



# Sophia Rothery

Liberty, MO



## Pancakes with Purpose

Sophia Rothery has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 1795 in Service Unit 611. She is currently a senior at Liberty High School.

Sophia's Gold Award project addressed the need for families at Trailwoods Elementary to know what resources are available for Spanish speaking students and parents. With 74% of the school's population being Spanish speaking dominant, Sophia wanted to ensure they were aware of the wide variety of resources available that can help solve specific needs. By utilizing translators at a fun event like the pancake breakfast, she was able to make the information accessible all while providing the families a place to meet other families.

Sophia worked with Trailwoods Elementary, LINC, El Centro, Mattie Rhodes Center, Strand by Strand and other local organizations to host the breakfast and inform the families of these available services. Providing the resources for the families at Trailwoods means that Sophia is helping children and parents get the most out of the educational experience. There are many resources in the community geared at the Hispanic community, but especially with language barriers, they're not always easy to identify. Thanks to her work, Sophia is connecting her community and ensuring who speak Spanish only have the resources they need.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I have found a passion in working with families and children in underserved areas. I have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime.**

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