



Celebrate Gold

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Healing with Music

Mattie Bonner was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 871 in Service Unit 664. She is currently attending the University of Kansas majoring in Music Therapy.

Mattie partnered with Midwest Transplant Network to create “Healing Through Music,” a program aimed at helping families heal through music after loss. Utilizing music, Mattie was able to show families a way to create musical memory boxes that combined music their loved ones enjoyed as part of a healing journey.

This project was inspired by Mattie’s late sister, Mikayla, who was an active Girl Scout and flutist. The sisters shared a love of music and Mattie wanted to share that with others. This project allowed her to share something personal that helped her heal with other families who have experienced loss.

Through the partnership with Midwest Transplant Network, Healing with Music will continue through linked project details that will be shared with families in the future. Her hope is that families will be able to access her materials and create music memory boxes for years to come.

“Because of Girl Scouts... I created connections with a variety of people and pushed myself to serve my community in ways I had never imagined.”