



## Elizabeth Sanders

Lansing, KS



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## Get Involved in LV

Elizabeth Sanders has been a Girl Scout for three years as a member of Troop 506 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a senior at Lansing High School.

Elizabeth's Gold Award project addressed the need to connect volunteers with opportunities in the Leavenworth County area. More than 30 organizations joined forces with Elizabeth as she created a website that matched perspective volunteers with the right opportunity. She sorted volunteer roles by age group and indicated if they allowed families, as well as noted any talents or skills that would be beneficial for that role. By creating this site, she has enabled community members to get more involved by having an easy place to find volunteer opportunities.

Elizabeth worked with her high school's positive committee and her Girl Scout troop to create the website and brainstorm ideas on how it could be the most effective. The Lansing Public Library also assisted her in marketing the new website by sharing the information with its members. Through the process, she faced challenges with time management and connecting with non-profits, but by utilizing problem-solving skills, planning and adjusting communication efforts, she was able to achieve her goal. Elizabeth has ensured this program will continue beyond her involvement by recruiting her high school's positive committee, which will review surveys from users and update information as needed. Thanks to her work, more volunteers are being matched with the right opportunity to give back.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I have found new passions and formed friendships that will last forever.**