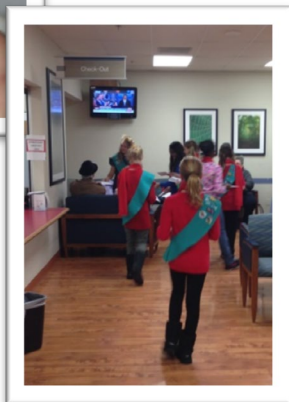




**Mariel Allen**

Lake Quivera, Kansas



## ***Clothing for Kids in Need***

Mariel Allen has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 1631 in Service Unit 620. She is currently a sophomore at Bishop Miege High School.

Mariel's Gold Award Project addressed the issue of access to affordable clothing for young students. She worked with the Center School District and Savers Thrift Store to provide coupons for discounted clothing, free backpacks and school supplies during a back to school event at the thrift shop. Mariel felt that local thrift shops were limited in children's clothing options, so she collected clothing donations from the community and provided the clothing to the thrift store. Mariel feels more connected to her community through her project and hopes it will lead to a higher self-esteem and confidence for students.

Mariel's project will be sustained through Center School District counselors and social workers who can work with Savers to continue to provide discounts to students in need.

**Because of Girl Scouts, I feel inspired to help others.**