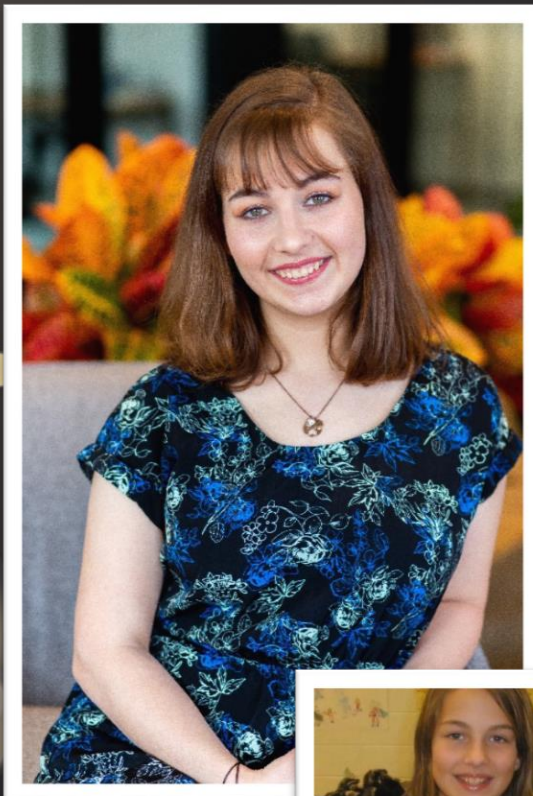




**Sarah Lewis**

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# The Foster-Adopt-Connect 'Junk in the Trunk' Sale!

Sarah Lewis has been a Girl Scout for 12 years as a member of Troop 431 in Service Unit 642. She is currently a freshman at Emporia State University.

Sarah's Gold Award project worked to provide critical funding to Foster-Adopt-Connect, which supports foster children and foster families. The foster care system provides children in need a home while they are waiting to be formally adopted. Sarah worked to help provide school supplies to foster children by hosting a trunk sale with a low fee for vendors (\$25), with all the proceeds going to purchase school supplies for the foster children. This annual sale will continue to provide supplies for each new school year, ensuring that foster children in her community have the best chance to thrive in school.

Sarah worked with Foster-Adopt-Connect, Chuck-E-Cheese, her Girl Scout troop and vendors to find a location, host the sale and purchase supplies for the foster care students. By working on a website for this sale, Sarah was able to promote her event, register vendors and get more shoppers to stop by. Because of her efforts, Sarah was able to purchase a lot of supplies for foster kids in her community, leaving a positive impact. The sale will continue in the future by volunteers who will update the website and recruit new vendors each year, meaning foster care children in her community can look forward to fresh supplies they need to excel.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I am strong and independent as not only a woman but as a leader. I have learned how to be a risk-taker but also an organized critical thinker. I can take on big projects and change the world because of my time in Girl Scouts.**