



Celebrate Gold



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Community Service for Kids

Makayla was a girl member for 10 years in Troop 7170 in Service Unit 701. She is currently a sophomore at Kansas State University, where she is pursuing a degree in cybersecurity.

Makayla's Gold Award project offers more children an opportunity to get involved with community service projects. She noticed a lack of volunteer opportunities for youth, and then organized three different projects to help them get involved with their community - creating "sock snowmen" to donate to Fellowship and Faith, designing Valentine's Day cards for elderly residents at Aldersgate Village, and building cat toys for Helping Hands Humane Society.

To continue encouraging youth volunteer opportunities, Makayla created a list of 25 different project ideas that she shared with Girl Scout Troop Leaders and with her church's before and after school program. She also encouraged the children and adult volunteers to keep seeking out opportunities to help their community - a lesson sure to impact these people for years to come!

Because of Girl Scouts...I am more comfortable trying new things.