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## Scrapbooking Program

Emily Musembi has been a Girl Scout for ten years and is in Troop 1753 in Service Unit 604. She is currently a senior at North Kansas City High School.

**Emily's Gold Award project addressed the memory** preservation and overall wellbeing for survivors of domestic abuse. In many situations, survivors have to leave quickly and cannot take personal items like scrapbooks, art and journals. This program provided them with art supplies to help them express themselves while recording memories and helping them start a new life. For children, the art supplies allowed them to create works of art that could help define their new spaces as "home."

Emily worked with Synergy Services, local Girl Scouts and a teacher to gather supplies, share the program and plan the events. Her program will be made available to future coordinators who may want to recreate the project through instructions, a video and the supplies Emily donated. She learned to project manage, gather donations and lead a program through this process. She hopes that the project will be shared with other shelters and the video will inspire others to recreate the program. Through art, survivors can find healing and a way to begin a new life and record positive experiences that make wonderful memories and scrapbooks.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I have had** so many opportunities to grow as a girl and a leader, and cultivate my interests into passions that I will continue for the rest of my life.



*Inspire  
a Girl*

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