



Lauren Szala

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1000 Butterflies

Lauren Szala has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and is in Troop 155 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a senior at Park Hill High School.

Lauren's Gold Award project helped families dealing with loved ones battling illness. Using the power of prayer and the Japanese art of origami, she created an art piece for St. Luke's North as well as an ongoing project for anyone visiting the chapel in the hospital. To create the art piece, Lauren asked a local elementary school to help her create 1000 origami butterflies with prayers written inside and framed the final butterflies in a shadow box that's now on display at the hospital. Instructions and supplies to make butterflies are also available in the chapel for families.

Lauren worked with St. Luke's North and St. Theresa's school to make the butterflies, teach kids about the power of prayer and create the art piece. She is reaching beyond St. Luke's North through the chaplain who is sharing her project with other hospitals, hoping they'll adopt it in their chapels. Her hope is that by providing an activity for families to use while praying, she can give them hope in their greatest time of need. The art piece will serve as a reminder of hope and prayer for anyone who visits the hospital.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have another family. Girl Scouts gives girls an unbreakable bond of sisterhood and family. Because of Girl Scouts I now have another family that will always be there for me.

