



## Kate Cronin

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# Education on Domestic Abuse

Kate Cronin has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Service Unit 675. She is currently a sophomore at Blue Valley West High School.

Kate's Gold Award project addressed the issue of a lack of education about domestic abuse for teens, as well as a lack of supplies for domestic abuse victims at a local shelter. To combat these issues, Kate partnered with a local shelter and created a supply drive to provide them with much needed resources, volunteered at the shelter and created an educational lesson about domestic abuse for teens. Her educational aspect was presented at Blue Valley West High School, providing vital information on healthy relationships to local teens.

Kate worked with Sheffield Place, Blue Valley West High School and her Girl Scout troop to gather supplies, raise awareness, volunteer and provide education to teens. By combating the issue on multiple fronts – resources, education and volunteerism – Kate was able to provide well rounded support for a cause right in her community. As teens enter the world of relationships, it's important that they have access to education on what healthy relationships look like so they can stop the cycle of domestic abuse in the future. Her project will continue with the lesson plan she created being taught to future classes at her high school. Kate overcame challenges gathering donations and communication by working with her advisor, developing better marketing techniques and thinking outside the box.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I know that I can tackle difficult subjects to make a change in my community.**