



Lauren Ingraham

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Roadway Improvements

Lauren Ingraham has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 390 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a junior at Park Hill School.

Lauren's Gold Award project addressed the issue of a local roadway that was falling into disrepair due to the unexpected amount of use. When the road was built in her neighborhood, the city didn't anticipate it serving more than one neighborhood. As the community grew, so did the use of the road, which rapidly became unsafe, especially in winter conditions. For her project she gathered evidence of the state of the road and presented it to the city to be granted funding for the road to be repaired.

Lauren worked with KC Healthy Kids, the Kansas City Council and PIAC Committee to gather data, write letters and gather support for her proposal. At the end of the project she presented to a city wide meeting to increase awareness for the need for repair and gather support for funding for the repair. Through this project, Lauren learned that one person can make a difference in her community and save countless lives by ensuring citizens have a safe way to get around.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned that you don't have to be an adult or someone in a position of power to make a difference in your community.