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End Domestic Violence: Home Should Always be Where the Heart is

Elizabeth Clinger has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is a member of Troop 1067 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a senior at Lansing High School.

Elizabeth's **Gold Award** project addressed the issue of domestic violence. Wanting to raise awareness in public schools, Elizabeth created a presentation to start the conversation about domestic violence within the community. Her presentation demonstrated why abusive and manipulative behaviors are not caused by the victims and provide discussed the need for victims to seek help. Elizabeth gave her audience information for safe places for counseling and retreat from danger. Once people viewed her presentation they attended a 5K run in theme of domestic violence awareness. Through personal experience, she understood that many victims are suffering in silence; in return she offered solutions through multiply organizations.

Elizabeth worked with TESSA in Colorado Springs and Family Advocacy Program in Fort Leavenworth and Lansing communities to provide local options for counseling to women and children. She also worked with city councils to write a domestic violence proclamation for the month of October. The proclamation stated that all people have a right to feel safe in their homes. By encouraging strength and courage to her peers, Elizabeth hopes more victims leave abusive relationships.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned how to express myself positively and become a passionate leader.