

Take Away Activity Boxes

Marissa Mondonk has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Troop 670 in Service Unit 675. She is currently a junior at State College Area High School in Pennsylvania.

Marissa's Gold Award project addressed mothers and children entering Safe Haven-Synergy Services with no belongings. When mothers and children enter the shelter many times they do not have any of their possessions because they were running away from a dangerous situation. Marissa wanted to give these families something they could call their own after what they had been through. She decided to make 60 boxes and 20 bags with materials that would make their stay at the shelter less stressful. She gave toys and games to the children, stopping them from fighting over the limited toys the shelter provided.

Marissa received help from her family members to put the bags and boxes together along with keeping her motivated. Girl Scout Troop 326 also reached out to Marissa to get involved. They gather donations from a school dance to help Marissa get more supplies. Take Away Activity Bag will sustain through the help of other volunteers at Safe Haven-Synergy Services. Marissa provided the shelter with boxes, bags, and other materials along with instructions to continue her work. She has also opened her project to other troop leaders to use as community service. Marissa wanted her project to reach the families that are lucky enough to have a shelter to go to in distress and let them know that they are not alone.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have had the opportunity to travel to Savannah to walk in the footsteps of Juliette Gordon Lowe.



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