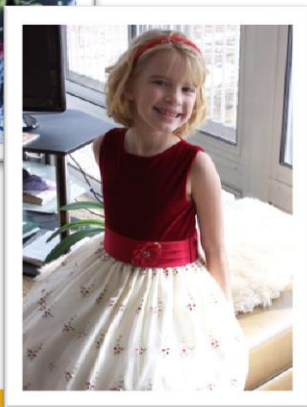


The Premie Project – Tiny Hands with Big Hearts



Brooke Snider

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Brooke Snider has been a Girl Scout for ten years and is in Troop 1498 in Service Unit 645. She is currently a sophomore at Blue Springs South High School.

Brooke's Gold Award project addressed the concern of new parents of premature babies who may not have the time or resources to gather necessary supplies for their child. Premature (preemie) babies need basic care items like any infant, but the parents are often spending time at the hospital around the clock and are unable to get the supplies themselves. Working with an organization called Baby Grace Place, Brooke worked to raise funds and educate the public about the need for supplies.

Brooke worked with Truman Medical Center, a local Girl Scout Brownie troop and Baby Grace Place charity. Through this project, Brooke learned self-confidence by becoming a better public speaker and by working with her community. The Premie Project will sustain through education of the Brownie Girl Scouts, the materials that Brooke provided to Baby Grace Place and the funds raised to purchase additional supplies. As a preemie herself, Brooke selected this project because she wanted to give back to the amazing hospital staff that helped her and her twin brother survive when they were born at just under 4lbs. This project has come full circle for this incredible family.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned to become a leader and I have gained more self-confidence.