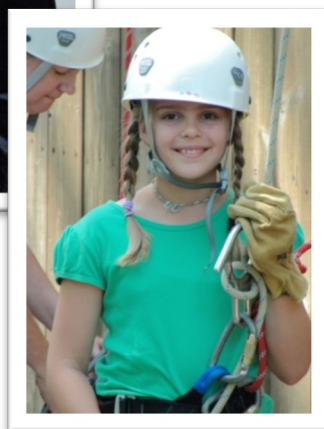


Claire Barnhart

Lenexa, Kansas



Quindaro Kids' Kitchen

Claire Barnhart has been a Girl Scout for ten years and was in Troop 195 in Service Unit 679. She is currently a freshman at Kansas State University studying Horticulture.

For Claire's Gold Award project she wanted to create a connection for youth receiving assistance from a kids' kitchen to the food they are eating and address their food insecurities. Claire worked with the kids' kitchen to plan and build two raised gardens to give them a vegetable garden experience, teaching the youth about gardening, maintenance and harvesting and that fresh, nutrient dense food is accessible even in an urban setting!

Claire's project will be sustainable for years to come and will be maintained by the Kid's Kitchen and Roswell Church of Christ. Through her Gold Award project, Claire learned that she loves working with and meeting new people and to be bold when taking action.

Because of Girl Scouts, I have been empowered to reach out to others to make things happen.