



Phoebe Taylor

Lansing, KS

Stop the Traffick!

Phoebe Taylor has been a Girl Scout for 12 years as a member of Troop 1067 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a junior at Lansing High School.

Phoebe's Gold Award project educated the community of Lansing, Kansas on the issue of human trafficking and how close the issue is to them. Kansas City has the second highest rate of human trafficking in the United States. With Lansing, Kansas located just an hour away, Phoebe wanted her community to be knowledgeable on the subject and hopefully prevent teenagers from falling victim to this horrible crime.

Phoebe worked with a graduate student in California to create a curriculum tailored to her region. She presented to the Mayor and Chief of Police of Lansing and gave two presentations open to the community at her local library. Phoebe provided current research to a state senator to support legislation toward adding human trafficking training to commercial driver's license requirements. This project helped develop Phoebe's public speaking skills and made her more confident in talking about sensitive topics. Phoebe's presentation was so well received in her community that others have asked for more information and want to continue to raise awareness.