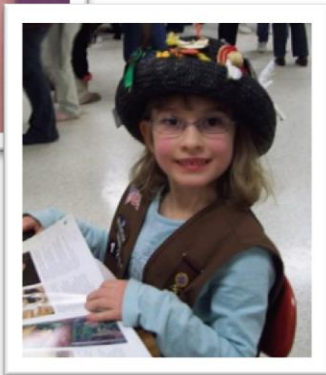


Maya Mondock

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Blankets for the Homeless

Maya Mondock 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.

Maya's Gold Award project addressed the lack of materials My Father's House, LLC had to provide to the homeless. Maya decided to create 20 twin sizes blankets for the organization to help supply necessities to the homeless who are transferring to subsidized housing. After volunteering at My Father's House by sorting tons fabric, Maya notice how much could be repurposed. Due to the demand of blankets from the organization, Maya felt she would create a bigger impact by creating blankets that would benefit both the organization's mission to the community along with benefiting the individuals receiving the blankets.

Maya received assistance from family members and put together 6 different work parties to get help with the creation of the blankets. Even though Maya did not know how to sew, she took on the challenge to learn something new in the midst of her project. To sustain her project, Maya designed a book with different blanket templates and posters to put in a sewing room in the My Father's House warehouse. The scrapbook included detailed drawings and instruction while the posters illustrated how to measure, cut and sew bed shirts. Maya hopes she is able to inspire people globally to volunteer to help those in need. By creating these blankets, Maya was able to help make a change in many individuals' lives.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have gained leadership skills, confidence and made many new friends.