator. Michelle worked tirelessly to organize volunteers to attend recruitment events and due to her efforts, over 100 girls joined the Girl Scout Movement in Cabarrus County this year.



**JILLYN POWELL**

Union 1

In addition to serving as a troop leader for 9 years, Jillyn is an active member of the Union 1 Service Unit team. Jillyn has been involved in the planning and execution of Union 1's Me & My Guy dance, the annual service unit encampment, and the jointly planned Union County's World Thinking Day event with over 250 attendees. Jillyn has filled the role of Sister to Sister Campaign Coordinator since 2016. Under her leadership and with the implementation of creative new ideas, Union 1 has not only met, but exceeded their goal every year.



**TONYA PRIOR**

Stanly County

Tonya has been a troop leader for 12 years and is also an active member of the Stanly County Service Unit team. Tonya has served as the service unit Treasurer and used that role as an opportunity to teach girls about financial literacy by planning educational program events and using her professional relationships to set up tours of financial institutions. Tonya also coordinates the Stanly County Sister to Sister Campaign and has executed new ideas and events that have led to Stanly County consistently meeting their fundraising goals.

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**EMILY RIERA**

Meck 1

Emily has served as the Meck 1 Service Unit Co-Manager for the past 2 years. Under her leadership, Meck 1 has created sister troop programs for new troops, executed high visibility service projects, and consistently provided high energy and informative engagement and training opportunities for troop leaders. Emily has taken the lead on planning the Meck 1 Encampment for the past several years, including recruiting facilitators and volunteers.



**SHENNA TUCKER**

Meck 7

Shenna has been an active member of the Meck 7 Service Unit for 4 years. As Communications Chair, she leverages technology for all communications, payments, and sign ups. As a direct result of her creative solutions to communicating with troop leaders, she has increased engagement and participation in Meck 7 events and meetings. Shenna has also developed an outdoor cooking program, volunteered at council-wide recruitment events and organized Sister 2 Sister Campaign fundraising events.

## 2020 BOARD LEVEL AWARDS

### Honor Pin

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**SUSAN CLOSE**

York 1

Susan began her Girl Scout career in 2005 as a troop leader and has also been active at the Service Unit level by planning and leading encampments, and as the Lead Delegate for York 1. Susan believes in travel as a means to provide girls with independence and a greater worldview and has planned and chaperoned multiple trips to Savannah, as well as international destinations. As a long time challenge course facilitator, she has led hundreds of girls and adults through team building experiences at camp and also mentored new facilitators. Susan helped create and implement the Wells Fargo Hands on Banking program.



**STEPHANIE HELDER**

Meck 19

Stephanie has served as a troop leader for 11 years, leading a group of girls who are now Seniors, and actively involved in planning Service Unit events and mentoring younger Girl Scouts. Stephanie is passionate about bringing new girls into the Girl Scout Movement and serves as the Meck 19 Recruitment Coordinator and the New Leader Mentor. She has worked tirelessly to engage troops, volunteers, and the community to introduce new families to Girl Scouts and provide new leaders with an engaging and welcoming experience. Stephanie is also involved at a council level, serving as a member of the Kick Off planning committee and as a Hands on Banking program facilitator.

# 2020 GIRL AWARDS

Lifesaving Award Medal of Honor

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## LIFESAVING AWARD Medal of Honor



*Girl Scouts of the USA Lifesaving Awards are national recognitions given to a registered Girl Scout who has saved or attempted to save human life under circumstances that indicate heroism. These awards are reserved for those Girl Scouts who have performed heroic acts beyond the degree of maturity and training expected at their age. One of these awards is the Medal of Honor.*



### ZANDILE KEMP

Troop 840, Pacesetters

Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council is proud to award the Medal of Honor for saving a life to Zandile Kemp, a Girl Scout Brownie with Troop 840.

Zandile was swimming in her neighborhood pool with her grandma and brother when her grandma, who had recently learned to swim and was still not completely confident in the water, began slipping on a decline from the shallow end of the pool into the deep end. Not being near the edge of the pool, Zandile's grandma held her breath and started waving her arms above the water as she sunk, hoping one of her grandchildren would see her. Luckily, Zandile did, and immediately knew her grandmother needed help. Zandile swam 10 feet to close the distance between her and her grandmother, and was able to pull her to the edge of the pool. Zandile and her brother then were able to pull their grandma out of the pool and save her life.



## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

*The following scholarships are awarded to Girl Scouts who have demonstrated commitments to academic excellence and community involvement.*

*Eight endowed scholarships are available to provide additional funds to deserving young women in our council in their higher education pursuits.*

### **Patti Belcourt Scholarship**

The Patti Belcourt Scholarship was established in 2016 by Patti Belcourt, a dedicated troop leader, Gold Award Committee member, volunteer, and supporter of the Girl Scout mission. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be a current resident of Union County and must demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service. Completion of the Girl Scout Gold Award is preferred, but not required.

The 2020 Patti Belcourt Scholarship is award to Carolyn Szempruch.

### **Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship**

The Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship is presented to a graduating Senior Girl Scout who has received her Gold Award and will attend an institute of higher education. The recipient has also demonstrated strong academic excellence, active participation in Girl Scouts and participation in non-Girl Scout activities. The scholarship was established in 1986 by Robert Bernhardt, honoring Barbara as past Board Chair and lifelong Girl Scout.

The 2020 Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship is award to Carrie Roth.

### **Norma Cannon Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to two Cabarrus County Girl Scouts who will attend institutes of higher education. Completion of the Gold Award is preferred, but not required. It was endowed in memory of Norma Cannon by her children. Ms. Cannon was a lifelong supporter of Girl Scouts and its mission to help girls develop their leadership potential.

The 2020 Norma Cannon Scholarship is award to  
Nandika Komirisetti and Allyson Jaynes.

### **Harper Family Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award and has a strong academic record and commitment to community service. It was endowed in honor of Bert Harper, Board President from 2004 - 2010 by several of her colleagues at Bank of America.

The 2020 Harper Family Scholarship is award to Molly Sly.



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### **Betty Lynn Lambert Scholarship**

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The 2020 Betty Lynn Lambert Scholarship is award to Kayla Upshaw.

### **Robert W. Maitt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has been a member of the organization for at least four years and who will attend an institute of higher education. The recipient must have actively participated in Girl Scout service projects to improve her community. It was endowed in memory of Bob Maitt by his wife, Michelle Maitt. Michelle is a former Board member.

The 2020 Robert W. Maitt, Jr. memorial Scholarship is award to MyKala Hamilton.

### **Marie McLucas Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Cabarrus County Girl Scout who will attend an institute of higher education. Completion of the Gold Award is preferred but not required. It was endowed in honor of Marie McLucas by her employer, Primax Properties. Marie McLucas has served our council as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Fund Development Committees, and is a current Board members.

The 2020 Marie McLucas Scholarship is award to Meredith Sheridan.

### **Jenny Zartman Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award and has a strong record and a commitment to community service. It was endowed in memory of Jenny Zartman by the many friends and family who loved her. Jenny was a Gold Award recipient, counselor at Camp Occonechee, and lifelong Girl Scout. She is missed by all of us.

The 2020 Jenny Zartman Memorial Scholarship is award to Madison Marks.



## SILVER AWARD GIRL SCOUTS



**Ciara Alexander**  
Troop 851

**Emma Blackwell**  
Troop 2370

**Riley Caton**  
Troop 1080

**Mallory Douglas**  
Troop 1816

**Marissa Harper**  
Troop 537

**Lillyth Jarrett**  
Troop 237

**Claire Alexander**  
Troop 2493

**Ashley Blake**  
Troop 3515

**Andrea Chavez-Cruz**  
Troop 555

**Abigail Driscoll**  
Troop 1120

**Sarah Hartman**  
Troop 1371

**Mae Johnson**  
Troop 1362

**Genie Alvarado**  
Troop 2897

**Elisabeth Blomberg**  
Troop 2239

**Helena Childress**  
Troop 1370

**Olivia Eiger**  
Troop 1725

**Lunden Hatem**  
Troop 2827

**Abigail Jones**  
Troop 1816

**Laura Anderson**  
Troop 1250

**Saige Boone**  
Troop 1001

**Madison Cohen**  
Troop 3783

**Ellis Enwright**  
Troop 2493

**Claudia Hesse**  
Troop 1725

**Asia Jones**  
Troop 1001

**Lillian Anthony**  
Troop 1486

**Ava Bowron**  
Troop 3423

**Anna Cooper**  
Troop 906

**Caroline Feira**  
Troop 129

**Tomya Hills**  
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**Isabel Jones**  
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**Jenna Ashbrook**  
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**Sydni Boyd**  
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**Lalia Creech**  
Troop 1692

**Laurel Finger**  
Troop 632

**Emily Holland**  
Troop 3515

**Mackenzie Kincaid**  
Troop 563

**Allura Baker**  
Troop 2493

**Katherine Brennan**  
Indies - Meck 19

**Catherine Crunk**  
Troop 1120

**Brooklyn Fleeman**  
Troop 2370

**Caitlin Holt**  
Troop 760

**Bailey Lambiotte**  
Troop 2446

**Faith Barner**  
Troop 851

**Lana Bryant**  
Troop 1938

**Amelia D'angelo**  
Indies - Meck 8

**Gissella Flynn**  
Troop 2493

**Charlotte Hord**  
Troop 2493

**Brooke Lampe**  
Troop 746

**Alyssa Bartholomew**  
Troop 611

**Haley Bumber**  
Troop 722

**Claire Dannelly**  
Troop 906

**Casey Frye**  
Troop 1653

**Kirra Hough**  
Troop 1249

**Madison Lashley**  
Troop 632

**Jordyn Barton**  
Troop 1001

**Kacey Bumber**  
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**Taylor David**  
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**Emma Howle**  
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**Rebecca Leighton**  
Troop 1240

**Hannah Bennett**  
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**Abbey Buzzard**  
Troop 2897

**Harper Dawson**  
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**Bethany Fussell**  
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**Sunshine Hughett**  
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**Hannah Benson**  
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**Samantha de Beus**  
Troop 611

**Alexis Garcia**  
Troop 1816

**Sophie Hunniford**  
Troop 3468

**Rene Marius**  
Troop 1194

**Kaitlyn Bernes**  
Troop 2827

**Lauren Byers**  
Troop 1194

**Elizabeth Dermody**  
Troop 3252

**Peyton Gummel**  
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**Emma Huth**  
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**Sydney Matthews**  
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**Nya Bizzell**  
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**Grace Dermody**  
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**Misty May**  
Troop 2446





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**Tyler McClain**  
Troop 1001

**Campbell McClellan**  
Troop 1250

**Mya McDonald**  
Troop 1001

**Sara McMullan**  
Troop 1749

**Honesty McQueen**  
Troop 1001

**Veronica Mercurio**  
Troop 2262

**Reagan Michael**  
Troop 2239

**Carley Miller**  
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Troop 611

**Olivia Newsome-Leak**  
Troop 1001

**Melanie Ohta**  
Troop 1732

**Lela Philemon**  
Troop 1371

**Emily Pilarczyk**  
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**Hannah Plummer**  
Troop 563

**Samantha Poindexter**  
Troop 307

**Meghana Ponnepati**  
Troop 3473

**Paige Porter**  
Troop 1749

**Leah Powell**  
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**Makayla Pride**  
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**Valerie Purser**  
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Troop 743

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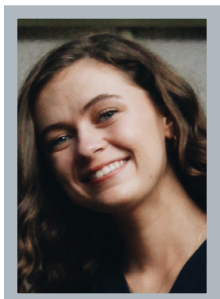
**ISABELLA ACKERMANN**  
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Isabella's project, A.C.T. – Appreciating Creative Teens, helps teen artists develop confidence and respect, while raising awareness and recognition for their creative contributions. A.C.T. is a way for teen artists to display their work in an art gallery environment, and provide young artists a forum to learn how to present, critic, market and understand the business side of art.



**ABBY BARLEY**  
Troop 3434, Meck 19

Abby's project, The Exceptional Theatre Program, focuses on creating additional accessibility in the theatre community for those with disabilities. Her project developed plays written for those with disabilities to give them entry to participation, and developed learning materials on theatre terms and ideas for those who had no familiarity, keeping in mind making the materials accessible to those with disabilities.

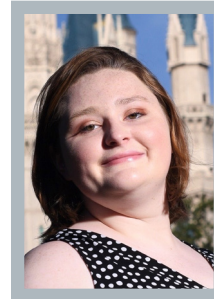


**ANSLEY BLOMBERG**  
Troop 54, York 2

Ansley's project, Dignity for Days, addresses the lack of affordable feminine hygiene care in cities like Kampala, Uganda. Her goal was to create an affordable, reusable, and washable pad to be able to provide to women and school girls in Uganda. These pads also come with an educational packet that explains periods, how to track them, and helps girls not feel ashamed about natural bleeding.



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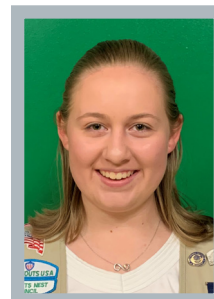
**BETHANY BUCKLAND**  
Troop 232, Cab 2

Bethany's project, Caring Crochet, helps to develop handmade items for babies in the NICU. She created a website with free crochet patterns for baby hats, blankets, octopi, etc., as well as examples of completed items. She also developed awareness posters and partnered with a local hospital to help raise awareness.



**ANNE DEVINE**  
Troop 2382, Meck 4

Anne's project, Uniforms, looks to address the lack of clothing and uniforms available for underprivileged youth. Anne raised money and helped get a uniform section added to the Christmas Store, where each family that signed up for the store would receive an outfit for their child for the school year.



**LAUREN DUNLAP**  
Troop 3434, Meck 19

Lauren's project, Arrive, Survive, Thrive, Re-Image, helps refugees in the Charlotte community get access to technology. By partnering with E2D and Refugee Support Services (RSS), Lauren helped get donated to the RSS and refurbished by E2D distributed to refugees who needed them to help them attain self-sufficiency by providing a resource to enable them to apply for jobs, open bank accounts, do taxes, communicate with family, and more.





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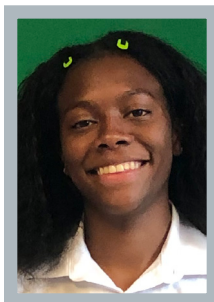
**BLAKELY DURHAM**  
Troop 1335, Meck 19

Blakely's project, Living Sustainably: The Crafty Conservationist Way, addresses the global environmental crisis by encouraging others to make changes to their lifestyles to promote sustainability. Blakely created a class to help bring awareness to global issues and teaches attendees about the 3 R's, reduce, reuse, and recycle. The class also teaches about littering, including the largely unknown dangers of balloon releases.



**AINSLEY FRANCIS**  
Troop 63, Trailblazers

Ainsley's project, The Creation Station: Art on the Go!, helped bring an art program to patients at the Jeff Gordon Children's Center as part of Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital. Activities in the program were geared to help patients feel more secure at "at home," while also benefiting the staff at the center. All activities came accompanied with instructions that were easy to follow along and is constantly stored in the playroom of the center to help all patients access.

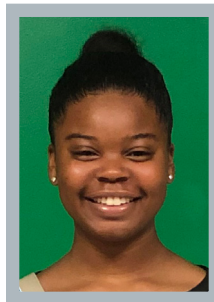


**MYKALA HAMILTON**  
Troop 699, Meck 4

Mykala's project, The Center of Hope, helped get additional donations and resources for the women and children's shelter of the same name. By reaching out to local retailers, Mykala got necessities donated to the shelter including toothpaste, toothbrushes, pillows, sheets, washcloths, towels, and soap, and created a pamphlet to help raise awareness about the needs at the shelter.

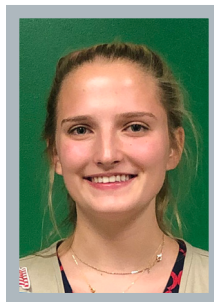


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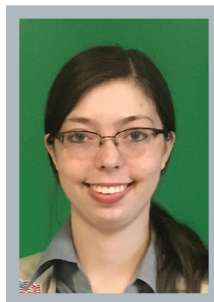
**ASHLEE HAND**  
Troop 2873, Meck 12

Ashlee's project, Undergarments for the Underprivileged, helps bring often overlooked necessities to those without housing in our community. Specifically, Ashlee identified a lack in accessibility for new undergarments, including socks, underwear, t-shirts and bras, for this subsection of our population. In addition to generating hundreds of donations, Ashlee also raised awareness for this issue to help continue the positive impact of her project.



**ELLIE HUNNIFORD**  
Troop 1335, Meck 19

Ellie's project, Expressive Arts: A Healthy Way for Kids and Teens to Relieve Stress, developed activities to help kids and teens cope with stress through art. Ellie worked with an expressive arts therapist to help develop the projects and create lesson plans for each. She then partnered with The Relative to go deliver the projects to groups of youths to get feedback on the effectiveness. After, she created lesson plans for all activities to give to The Relative so they could continue providing the activities to kids and teens.

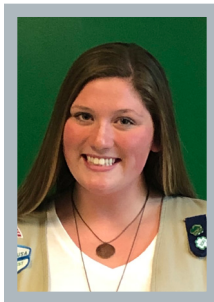


**JOHANNA JACKLEY**  
Troop 87, York 2

Johanna's project, Clubgami, helps create a safe, open environment that provides a reward for positive behavior in schools. As schools reach capacity, it can be challenging for teachers to address behavioral issues on a one-on-one basis with students. Through Clubgami, students not only learned origami, but teachers were able to spend more time with students to help improve their behavior from disruptive on a daily basis to little to no disruptions.

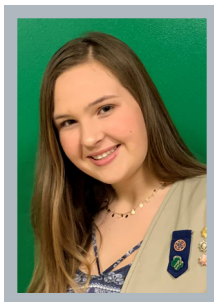


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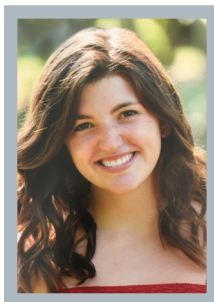
**ALLYSON JAYNES**  
Troop 232, Cab 2

Allyson's project, Greenhouse for Aquaponics Expansion, helps address food insecurity in the community by providing more space and flexibility to expand an existing aquaponics program at Hickory Grove Christian School. By creating a 200 square foot greenhouse extension where more food can be planted, grown, and harvested, she was able to help create ability to provide weekly food donations to Charlotte's local food banks.



**ALLYSON JOHNSON**  
Troop 232, Cab 2

Allyson's project, Helping Kids with the Lost Art of Sewing, taught children how to sew by developing a series of sewing classes. Items created by the children who took the sewing class were donated to Levine Children's Hospital, and the patterns used in the classes were shared with other hospitals to help share them more widely.

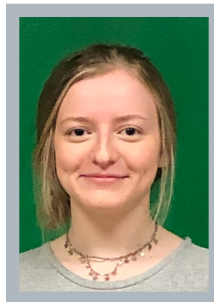


**ANNA KUNZ**  
Troop 1060, Meck 1

Anna's project, Children's Hope Alliance Garden, aimed to give foster children a place to feel connected to. Anna organized donations, created a garden, and developed a Garden Club curriculum for Children's Hope Alliance to help not only beautify the campus but give the foster children that Children's Hope Alliance supports a place to connect and put energy into something positive.

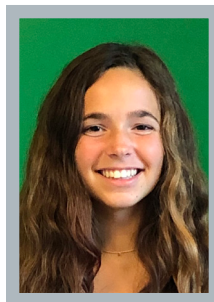


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**ALEXANDRA LOSTETTER**  
Indies, Meck 12

Alexandra's project, Girl Code, helped introduce the basic concepts of computer science to girls who otherwise had no opportunity to explore the field. Alexandra hosted coding events, surveying attendees before and after to see how much they felt they learned. She continued to track skills participants learned, and set up Girl Code as a school club to help students continue to develop interest in computer science.



**BROOKE MASI**  
Troop 79, Meck 19

Brooke's project, Freedom Arts Workshops, focuses on broadening the art exposure of children in third to fifth grades, aiming at helping them develop motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and creativity. Children at the Freedom School were broken into small groups and participated in either singing, dancing or acting workshops to help increase their arts education and help develop reading capabilities through play scripts, music, and dance, as opposed to traditional passages.



**ERIN McCOLLUM**  
Troop 79, Meck 19

Erin's project, Wing Haven Garden Tree Walk, aims to help educate the public on the importance of trees. Partnering with Wing Haven, Erin developed tree education notecards about 10 of the major tree types at the Wing Haven gardens and plotted the trees into online software to help Wing Haven transfer the data into their own maps. She also led workshops at the gardens to help educate others, and developed learning supplements for children to help develop a love of trees and nature at an early age.



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**ANNIE MCGOWAN**  
Troop 396, York 2

Annie's project, Manipulatives for the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, NC, aims to make art museums less intimidating for children to encourage the start of a lifelong love of art. Annie created manipulatives for docents (volunteers) at the Mint Museum to use during tours to help children learn tactilely, auditorily, visually and kinetically, aiming to increase the children's enthusiasm toward art and reinforce fine art principles they may have learned in school art classes.



**MIA MCQUIRE**  
Troop 1025, Meck 19

Mia's project, Share My Sport, looks to help children who may not participate in club sports or team building activities due to cost barriers get involved. Mia developed a program through the YMCA to help children participate in lacrosse for the season, and developed a website linked to the Freedom School to help give other teenagers the resources necessary to sign up each summer to share their sport with children.

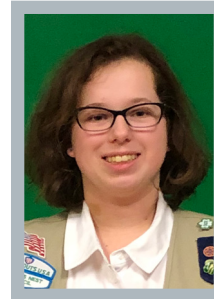


**ELLE MILLER**  
Troop 3434, Meck 19

Elle's project, The Bird Blind at Wing Haven Gardens, helps address the declining population of songbirds due to urbanization and raise awareness among a younger audience. Elle created a bird blind, a bird feeder situated behind a wall with peep holes in it so birds will come up to the feeder without knowing someone is watching them from behind the wall, to help younger audiences at the Wing Haven Gardens bird sanctuary see these birds up close and learn more about them, and a take home pamphlet with more information and instructions on how to make a birdhouse at home.

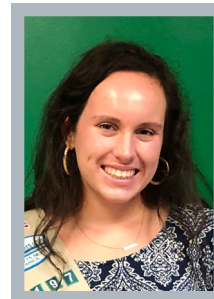


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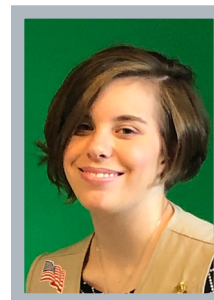
**EMILY PARKER**  
Troop 3795, Meck 1

Emily's project, Donate Life Teen Outreach, looks to help educate teens about organ donation, who may otherwise be surprised when they get their first driver's license and are asked at the DMV if they'd like to be an organ donor. To help with this, Emily developed booths and registration drives to educate teens about organ donation, and provided a detailed plan with other teens in case they wanted to hold their own informational sessions, as well. This detailed plan is also now available through Donate Life NC.



**MAGGIE PORTER**  
Troop 3197, Meck 19

Margaret's project, ProjectVet, helps address inequities in the care of Veterans and mental health. Using cards, care packages, and posters, the goal of ProjectVet is to have a positive impact on the mental health of active duty service members and veterans in Charlotte and the surrounding areas. Maggie's goal was also to begin the conversation about mental health to help remove stigma around it. Through donations and grant money, ProjectVet has been able to provide donations to homeless veterans, send care packages to Afghanistan, and more.



**CAMDEN REIMERS**  
Troop 1088, Meck 7

Camden's project, SOS (Save Our Seas), addresses the impact of plastic waste on the environment, specifically in the oceans. Camden noticed that her school's classrooms didn't have recycle bins, and learned that her school is not included in the CMS recycling program because charter schools are grouped with private schools and are responsible for creating, funding and maintaining their own programs. She then created a plan for a recycling program at her school and was able to launch it.





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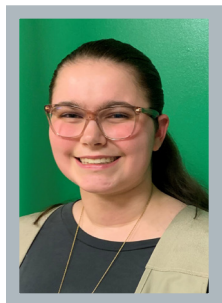
**BAILEY ROCHESTER**  
Troop 140, Union 1

Bailey's project, Lulu's No-no's, helps raise awareness for dangerous activities that can harm birds and ducks. Bailey created a book to help educate parents and children about the dangerous activities that many people don't realize are bad for birds, including feeding them bread and releasing balloons. Bailey printed copies of the book and distributed them to rescue groups in Wilmington, NC and Greenville, SC and the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue so that they can use it as an educational tool.



**ELIZABETH RODDEN**  
Troop 79, Meck 19

Elizabeth's project, Healthy Habits Day, helps provide education around healthy living, nutrition, and other healthy habits to children and families by educating visitors at Discovery Place Science. Elizabeth held an event called Healthy Habits Day at the museum, full of activities to help educate attendees. The activities Elizabeth created for the event can also be reused at the Explore More Me lab in the museum, allowing volunteers to continue to educate the public about important healthy habits.



**CARRIE-ANNE ROGERS**  
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Carrie-Anne's project, Kindness Through Literacy, looks to inspire a love of books in children at school through books with themes of kindness. Through donations, Carrie-Anne was able to collect more than 500 books for Bethlehem Elementary School. After dropping off the books in boxes at the school that came with 2 copies of the books and worksheets to accompany them, Carrie-Anne received feedback from teachers that students were excited to receive the new books and teachers appreciated the supplement to their literary curriculum that came with the worksheets.



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**MEREDITH SHERIDAN**  
Troop 334, Cab 2

Meredith's project, Fostering Awareness for Cabarrus County Foster Care Program, helps to resolve issues the Department of Human Services faces while placing children during the average business day. When a child is pulled out of classes and homes, they must stay with the social worker all day until a home is found for them. Meredith developed a room at the DHS facility where these children could be placed during the day, filled with books, games, a television, etc., to help them feel more comfortable and help them work on school work, writing, and development while they waited.



**RAMSEY SHIRLEY**  
Indie, Cab 2

Ramsey's project, Hands-Only for Harrisburg, brought a free Hands-Only CPR class to her community to help equip bystanders with the skills needed to save a life. Many people do not know how to perform Hands-Only CPR, and cardiac arrest victims often suffer devastating consequences due to this. By working with the Harrisburg Fire Department, Ramsey was able to coordinate classes to teach citizens proper hand placement for chest compressions, the correct rate and depth, how to take charge by telling others to call 911, how to use an AED, and more.



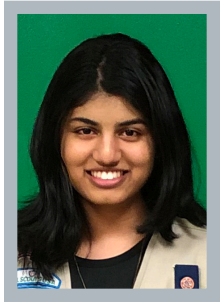
**MOLLY SLY**  
Troop 3253, Pacesetters

Molly's project, Haiti Smiles, addresses the lack of available dental care supplies in Haiti. Haitian school girls often do not have access to basic dental care to have proper oral care and keep their teeth clean. In rural areas of Haiti, there is no dentistry, so many do not get the resources they need for the upkeep of their oral care. Molly developed dental kits containing everything you would typically get after a dental cleaning, bringing a dentist visit to them all in one bag. Through donations and volunteers, Molly was able to collect enough dental supplies to make kits and had assistance in creating them.



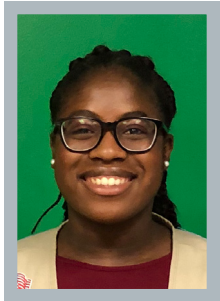
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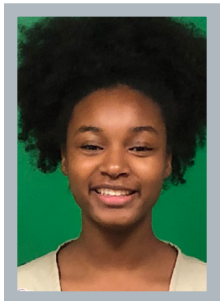
**ALYSSA TAURO**  
Troop 1099, Union 3

Alyssa's project, Technology for Seniors, helps seniors learn how to use technology and social media so that they can stay connected with friends and family. She developed a plan for seniors in assisted living and independent living facilities that included presentations and live demonstrations to help them learn how to use apps and technology. One lesson was geared toward common issues they faced to help them troubleshoot these problems. Alyssa also developed a website to host her presentations to make them easily accessible to seniors and care facilities worldwide.



**KAYLA UPSHAW**  
Troop 740, Pacesetters

Kayla's project, Educating the Community While Promoting Data Literacy, raises awareness for free or low rental resources available at the CMS library. Kayla filmed PSA videos about available resources at the library and shared them via YouTube and social media, and created a presentation about the resources available to present to middle school classes. Because the videos are available online, Kayla was also able to connect with viewers nationwide, one of whom even reached out to her local library to see if they could get a similar resource to one available to our area that wasn't available at her library.



**JAMILLE WHITLOW**  
Troop 740, Pacesetters

Jamille's project, Data Discovery Program, increased student exposure to coding and STEM related activities in schools. Jamille found that there was a scarcity of computer science and coding programming in public schools, and wanted to help expose students to different career options and opportunities. By putting coding and STEM in front of students through presentations and workshops, she helped them get excited about potential career opportunities ahead of them. She also developed a brochure with helpful resources to help students who want to learn more about coding and STEM.



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Thinking about earning your Girl Scout Gold Award?  
Key Benefits include:

#### Higher Education/Career

- Distinguish yourself among competition in the college admissions process.
- Earn college scholarships.
- Enter the military one rank higher than your peers.

#### Life Skills

- Become a pro in team building, project planning, and time management.
- Enhance your confidence and self-worth.
- Empower yourself to lead in your own life and the world.

#### Community

- Tackle a local issue that's important to you.
- Serve as a role model for members of your community and beyond.
- Learn what it takes to achieve sustainable impact locally.
- Establish a network of supporters to last a lifetime.

### Becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout:

#### Prerequisites

You must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (or equivalent) and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador to go for your Gold. In addition, you need to have completed two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) OR earned the Silver Award and completed one Senior or Ambassador Journey.

#### The Girl Scout Gold Award in Seven Steps

1. Choose an issue. Use your values and skills to identify a community issue you care about.
2. Investigate. Research everything you can about the issue.
3. Get help. Invite others to support and take action with you.
4. Create a plan. Create a project plan that can deliver sustainable and measurable impact.
5. Present the plan. Sum up your project plan for your Girl Scout council.
6. Take action. Take the lead to carry out your plan.
7. Educate and inspire. Share with others what you've experienced and learned.





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## **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.*