



# Celebrate Gold

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## Plastic to Bedrolls

Natalie was a girl member for 13 years in Troop 2307 in Service Unit 625. She is currently a sophomore at Saint Louis University where she is pursuing her Nursing degree.

Inspired by a combined passion for recycling and for helping homeless people in her community, Natalie merged these two interests to create a unique Gold Award project. Using plastic bags, she created crocheted bedrolls for people who may be sleeping outside. Partnering with Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Natalie led the creation and distribution of 25 bedrolls for community members who needed them.

To continue her project, Natalie coordinated donations of plastic bags from Harvesters, a local food pantry, and taught volunteers at Cross-Lines how to crochet the bedrolls. Each season, new bedrolls will be made and distributed to homeless community members or saved for the colder winter months as an additional form of assistance.



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