

## Girls Night Out Connections

Faith has been a Girl Scout for eight years and is in Troop 72 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a senior at Staley High School.



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Faith's Gold Award project addressed the need for a fun, safe space for girls with special needs to socialize and interact. Statistics show that people with autism and other special needs struggle with social skills and thus have trouble making friends. Faith worked with University of Kansas Medical Center, Dr. Jamison and Jessica Shuttler to enhance a program that was already taking place for girls with Autism. Faith created an application system for participants to complete that would then be used to match them up with other young women of similar interests prior to the event.

Faith also created a catalog of activities to be used at Girls Night out and their social skills classes. The application and activities list will now be a part of the Girls Night Out program moving forward!

**Because of Girl Scouts...** I have strengthened my communication, problem solving and social skills. Selling Girl Scout Cookies helped me to talk with strangers/customers and be more confident. I have many wonderful memories, saw and experienced many things I would not have gotten to, and Girl Scouts made it all more fun. Best of all, I received acceptance of who I am and have made friends who have become my family.