

Let the Children Sing!

Gretchen Perlinger has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and is in Troop 1446 in Service Unit 634. She is currently a senior at Shawnee Mission West High School.

Gretchen's Gold Award project addressed the deteriorating state of children's music ministry in the Catholic faith. She wanted to find a way to encourage children to exercise their faith through music and create a library that was sustainable beyond her time at the parish. Through research, she found the challenge of needing permission from musicians to reproduce their music for her library and found ways to use her local resources to communicate her project to those composers for their permission.

Gretchen worked with Holy Trinity Catholic Church, a pianist and her family to create CDs and libraries of music for future children's ministry programs at her parish. She created a document with links to tracks, guitar chords, as well as three binders of sheet music and CDS with piano accompaniments. The goal of this project is to empower teachers to lead their music ministry for many years to come.

Because of Girl Scouts... I am not afraid to lead and stand up for what I know is right.



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