



# Celebrate Gold

**Ainsley Charest**  
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## Sensory Carts for Kids!

Ainsley Charest was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 1667 in Service Unit 701. She recently graduated from Hayden Catholic High School and plans to attend Ottawa University majoring in Elementary Education.

Ainsley saw a need for more sensory education options for special needs students at her former elementary school, Wanamaker Elementary. She created sensory carts that would be mobile and available to all classrooms for enrichment and a variety in the school day.

The carts not only serve as a great resource for special needs students, but could be utilized for the whole school as an incentive for classes. In addition to the carts, she also donated supplies to the special education classroom. Her carts will serve as an ongoing educational resource and as a reminder to future students that they too can give back when they're in high school.

This project was special for Ainsley as it marked a strong achievement after the tragic loss of her father in 2022. She honors her father with this project and knows he would have wanted her to finish her Gold Award and give back to her community.

**“Because of Girl Scouts... I was able to branch out and become the person I am today.”**