



**Taylor Vernon**

Smithville, MO



## Interactive Alzheimer's Unit

Taylor has been a Girl Scout for ten years as a member of Troop 1280 in Service Unit 601. She is currently a senior at Smithville High School.

Taylor's Gold Award project addressed the lack of interactive activities and vibrant living spaces in the Alzheimer's Unit in her community's nursing home. Having had two grandparents with Alzheimer's, she wanted to improve the environment for others living with the illness.

Taylor worked with Golden Living Smithville over the course of two years to create activities and paint a mural. She had assistance from her Girl Scout sisters as well as other volunteers to make individualized interactive boards and activities. Taylor's activities have benefitted the residents and have inspired the staff to continually come up with new activities that they can share with them as well.