



Madeline Smith

Olathe, KS

Landscaping for SAFEHOME

Madeline Smith has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Troop 107 in Service Unit 679. She is currently a sophomore at Olathe East High School.

For Madeline's Gold Award project she completed various landscape projects on the grounds of SAFEHOME, a domestic violence shelter. For Madeline, she wanted the grounds of the new SAFEHOME building to be a welcoming environment and created a peaceful environment for the residents to explore. She researched and planned what foliage to plant, ensuring that it would be easy to maintain and would provide greenery year-round.

Madeline worked with SAFEHOME and multiple gardeners to complete the project. Madeline surveyed the residents following the completion of her project and received high ratings in her choice of plants, placement of plants and the overall improvement to the facility. SAFEHOME will continue to manage landscaping and they, along with Madeline, hope that others will be inspired by her project and invest their time into beautifying this life-changing place.

Madeline thanks her mom for always helping, Mrs. Jarkovich for teaching her about landscaping and Mrs. Weertz for giving her good ideas and a helping hand.