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2019

# GOLD AWARD

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# YEARBOOK

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## LETTER FROM GSGLA LEADERSHIP

Dear Girl Scouts, Families, and Friends,

This year, we celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of 326 exceptional young women who were inspired to make a significant difference locally, nationally, or internationally. This is the largest Gold Award class in the nation, and the largest class at GSGLA since the Girl Scout Centennial in 2012.

True G.I.R.L.s—Gold Award Girl Scouts have shown grit like Go-getters, problem-solved like Innovators, embraced new challenges like Risk-takers, and displayed empathy and integrity like Leaders. They have used their skills and experiences to empower others and advocate on their behalf—from promoting literacy in juvenile hall to taking on Big Tobacco in Sacramento—Gold Award recipients define leadership not as power over people, but as power with purpose.

In 2019, these girls provided more than 26,000 hours of service through the development and execution of projects of sustainable impact. Each of these projects, while varied in scope, addressed a need, provided support, found solutions, and inspired communities—whether it was spreading awareness about plastic pollution in Los Angeles or providing musical resources to a community center in Tijuana. On behalf of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles members, volunteers, board members, and staff, we thank these outstanding young women for helping to address critical issues and for being the G.I.R.L.s our world needs. Thank you for a job well done, and congratulations on earning the Ph.D. of Girl Scouting!

Sincerely,

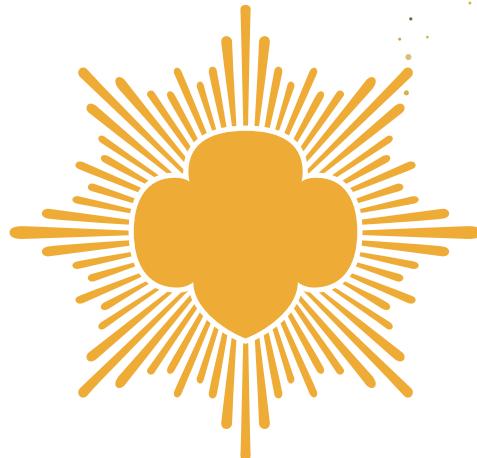
Shelley B. Thompson

Board Chair

Lise L. Lutgens

Chief Executive Officer

# THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD



The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, is a national award with significant standards that elevate a girl's leadership skills, creativity, values, and efforts to make the world a better place.

Earning the Gold Award requires spending at least 80 hours planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community.

The prestigious award recognizes Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts—girls in grades 9-12—for outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Starting in 1916, the best and brightest undertook projects that improved their communities—and the world. The Golden Eaglet, the highest award in Girl Scouting from 1916-39, sparked the beginning of a long tradition of recognizing the extraordinary efforts of extraordinary girls. From 1940-63, the Curved Bar Award was

the highest honor in Girl Scouting. From 1963-80, the highest award was called First Class. And since 1980, the Gold Award has inspired girls to find the greatness inside themselves and share their ideas and passions with their communities.

Nationwide, only 6 percent of all eligible Girl Scouts achieve the Gold Award. And out of 112 Girl Scout councils, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) continuously boasts the highest number of girls reaching Gold each year.

Girls who earn their Girl Scout Gold Award automatically enter the military one rank higher, qualify for college scholarships, and are eligible for additional national service awards.

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## JULIA JJ ABELE

Palos Verdes Peninsula

### CAN YOU HAIKU? READING AND WRITING POETRY AND SHORT STORIES

"My project helped address the need to improve reading and writing skills of young people, including those in underserved communities."



## VERONICA SANDRA AMAYA

Pasadena

### REVAMPING THE WILSON DANCE ROOM

"I revamped the dance room at Wilson Middle School for the LEARNs program dance team because I wanted the children to have a place to practice and get motivated to dance and make new friends."

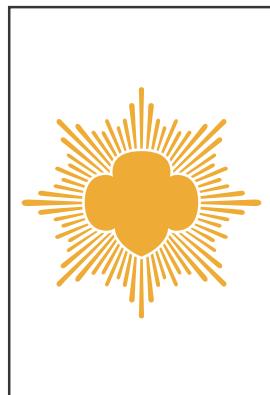


## MADISON ABUNDO

South Pasadena

### SIGN LANGUAGE VIDEOS

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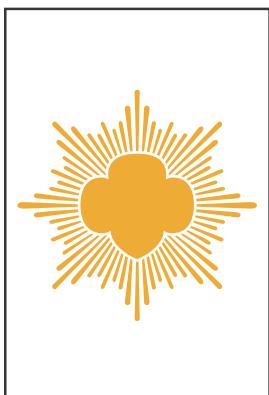


## RISA AMPUDIA

Covina

### BAND ROOM BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

"My project brought life to my high school's withering music program. I helped to create a positive atmosphere by renovating the music rooms which had an uplifting and rejuvenating impact."



## TATE AHN

La Canada

### TESTING SCORES IN PASADENA

"My project gave support to students who live in low socioeconomic communities to help them increase their test scores and build their confidence."



## SARAH ANDREWS

Alhambra

### PLASTIC HAZARDS AWARENESS TEAM (PHAT)

"My project addressed the issue of plastic pollution by educating middle and high school students and spreading awareness in my community of the dangers of using single-use plastics."

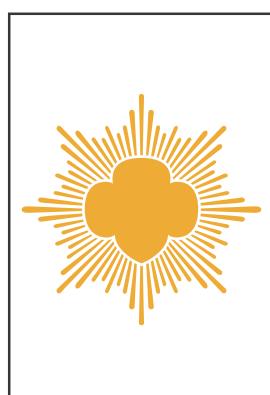


## ANNA ALLEN

Glendale

### DUNSMORE ELEMENTARY BALL WALL MURALS

"My project addressed issues of bullying and negativity and brought happiness and color to the campus. I was able to give back to my school and community and bring people together in kindness."



## BRYCE ANDRUS

Huntington Beach

### FORENSIC SCIENCE FAIR

"I designed and ran a fair called the National Forensic Science Week, Police Recruitment and Safety Fair which helped alleviate the tension between the local police department and the community it serves."



## AMAYA ARANDA

Alhambra

### MY STORY FILM CAMP

“My project addressed the lack of funding for arts education and diversity in the film industry. I taught 5 weeks of summer film production classes to youth in my community to help them share their often underrepresented stories through movie-making.”



## BROOKE ATKINSON

Santa Clarita

### BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT

“My project addressed the issue of animal welfare by renovating the facilities of a local animal shelter to provide a safe home for animals as well as creating a welcoming workplace for employees of the shelter.”



## ALYSSA ARCE

Santa Clarita

### GROWING & GARDENING!

“Through my project I provided a place for kids to enjoy nature and learn about growing different plants and vegetables. This teaches kids the importance of eating healthy and getting outside.”



## AVA AULABAUGH

Los Angeles

### THE PERIOD PROJECT

“My project raised awareness around the issue of gender economic inequality by creating a Pink-Tax-Free day at CVS pharmacy and educating people about the pink tax.”



## PEYTON ARMENDARIZ

Stevenson Ranch

### YOU CAN HELP

“My project addresses a population that is constantly overlooked: hungry, low-income families and individuals. By highlighting the volunteers who donate their time to help this community it encourages others to help.”



## ISABELLE AVANOSIAN

Glendale

### SHARE YOURSELF AND CONTRIBUTE!

“I chose to make a difference in my community by informing students of the importance of community service. I worked together with a troop to make pillowcases to donate to the City of Hope Hospital.”



## TALAR ASDOURIAN

Granada Hills

### HELPING THE ELDERLY SMILE

“My project made an impact on my community by creating mental stimulation games for the elderly, as well as collecting their life stories and organizing their library at the nursing facility.”



## BRIANNA BAKER

Redondo Beach

### STRESS LESS!

“The academic rigor and competitiveness has caused many students in my high school to develop anxiety and stress. My project focused on preventing, dealing with, and managing that stress in a healthy way.”

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## GRACE BARJAM

Acton

### AFBC CLASSROOM/PATIO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ROWAN CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

"My project created a safe and beautiful space for my Church's congregation to gather and fellowship together."



## SARAH BENJAMIN

Woodland Hills

### READ 2 SUCCEED

"My project made an impact on my community by improving literacy among children from low-income families."



## BAYLA BASH

Glendale

### INSPIRING THE FUTURE'S FEMALES

"My project inspires young girls to take action against the inequalities and sexism they face in today's society, and stray from the societal boundaries that girls, like myself, have been restricted by."



## GEORGIA BENNETT

Manhattan Beach

### SHARED CLOSET

"I teamed up with a local soup kitchen and also started a club that provides donated clothing to the homeless in a respectful manner, by allowing them to "shop" for clothing."

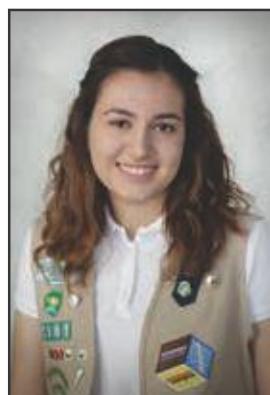


## JENNY BEAUCHAMP

Chino Hills

### TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

"I chose to make a difference in my community by bringing parents and teens together to learn from a panel of experts, and by composing and distributing a brochure, which lists places where those in need can get help."

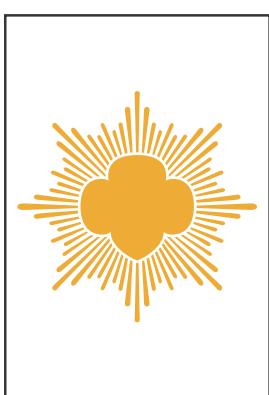


## TALEEN BERBERIAN

Pasadena

### SUMMER CODING CAMP FOR GIRLS

"My project addressed the issue of the gender gap in technological fields by facilitating three, week-long coding camps for girls aged 10-14 years old."



## ELLIE BEDIKIAN

Torrance

### TEEN TECH SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

"My project bridged the gap between teens and seniors by providing technical support at local senior centers. Teens are now helping seniors learn new means of communicating with phones, tablets, and computers."



## ALEXYS BERMAN

Redondo Beach

### READY, SET, KNIT!

"I taught others how to knit squares which were assembled into blankets for homeless and disabled American veterans. I also educated community about the struggles of veterans and encouraged more to contribute to the worthy cause of Veteran Affairs."



## NATALIE BERNER

Glendale

### ACTIVITY BOXES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

“My project made an impact on my community by giving homeless children an opportunity to have fun expressing their creativity while also giving their parents a chance to take a break from constant child supervision.”

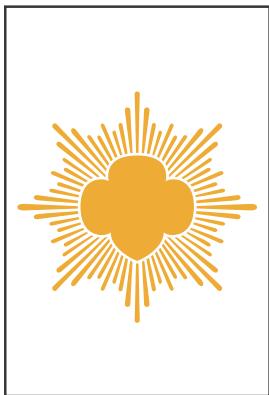


## AMANDA BOO

Fontana

### “BEFORE I GRADUATE I WILL...”

“I chose to make a difference in my community by providing a chalk wall where my peers could express their short-term or long-term goals that they would like to do before they graduate.”



## REBECCA BLANCHARD

Covina

### PAW PROJECT

“My project goal was to educate people about owning a pet and show them that it doesn’t have to be expensive. I put together adoption kits with DIY and economically friendly projects, as well as cheat sheets with important info about owning pets.”



## CHLOE BOSS

Rancho Palos Verdes

### FIRST AID COMICS

“I created comic books as a unique and memorable way for kids to learn about first aid – it teaches kids how to respond in medical emergencies and potentially save lives.”



## ELIZABETH BOCK

South Pasadena

### FISH ARE FRIENDS – THEY MAKE FOOD!

“My project addressed the lack of environmental education in my community by renovating my high school’s aquaponics garden and educating the community about alternative agricultural methods.”



## EMMA BRAMSON

Redondo Beach

### PARRAS MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE PROGRAM

“I created a mentorship program in which students were coached on their songs, monologues, and scene. I also created a lesson plan on how to break down a scene using different acting techniques.”



## MADELINE BOHANNON

Palos Verdes Estates

### DE-STRESSING ART SESSIONS

“I created an art therapy program at my high school to target stress in teens, providing art supplies, music, and snacks, and inviting students to come to my school’s Wellness Center.”



## HALEY BRIGGS

Burbank

### THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIPS

“My project made an impact on my community by helping students at middle and high schools learn how to make new friends.”

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## BROOKE BRODY

San Marino

### ST. EDMUNDS SPIRITUALITY & TRANQUILITY GARDEN

“With my project I helped my local church and the ecosystem around me by creating a wonderful garden and sanctuary for all to enjoy.”



## DANIELLE CAMPOS-MARTEL

Duarte

### HERBALICIOUS

“I chose to make a difference in my community by teaching younger Girl Scouts how to garden and the importance of eating healthy.”



## SARAH BUCK

Diamond Bar

### HONORING THE PAST AND FUTURE OF DIAMOND RANCH INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“My project made an impact on our school community by honoring the past 22 years of drum majors and band presidents and created a stronger sense of our identity.”

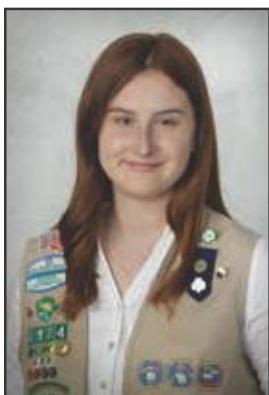


## MATEA CARLIN

Los Angeles

### THE BOOTH OF TRUTH

“I chose to make a difference in my community by creating a space for my peers to record their thoughts about the world we live in today, and archive them for future generations to look back upon.”



## SARAH BURDETTE

West Covina

### PLAYGROUND FOR TOTS

“With my project I was able to provide a sustainable playground for children ages 2-5 at my church.”

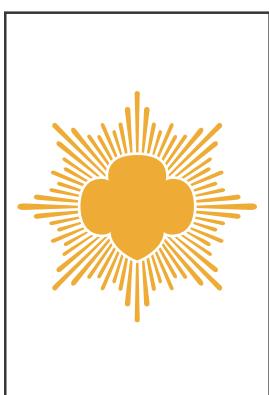


## BECCA CARTER

Palmdale

### LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY BUILDING BEAUTIFICATION

“Through my project I chose to make a difference in my community by remodeling the Leona Valley Community Center, which is used by local families and youth organizations.”



## CASSANDRA CALCIANO

Long Beach

### WOLFGANG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

“My project provided students with the opportunity to pursue music as an extracurricular at McBride High School as well as an instrument for use.”



## ELISABETH CARTER

San Marino

### IGLESIA DE LA COMUNIDAD YOUTH ROOM REDECORATION

“My project provided young kids in a struggling neighborhood a safe and inviting place to go after school. This not only helps their parents but also helps the kids to understand that they have people who care for them and are looking out for them.”

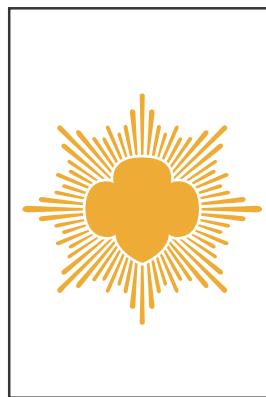


## JENNISA CASILLAS

Santa Fe Springs

### IT TAKES A TRIBE

"I was able to educate others and emphasize the importance of post-secondary education. I was able to make a difference in my community as a promoter of college readiness and success."



## KATELYN CHANG

Cerritos

### FAMILY FOREVER

"My project addressed the importance of carrying on family legacy and heritage by helping seniors record the best moments of their lives through a detailed biography to share their life stories."



## MICHELLE CHAMBERS

Manhattan Beach

### TEACHING THE TUTOR

"My project provided students with a stronger network of educational support and provided student tutors with the skills to become good teachers and effective communicators."



## STEPHANIE CHANG

La Palma

### BYMENLA: BOOSTING YOUTH MOTIVATION IN THE ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS

"My project was aimed at motivating students to have a desire to learn English from an early age."



## RISHIKA CHANDRUPATLA

Torrance

### GIRLS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

"My project made an impact on my community by increasing the number of young girls that take part in computer science courses and clubs to further their passion in technology."



## KAYLA CHEN

San Marino

### EAT BETTER, FEEL BETTER

"My project was important because I wanted to inspire kids to treat their health seriously and learn how healthy eating can benefit their lives."



## EMMA CHANG

Palos Verdes Estates

### THINK BLUE!

"I created a mobile education station and created brochures for visitors of the Aquarium of the Pacific, opening people's minds and challenging them to become ocean advocates themselves."



## CHRISTA CHENG

Arcadia

### ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY WALK

"My project addresses today's youth's lack of interest in literacy. By presenting books in a new, interactive way that combines reading and movement, my project promotes literacy in both young children and their families."

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## ALINA CHIU

San Marino

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### C O D I

“My project addressed the issue of gender and racial inequality in the STEM field by teaching underprivileged youth how to code and design websites.”



## SAMANTHA CLARK

Lancaster

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### I AM ME

“I chose to make a difference in my community by creating a mural that will help kids realize their self-worth and to remind them that they are the best version of themselves no matter what anyone says.”



## DELANEY CHOI

La Cañada

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### READING PARTNERS ROOM MAKEOVER

“I chose to make a difference in my community by renovating a room to help encourage young students to get excited about reading.”



## GENETHA CLEVELAND

Compton

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### CYCLE AWAY!

“My project addressed the issue of homeless women not being able to meet their sanitary needs by teaching local Girl Scouts and homeless women how to create reusable sanitary napkins.”



## KAYLEE CHOW

Toluca Lake

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### THE PERIOD STIGMA PROJECT

“My project allowed homeless women in my community access to tampons and pads. I was able to spread awareness about the impact of period poverty and the lack of access to safe, clean menstrual hygiene products and bathrooms.”



## RACHEL CLINTON

Manhattan Beach

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### VIOLIN LESSONS FOR KIDS AT BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

“My project demonstrates the enriching and wonderful influence that music lessons can have on children.”



## MAKENA CIONI

Los Angeles

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### CONNECTING GLOBAL COMMUNITIES

“I engaged Girl Scouts and my peers in creating an English literacy program in a preschool in South Africa, a country where English is required for college or any well-paying jobs.”



## DANICA COLLINS

Rancho Palos Verdes

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### ART FOR ALL

“I researched, planned and taught art classes with the aim to teach people that not only is art therapeutic, but it helps you feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in yourself.”



## VALENTINA COSTARELLI

Palmdale

### STEM EXPO FOR GIRLS

"My project made an impact on my community by encouraging, empowering, and inspiring girls to take STEM classes and pursue STEM fields."



## ELLA DABNEY

Manhattan Beach

### SEW MUCH LOVE

"My project provided 80 medical therapy dolls to a child life department. My presentations educated the community on what medical therapy is and why it's important."



## SAMANTHA COVEY

Pasadena

### ADDRESS THE STRESS IN WAITING ROOMS

"I worked to transform the clinic-like and anxious atmosphere of a waiting room into a homey and nurturing environment where families feel supported."



## AMANDA D'AMBROSIO

La Crescenta

### ONE STITCH AT A TIME

"I chose to make a difference in my community by making knitting kits for the cancer patients at City of Hope, helping to reduce their stress and anxiety."



## KARINA CUEVAS

Norwalk

### BECAUSE I'M WORTH IT

"My project addressed the issue of low self-esteem by displaying positive messages around a middle school campus in order to create a more positive learning environment."

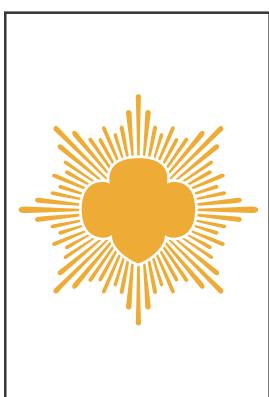


## MELISSA DANIEL

Burbank

### FUTURE DOCTORS PROGRAM

"My project aims to combat the issue of a lack of Latinos in the physician workforce by exposing science through hands-on experimentation and lessons beyond standards to young minority elementary school students."



## JAMILA CUMMINGS

Altadena

### CHANGING THE STATUS QUO

"My project addressed the issue of peer bullying by hosting a series of bullying workshops that were meant to educate and provide middle school students with tools to handle and respond to bullying in non-violent, proactive ways."



## JENNIFER DANNER

Arcadia

### CONTINUAL CHANGE THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF CHILDREN

"My project addresses the issues of climate change by bringing awareness to children by encouraging them to think outside the box, so as they grow and learn more, they will be able to work on saving the Earth."

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## NATALIE DAVALOS

Lancaster

### RIDING FOR HOPE

"My project created a more positive atmosphere for youth who go to physical therapy sessions. An updated handbook also made for a better presentation of the rules, dress code, name of workers, and horses."



## KATHLEEN DEROSE

La Cañada

### PROJECT GIVE BACK(PACK)

"My project helped address some of the needs experienced by homelessness, showing my community that we can easily help the homeless by donating essential items."



## AMANDA KARINA DAVANZO

Santa Monica

### EXPLORATIONS OF STEM

"I chose to make a difference in my community with my Gold Award by encouraging young women to not give up pursuing their goals in STEM."



## FRANCES DIAZ

West Covina

### WARMING HEARTS

"My project not only taught individuals in my community how to get involved and help others, but it also helped children with cancer realize that there are so many people praying for their recovery and providing encouragement."



## LANIYA DAWSON

Bellflower

### AVANT-GARDENING (SLIGHTLY LEFT OF MAINSTREAM GARDENING)

"My project addressed the issue of food deserts in local low-income communities by introducing kids to agricultural science through innovative methods of urban gardening."



## CAROLINE DICK

La Cañada

### PATIENT PERSONALIZATION

"My project involved making lap desks for sick kids at Children's Hospital LA, helping them to feel more comfortable having something special and personal of their own to use while in the hospital."

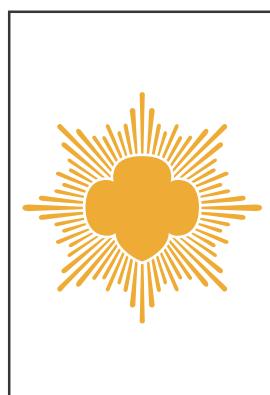


## MIA DAWSON

South Pasadena

### THE DANCE CONNECTION

"I chose to share my passion for dance and make a difference in my community by providing free after school dance classes to middle school students who did not have the opportunity to take classes."



## SUZANNE DICKERSON

Chino Hills

### RANDOM ROCKS OF KINDNESS

"My project is important because it helped develop an art culture in the Chino Hills community by bringing people together to paint rocks and distribute throughout the community for others to find and enjoy."

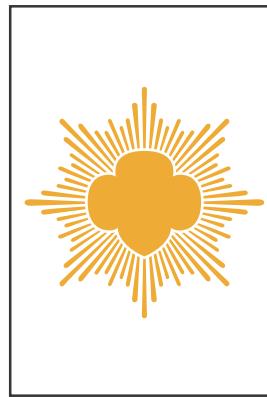


## MIRACLESTAR DOBY

Santa Monica

### SHAPING A COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

"I chose to make a difference in my community by providing musical resources to begin a music education program in Tijuana, Mexico."



## HANNAH DUKES

Palmdale

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TOY GIVE AWAY

"My project promoted involvement in my community through a Christmas Toy Drive."



## SIENNA DOWNEY

Burbank

### CONNECTING THE LIVING TO THE DEAD

"My project addressed the issue of lack of available information when doing genealogy work – I teamed up with BillionGraves to add names and info of deceased to their database."



## LINA DUMAS

San Pedro

### YOUTH COOKING CLASSES

"I wrote a cookbook of simple and healthy recipes that families can prepare together rather than eating processed foods. With this project I hope to curb illness and diseases rooted in a poor diet, while also encouraging children to start cooking at an early age."

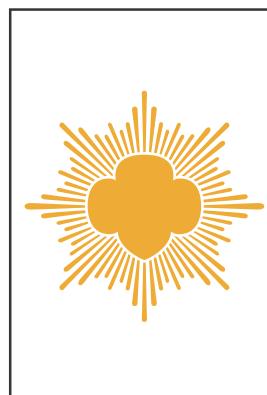


## SOFIA DRAGNA

La Cañada

### WORKING WARDROBE

"My project made a difference by helping refugee women obtain a professional wardrobe and develop basic interview skills when seeking work."



## ELIZABETH EATON

South Pasadena

### COMMUNITY CAT CARE

"My project helped address the cat population problem by hosting two adoption fairs to help cats get adopted and fostered, while bringing awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering your pets."



## AMBER DUFRESNE

Redondo Beach

### BAG CRAZY

"My project helped the community become more involved not only in helping the homeless but in bettering our community's approach to environmental pollution."



## RACHEL EDELSTEIN

Rancho Palos Verdes

### THE GOLDEN DRESSING ROOM

"My project brought attention to the issue of underfunding of arts programs in schools."

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**SARAH ELKINS**

Sunland

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**FOR SENIORS' EYES ONLY**

"My project and the videos I've produced provide a clear pathway to help students get through the college application process and gives them unlimited knowledge on it."



**BAYLEE FARR**

Lomita

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**BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**

"My project educated & developed inner city youth in various camps, such as soccer, basketball, dance, art, and cooking during the summer program at the Boys & Girls Club of the South Bay as well as provided school supplies to over 150 kids."



**HANALEI EMNACE**

Rancho Palos Verdes

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**TOMORROW'S LEADERS  
TODAY – PEER LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING PROGRAM**

"With my project I conducted a peer leadership training program intended to inspire church and community involvement in high school students and instill in them valuable leadership skills."



**CLAIRE FAUSETT**

La Cañada

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**LENDING LIBRARY OF GOODS**

"My project addressed the issue of elderly downsizing by creating a shared space for members of a local retirement home to check out everyday goods."



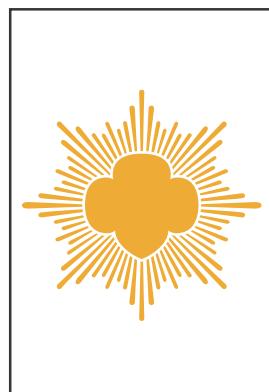
**DAHILIA ESTRADA**

Glendale

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**HELPING HAND IN THE SAND**

"My project addresses the issue of a hazardous sandbox and healthy eating and exercising. I shared fun and easy ways to exercise and how to make simple snacks that will fuel your body."



**CAROLINE FINNEGAN**  
Pasadena

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**CLUB 21 EDUCATIONAL  
DEMONSTRATION**

"My project helped address the difficulty youth with Down syndrome experience with math by providing kits that covered addition, subtraction, time, and money, along with worksheets for repetitive practice and learning resource tools."



**AMANDA EVANS**

Calabasas

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**DANCING THROUGH LIFE: SAN  
FERNANDO VALLEY RESCUE  
MISSION**

"My project gave the kids of the rescue mission an education in dance they may not have had the opportunity to have."



**KATELYN FONG**

Arcadia

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**ECO-MUSIC CENTER**

"I chose to make a difference in my community by designing and creating a music center with recycled materials for the local preschool and its students."



## SAVANNAH FORTÉ

Castaic

### THE READING TREE

“I spread awareness of literacy and helped the children develop healthy reading habits by encouraging them to include reading into their daily lives.”

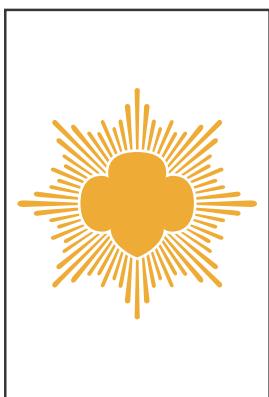


## LARA FRIEDMAN

Pasadena

### AWARENESS ON ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

“Climate change affects everything on Earth; it is a threat to our (and all living beings’) existence on our green planet. My project is one of the many voices in the chorus working to help save the planet.”



## KATHLEEN FOX

South Pasadena

### LOVE ROCKS

“My project made an impact on my community by using art to spread messages of kindness, empathy, and love.”



## EMMA FUKUNAGA

Rancho Palos Verdes

### FULL STEAM AHEAD

“My project made an impact on my community by promoting a love of science and critical thinking in the Richstone Family Center Kids Club.”



## REINA SIERRA FREEMAN

Pasadena

### JARDÍN DE RECUERDO

“I chose to make a difference in my community by providing a special place for families to remember their loved ones and to provide Mission of Mercy Hospice with a place to hold an annual memorial service.”



## LAUREN FUNG

Pasadena

### CONSERVATION AT THE ZOO PATCH PROGRAM

“My patch program provides activities for middle schoolers at the Los Angeles Zoo. It highlights the endangered species at the zoo and environmental issues impacting them, as well as the zoo’s conservation efforts.”



## BROOKE FRIEDMAN

Valencia

### WORTH THE WEIGHT

“My project showed younger Girl Scouts that they can make a change and be a part of something bigger than themselves. It also served to provide undersupplied special needs classrooms with much-needed weighted items so that students with special needs can better get the support they need.”



## AMANDA GALE

Claremont

### CLAREMONT HILLS WILDERNESS PARK EDUCATIONAL VIDEO

“I chose to make a difference in my community by providing information to park users about safety, rules, first aid, and other park information.”

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**ELIZABETH GAMMARIELLO**

Stevenson Ranch

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**SEATING FOR GOD**

“My project increased the available seating for the Our Savior of the Mountains Mission. In addition, I held a woodworking workshop where younger Girl Scouts learned many necessary skills and earned their woodworking badge.”



**CATHERINE GLANDON**

Los Angeles

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**FLOAT**

“My project promotes community spirit and involvement. It will always give the Girl Scout troops a place to volunteer and earn their Float Badge. It is important to get the girls involved in the community and to work hard for a goal.”



**JENNA GARDNER**

Lancaster

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**CARE NET WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE AND OUTREACH**

“My project created long lasting improvements to Care Net's facility and informed girls my age about the importance of a healthy relationship.”



**AMANDA GOMEZ**

La Cañada Flintridge

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**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

“My project is important because it addressed the issue of children being unsupervised or disruptive in court and inequality of opportunity that arises as children fall behind in school.”



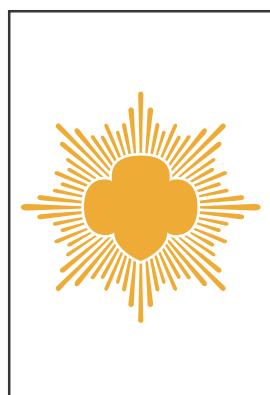
**MINUETTE GARNER**

Tujunga

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**BOOKS FOR KIDS**

“My project is important because I was able to help young kids develop a love for reading. When I was younger I loved being able to have access to books, and I just wanted to give these kids the same opportunity.”



**ELISA GONZALEZ**

Altadena

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**EMPOWERED THINKERS**

“My project addressed the massive, amorphous issue of sexism. I compiled tips, research, and access to other fantastic outlets that I put in a database in the form of tips/tools for girls to feel more empowered.”



**ELLE GEBHARDT**

Manhattan Beach

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**ART-ASTIC**

“My project provided kids with the opportunity to participate in an art program, despite financial background. My project gave kids a fun program at no cost to them and taught them how to creatively express themselves in several ways.”



**BAILEY GRAVES**

Pasadena

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**AWARENESS AND CARE FOR RESCUED AND ABANDONED PETS**

“My project raised awareness for abandoned and/or abused pets by spreading knowledge through a pamphlet and video I created for an organization to use.”



## DERYN GREENE

Pacific Palisades

### PROMOTING KIDS MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS THROUGH FUN GAMES AND SIMPLE TECHNIQUES

“My project addressed the issue of mental wellness and healthy living by introducing innovative activities to local teachers to practice in their classrooms.”



## ROBIN HAGGENMILLER

Stevenson Ranch

### SO YOU THINK YOU CAN SEW?

“I taught youth ages 7-19 the basics of sewing, such as how to make a hem, sew a button, or make a straight stitch. All people, especially children, should be given the gift of knowledge of sewing. Without it, we are without a very important life skill.”



## ISABELLA GRIGORIAN

Glendale

### EDUCATIONAL, ECO-FRIENDLY EXERCISES IN SCIENCE FOR EVERYONE

“My project reached beyond my community and delivered the message that science sees no color, no culture, and no socioeconomic group. It’s a universal language for all to be challenged and inspired by.”



## KAYLA HALBERSTAM

Valencia

### PROJECT SAFE ENVIRONMENT

“My project helps people that have been displaced from their homes and put into Family Promise, a traveling homeless shelter. I painted, re-floored, set up, and dedicated corners at Temple Beth Ami for the families to feel more welcomed.”



## JASMINE GUARDADO

Los Angeles

### SAME MISSION, SAME GOAL

“I helped provide a more comfortable and welcoming stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena by renovating and decorating two family rooms, as well as holding a movie and board game drive to gather donations for families staying there.”

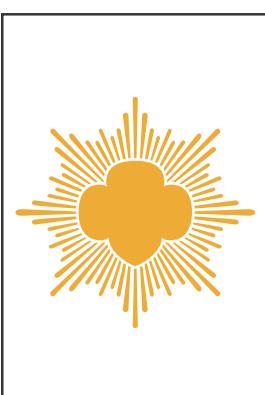


## ADELLA HALL

Glendale

### A CULTURE AND COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR SENIORS

“My project focused on the wellness of senior citizens, I wrote a series of 13 lessons in the arts that were directed at improving the overall wellbeing of senior citizens.”



## ALYSSA GUTZKE

San Dimas

### DONATIONS TO THE DAVID & MARGARET HOUSE

“My project addressed domestic violence by helping youth my age, both boys and girls, know that it is OK to get help when you are in abusive relationships and that it can happen to anyone.”



## REBECCA HALL

South Pasadena

### THE STEPS TO KINDNESS

“My project made an impact on my community by encouraging students in our local elementary school to practice kindness towards others as well as themselves.”

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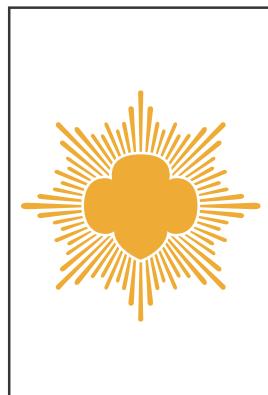


## SHELBY HANSON

Los Angeles

### CULVER CITY GUN BUYBACK

"I chose to make a difference in my community by hosting a gun buyback, removing and destroying 67 guns from local households that could have otherwise been used for harm."



## AMBER HEFFERON

La Verne

### A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY

"My project addresses the importance of helping others with their education by working directly with youth and providing the inspiration to others to continue to volunteer and tutor."



## TRICIA HAPPEL

Rancho Cucamonga

### MAKING BRIGHTER SMILES

"My project impacted my community by providing two local family shelters with supplies and resources to promote greater oral health which will lead to better overall health."



## ANNETTE HERMELIN

Claremont

### HEALTH AND NUTRITION: A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE

"My project addressed healthy eating; many kids do not realize the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. I helped implement fun ways to learn more about being healthy all while having a fun time."



## RACHEL HART

La Crescenta

### DUNSMORE ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

"I created activity centers on the playgrounds to encourage active play and painted buddy circles on the playgrounds where students who need a friend to play with can connect with their peers - promoting kindness, empathy, and friendship among students."



## IRIS HIRATA

Los Angeles

### STEM AT BEETHOVEN

"My project worked at engaging kids in their education through STEM-based activities. I hope to create a snowball effect, and allow their interest in that one subject to create an interest in school as a whole."



## CHLOE HAYNES

Long Beach

### MUSICAL THEATER CLUB

"My project gave low-income students a chance to experience live theater. Without this club, they would not have had this opportunity. Being able to attend live theater made them better performers and inspired them to further pursue the arts."



## MADISON HOIBY

Alhambra

### RASCAL CORE VALUES VIDEOS

"I love to learn, and I wanted to foster lifelong learners in my community. I made videos for a local elementary school where I integrated varying elements to adhere to different learning styles. I did this strategically, in order to feed the eager academic interest in all students."



## CHARLOTTE HOLMES

Canyon Country

### WHOLE HEALTH FOR THE SANTA CLARITA HOMELESS

“My project shines a spotlight on a cause that is not always recognized or given many resources and yet is vitally important to the health of any community: the wellbeing of a city’s homeless.”



## ANDREA HUERTA

San Gabriel

### ST. JOSEPH CENTER BENCHES RESTORATION

“I chose to make a difference in my community by enhancing and renovating the Sacred Heart Retreat House and Rosary Garden, providing an environment where patrons can enjoy a place of prayer in nature.”

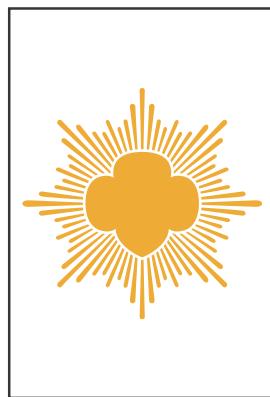


## RILEY HOLMES

La Verne

### BOOKED: A READING SOLIDARITY PROJECT

“Reading is the foundation of education. My project provided hundreds of books to at risk youth and families who may not have been exposed to this reading opportunity.”



## RACHEL HWANG

La Cañada

### A PEACEFUL SPACE FOR WOMEN IN NEED

“My award gives people struggling with domestic violence recovery a calming environment to find peace. It also addresses the prevalent impacts of domestic violence as well as a need for awareness about the topic.”



## REBECCA HOROW

Manhattan Beach

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FOR A LIFETIME

“I created a curriculum on how to live a healthy lifestyle to teach as an after school program. The goal was to give kids a chance to understand the various nutritional values associated with the foods we consume.”



## EMMA IBARRA

Chino

### RADIANT READING AT THE DA

“I feel that in my community especially, literacy is not as encouraged in special needs children as it is in other youth. I created a reading program that encourages literacy in children with disabilities.



## BELLA HUBBARD

Claremont

### COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE 101

“I impacted my community by creating a workbook and workshops addressing the college application process while finding healthy ways to manage stress and take care of one’s mental health.”



## SAMIRA IQBAL

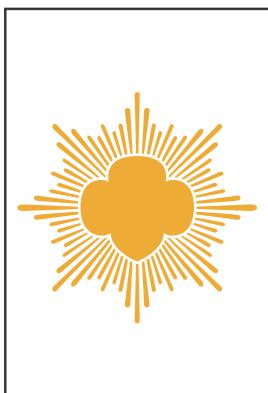
La Cañada

### LABOR OF LOVE

“I created a mural for a school for children with developmental disabilities, leaving behind a permanent message of how loved College View School is and how much it is cared for.”

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## LAURA JANKOWSKI

Rancho Palos Verdes

### CONFIDENCE BUILDING

"Lack of listening and meaningful speech leads to a vicious cycle where many are too afraid to stand up and advocate for themselves and others. My project was created to help people overcome their fears of public speaking and learn how to become a better listener."



## FLORA JIN

Walnut

### MY POWER TO LEARN

"My project addressed the issue of lacking self-confidence, and as a result, motivation, in young students from impoverished families to dream and maximize learning resources to reach for their dreams. I provided a summer camp curriculum in which students learned creative and efficient use of available resources."



## KAILEY JANOSKO

Montrose

### CONCUSSION AWARENESS VIDEO AND WEBSITE

"With my project I created a resource for parents, coaches, and athletes to learn more about the dangers of concussions, traumatic brain injuries, and Second Impact Syndrome."



## CORA JIRON

Arcadia

### GIRLS RUN THE WORLD

"My project educated people on the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of running and how to get started on a running plan."



## ALEKSA JARASUNAS

Rancho Palos Verdes

### EDUCATING CHILDREN ON NUTRITION AND EXERCISE

"My Gold Award project addressed the issue of childhood obesity by teaching underprivileged children at the Toberman Neighborhood Center about healthy eating and exercise."



## SOPHIE JOHNSON

Sierra Madre

### UPCYCLING FUN

"My project addressed the issue of plastic waste by the creation of an arts and crafts 'reusing' activity for participants at Ability First, a center that serves people with mental and physical challenges."



## ELENA JARDINO

Arcadia

### LENDING LIBRARY

"I created a lending library at a local pre-school so young children who don't necessarily read could learn the concept of taking a book out and bringing it back, teaching them how to reuse and recycle."



## KATLYN KARAMBELAS

Rolling Hills Estates

### KID ZONE FITNESS

"My project is important because it focuses on preventing childhood obesity one step at a time."



## LANA KAYALI

La Cañada

### BACKPACKS FOR REFUGEES

“My project focused on providing backpacks filled with school supplies to refugees who come to California and are enrolled into schools right away, therefore helping them to receive a proper education with all of the right tools.”



## KYLA KIKKAWA

Altadena

### KEEP ON DANCING

“My project helped people to improve their lives through dance and movement. By creating videos showing dance exercises for people with Parkinson’s disease and other physical ailments, this content will be shared online to inspire others to keep on dancing.”



## KATIE KELLER

San Pedro

### HELPING TO SAVE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY POPULATION

“My project was important because it helped the population of the Monarch butterflies. Since their population is rapidly decreasing due to many environment issues, I educated the public so that people would become more aware of this issue.”



## ASHLEY KING

Pasadena

### MUSIC FOR THE MOTIVATED

“My project addressed multiple issues at once, such as the lack of funding for music programs and helping the financially burdened. I provided a free summer music camp where kids could explore their musical talents.”



## JENNA KHACHATOUIAN

Burbank

### TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK FOR THE ELDERLY

“Leading the tech help desk at a local senior center, I made a difference in my community by teaching the elderly technological skills on their iPhones, iPads, and computers to keep up with today’s fast-paced world.”



## KENDALL KIRIO

Torrance

### ACTIVITIES FOR ALZHEIMER’S

“My project will be one of the many steps on the path of ending Alzheimer’s. By building connections between young high schoolers and the elderly, my project is bringing more awareness to this growing issue.”



## SOPHIE S. KHALIL

La Cañada

### YWCA OOH LA LA BOUTIQUE

“I chose to create a boutique-style closet for the residents of the YWCA of Glendale that housed clothing and toiletry donations.”



## ELISE KNEBEL

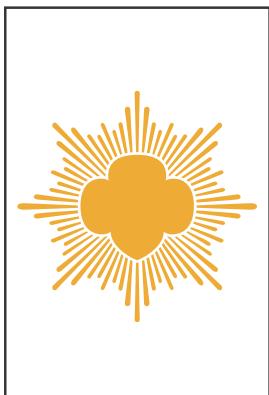
Los Angeles

### CARING CARDS

“My project made an impact on my community by helping hospitalized kids receive supportive, loving notes from family and friends at a difficult time in their lives.”

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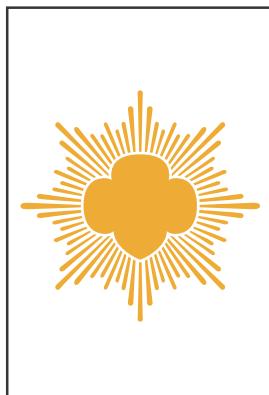


## CASSIDY KOCH

Calabasas

### YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

"My project helped address the problem young people have about being self-confident by giving a group of youth the opportunity to develop their leadership skills while serving on a council that oversaw the hosting of a festival."



## MICHAELA KOSKI

Pacific Palisades

### FOOD WASTE EDUCATION AND COMPOSTING

"My project addresses the issue around food waste by providing proactive solutions to the food waste epidemic through the distribution of education resources to students and families in my community."



## ELIZABETH KOHN

La Cañada

### COUNSEL TO CAREER

"I was able to work with a group of individuals that often feel powerless and weak and helped give them their voices back. I was able to build relationships with women and children and know I was giving them confidence, encouragement, and support."



## JACQUELYN KRISILAS

Encino

### LA LEGGER FIRST AID KITS

"I worked to create a safe exercise environment for the marathon training group, the LA Leggers. This consists of not only equipment like first aid kits but also the knowledge on how to properly use the supplies and treat injuries."



## LINDSEY KOJIMA

Culver City

### WWII VENICE JAPANESE AMERICAN MONUMENT MEMORIAL PROJECT

"I educated the younger generation about Japanese Internment camps by holding workshops, writing a children's book, creating a patch program, and uploading a video to YouTube where I interviewed internees."



## TERYN KUM

South Pasadena

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARENESS

"My project provided Special Olympic athletes access to a gym at home as well as exercise and nutrition information, making it convenient and easy to apply the lessons taught throughout the program."



## CAYLEE KOLB

La Cañada

### SELF-EXPRESSION THROUGH ART

"I helped the children to learn about the foundations of art, develop motor skills, stimulate creativity, and build confidence. Art can be used to express emotion and relieve stress through difficult times."



## EMILY KURTIN

Sherman Oaks

### COMPUTERS AND ONLINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR BELIZE

"I was able to provide the students and teachers in Hopkins, Belize, with online learning resources they previously did not have, as well as raise awareness about the education problems in Belize."



## MARY JANE LAMBERT

Altadena

### SOCIAL SERVICES: FEEDING/CLOTHING THE COMMUNITY

“I have provided a clean and safe space for impoverished individuals to receive food and clothing on a weekly basis at the social services pantry at my church in Pasadena.”



## ELYSSA JANINE LEDESMA

Walnut

### SELF-DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN AGAINST BULLYING

“For my project I worked at making children aware of the issue of bullying and educating them on what they can do in order to prevent it in the future.”



## STACEY LAU

San Marino

### GARDEN OF HOPE

“My project addressed the issue of healthy eating in low income communities by providing cooking and gardening lessons with families transitioning out of homelessness.”



## GABRIELLA LEDIS

Pasadena

### RENOVATING THE OT ROOM AT VILLA ESPERANZA

“My project addressed the issue of intellectually/developmentally disabled individuals in our community by renovating an old classroom into an Early Intervention Clinic for the Occupational Therapy Department.”



## SYDNEY LAU

Monterey Park

### AVOCATING FOR KIDS WITH ARTHRITIS

“My project focused on giving juvenile arthritis patients and their families a forum to learn how to advocate for themselves and their children, and helped the younger generation find their voice and their place in political advocacy.”



## CASEY LEE

San Gabriel

### BRAVER. STRONGER. MOTHER.

“My project was aimed to help the mothers at Elizabeth House, where I focused on ensuring that mothers felt a strong sense of community and support by holding workshops and organizing a baby shower.”



## NATALIE LAURIE

Woodland Hills

### POWER TO THE PERIOD

“Through my project I raised awareness over the lack of menstrual products during the housing and homeless crisis in LA, and it provided feminine hygiene products to homeless women and girls.”



## JADYN LEE

Rancho Palos Verdes

### MONEY MATTERS

“For my project I taught elementary school students at the local Boys & Girls Club important financial literacy skills that they can continue to develop as they get older.”

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**KAITLYN LEE**

Santa Monica

**MUSIC SESSIONS WITH THE VETERANS**

"My award engaged veterans at the VA with active music sessions to improve mood and lessen anxiety and depression. This music therapy helps veterans who attend develop gratifying connections with each other."



**DANICA LIAU**

Torrance

**GET UP AND DANCE**

"My project helped the public become aware of the benefits of physical activity, which improves one's health. It has taught me how to not only successfully plan and bring an idea into reality, but also expanded my leadership skills."



**KAYLA LEE**

La Cañada

**HEALTHY SMILES AT KIDS' COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC**

"I educated children from low-income families about the importance of caring for their oral health through fun visuals and activities. I was also able to donate supplies, such as books on oral health and toothbrushes."



**ROXANNE LINDY**

Walnut

**STAY WATER SAFE**

"The goal of my project was to reduce the number of drownings per year by providing swim lessons to families in and around my community who would otherwise not have the means to receive such help."



**AMAYA LEIFER**

Calabasas

**DANCING FEET**

"I shared my passion with my community by leading a dance program at the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley. Through 11 weeks of programming kids learned the basics of jazz, ballet, lyrical, and tap which ended with a talent show for family and friends."



**PHOEBE LOH**

Temple City

**MUSIC MAKES SENIORS SMILE**

"My project extends a helping hand to the elderly who want to play music and exercise at the same time. Music can positively impact the seniors' daily living environments and help them realize the importance of music."



**LANDON LENKOV**

Studio City

**STEM-TASTIC!**

"STEM-Tastic allows underprivileged young girls to explore the STEM field and gives them a chance to speak up and express their voice in a predominately male-dominated arena. My project made STEM accessible to these young ladies."



**KELIA LOMELI**

Woodland Hills

**MY FUTURE, MY WAY**

"My project defied the popular initiative to push all students to go to college. I presented an alternative to students who can't or choose not to go back to school by introducing them to a variety of professionals without college degrees."



## LEANORINE LORENZANA-GARCIA

Los Angeles

### GET THEIR BACKS WITH CARE PACKS

"Through my project, I challenged the thinking of my community and was able to help out those who are less fortunate so they can have the proper supplies needed to get their education."



## ZHUOJING (LISA) LU

San Marino

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TOBACCO CONTROL

"I founded International Youth Tobacco Control, a non-profit comprised of 200 teens from the US, Canada, China, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan. We sought legislative reform and spread awareness to over 3,000 youths about the harms of tobacco."



## MADELYN LORIA

Fontana

### MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

"I developed a student-run yearbook program for middle schoolers to enhance life skills, leadership skills, creativity, and help students to think outside the box."



## SOFIA LUQUE

La Cañada

### SOFIA SAVES LIVES: EXPANDING THE BONE MARROW REGISTRY

"Many cancers require bone marrow transplants for treatments. My project was aimed at expanding the registry for ethnic donors, with the hope of enhancing the possibility for patients to find a transplant donor."



## KATIE LOW

San Marino

### GROW YOUR SENSES

"Children with autism sometimes struggle with processing sensory information, which includes their visual, tasting, smelling, and touching senses. My project focused on enhancing the sensory experiences of children with autism."



## ISABELLA MADERA

Chino Hills

### ASL FOR ALL

"For my project I provided free sign language classes and videos to disabled children, their families & the professionals who interact with them, which helped them to better develop communication skills."



## VIVIAN LU

West Covina

### BE A LEADER BECOME A READER

"Completing this project helped me become a stronger communicator and leader, traits that I will forever carry with me. Though I had my struggles while completing this project, I was able to overcome them and learn from my mistakes as an individual."



## GRACE MANSOOR

Los Angeles

### HAPPY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

"My project addressed kids who were feeling lonely or left out at school by creating a warm and inviting playground area and a 'Buddy Bench.' I successfully trained the student council and equipped them with resources to maintain an inclusive playground environment."

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**CATHERINE MANSOUR**

Sierra Madre

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**LET'S PLAY MUSIC**

"I brought the wonderful benefits of music to my community by holding music workshops at the Sierra Madre YMCA. I believe all should be able to enjoy music even if they do not have the financial means to take formal lessons."



**BROOKE MARQUARDT**

Glendale

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**ASCENCIAS: TRANSITION TO HOPE**

"I chose to make a difference in my community by giving the residents at this homeless shelter a glimpse of hopefulness through welcome kits that I created."



**MADDIE MANTOOOTH**

Los Angeles

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**BRIDGEPACKS**

"Bridgepacks not only proves to foster kids that they are important but also raises awareness of the adversities foster children can face. Additionally, Bridgepacks gathers communities together to support foster children."



**ELAINA MARRIOTT**

La Crescenta

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**CREATION OF A LIBRARY AND READING ROOM AT LA'S JUVENILE HALL**

"I learned about a troubled group of peers here in Los Angeles County who've never had a chance to read for enjoyment. This inspired my project to encourage literacy in places where there is none."



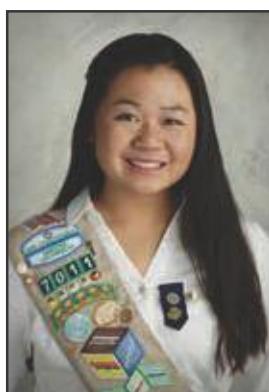
**MICHELLE MAR**

Valley Village

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**HEART OF LIFE**

"My project helped raise awareness of orphans in Mexico to continue the cycle of aid and to give those children a better quality of life."



**JULIA MARRIOTT**

Claremont

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**EATING DISORDER AWARENESS**

"My project addressed mental health, a growing problem in young adults."



**MADISON MARKS**

Castaic

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**FOSTER YOUTH STUDY NIGHT**

"My project provides a place for the foster youth in our community to study. They learned how to study with mentors and used tutors to help them get the education that they want and need for a promising future."



**TRACY MARTIN**

La Crescenta

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**HOVING HOME GARDEN PROJECT**

"My project helped women who are able to now use this new therapeutic method to allow themselves to heal. They now have a resource provided to them to help their mental health."



## SAMANTHA MARTINEZ

Arcadia

### CITRUS VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

"Through my project I sought to preserve the history of veterans. I interviewed a group of veterans and transcribed their stories into a book that was presented to them at a ceremony held at Citrus Library."



## JULIA MEDINA

Lancaster

### THE PERFECT PROJECT

"My project addressed the issue of unattainable social ideals that women are bombarded with on a daily basis by empowering women to be their authentic perfectly imperfect selves, embracing their flaws and struggles as a part of their beauty and true selves."



## ELLANEY MATARESE

La Cañada

### EMPOWERING YOUTH TO LIVE AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

"My project addressed a problem that many kids face today. They increasingly spend time on screens and don't know how to stay active and fit, or how to prepare nutritious, healthy snacks for themselves."



## ISABELLA MENDOZA

Burbank

### CREATING WITH COLOR

"Through my project I hope to have improved the mindfulness of seniors in my community while expanding on their creative outlets."



## ELLA MCAULIFFE

Torrance

### WALTERIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

"I wanted to help when I heard my elementary school's library was closed. Through my project I helped create new procedures for the new software, trained 11 new parent volunteers, and organized 1,731 new books."



## MAYA MERCADE

Bradbury

### LITTLE ANGELS ART KARTS

"I was able to make a lasting impact on a group of young kids. With the school supplies I donated and the lesson plans I made, my work will be able to impact future classes of kids."



## MADELINE MCDERMOTT

Claremont

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS OUTREACH

"My project enhanced Special Olympics by bringing awareness to the program. I accomplished this by educating students and special needs groups about Special Olympics while promoting volunteerism and athleticism."



## HANA MEROOTH

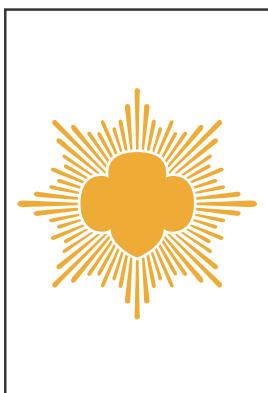
Rancho Palos Verdes

### CRANES FOR COMFORT

"It is crucial for the elderly to feel needed and have regular interactions with youth volunteers. Cranes for Comfort gives the residents of an assisted living home a project where they can help others while also building relationships with volunteers and trying something new."

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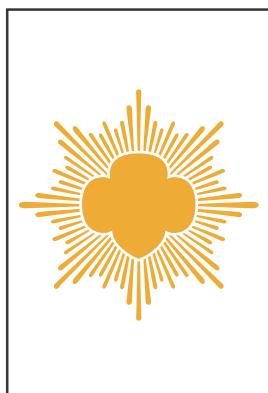


## DARCY MICHERO

Altadena

### GARDEN OF KNOWLEDGE

"I built a homemade, organic garden at High Point Academy with a stable and ecologically healthy irrigation system. It serves as a reminder to care each day for our planet."

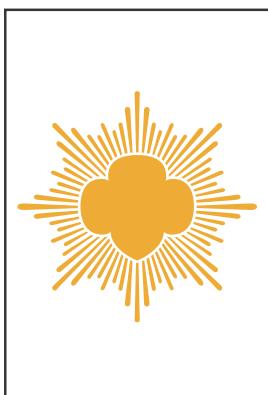


## PALOMA MITRI

Long Beach

### MUSIC FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

"I interviewed seniors who suffer from Alzheimer's and Dementia and created personalized playlists for them. By completing my project I was happy to have enhanced someone's quality of life."



## HANNAH MIKKELSON

Torrance

### TRASH FOR TEACHING YOUTH COUNCIL

"My project brought in more crucial volunteers to the Two Bit Circus organization, and created resources for teachers to use while educating their students about STEM."



## MEGAN MOFFAT

Pasadena

### BRINGING HYGIENE AND HOPE TO MEXICO'S POOREST FAMILIES

"Through my project I distributed 100 backpacks full of medical, dental, and hygienic items for families living in low-income areas of Mexico, keeping people healthy between doctor visits."



## BRIANNA MILLER

La Cañada Flintridge

### PET LIVES MATTER

"My project impacted my community by providing local fire stations with Pet Oxygen Mask Kits and educating the community about them because many people were unaware they existed."



## SUZY MOFFAT

San Marino

### INNOVATIVE LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY FOR AYC

"With my project I helped at-risk children in the area with their education, develop their creativity, and improve their technological skills."



## GABRIELLE MITCHELL

La Cañada

### THE POWER OF MUSIC TO HEAL

"My project brought a live music program to a community of elderly who often don't get out. The program brought connections, happy times, and encouraged new friendships and bonding with family. Music therapy can heal!"



## CRISTINA MONTOYA

Gardena

### HEALTHY FOR LIFE

"Through my project I was able to teach children living in transitional homes about the importance of being and eating healthy."



## JORDAN MOSES

Culver City

### THE VALUE OF ART - DOCUMENTARY

"Through my project I addressed the lack of arts education in public school by producing a documentary to engage my peers in honest conversations about their experiences with the arts in the public school system."



## AISLING MURRAN

Pasadena

### HONEYBEE DECLINE EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTARY

"After thorough research and interviews, I created a stop-motion educational video about the issue of bee decline."



## SYDNEY MUELLER

La Cañada

### MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

"My project provides a level of comfort to women and their children that are transitioning out of homelessness and into their own homes by providing common kitchen items for their new kitchen."



## MAANSI MURTY

Rolling Hills Estates

### FIGHT LIKE A GIRL

"My project is important for the safety, protection, and well-being of those who are targeted in abuse, but also gives empowerment to others to help them build confidence. My project focused on both the physical and emotional health of the audience, to help them feel stronger."



## MARIBELLA MUNOZ-JIMENEZ

Pasadena

### PARTY FOR THE VOTE

"My project addressed the lack of girls pre-registered to vote in California. I created a website and hosted a breakfast to sign people up, with the aim of showing the importance of voting and how to register."



## CLAIRE MUSCAT

Tujunga

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE EXPERIMENT AT A TIME

"I wrote, illustrated, and translated a children's book about a girl who used her passion for science to better the world. It included experiments and scientific explanations. I hope it shows kids that anyone can do science and empowers them to explore it."

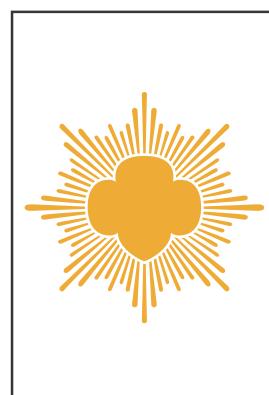


## CIARA MUNZ

San Pedro

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"I taught physical education lessons to 2nd and 3rd graders at South Shores Elementary, which helped them get active, and develop communication and leadership skills. I did this project because in LAUSD, elementary schools do not get daily, or even weekly, P.E. lessons."



## SANDHYA MUTHURAMALINGAM

Cerritos

### LUNCH AND LEARN

"Through my Gold Award project I was able to be confident in my own abilities, and realize that anyone can make a change as long as they put in the work to do so. This is a lesson I will carry with me forever."

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## JADE MYER

South Pasadena

### STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

"My project is important because it's necessary for everyone, especially senior citizens, in our community to feel connected and comfortable with technology in our constantly changing society."



## AVA NAVARRO

Pasadena

### MAKING CAT BEDS WITH THE ELDERLY

"The kitten beds provided comfort to kittens during their stay at the Humane Society and a sense of familiarity after they went home. I worked with elderly residents to give them a sense of purpose in their community and to just spend time with them."



## ERIN NAHAS

Castaic

### TALES OF WATER SAFETY

"My project presents an opportunity for children to learn about being safe around water without having to be in an aquatic environment. It taught children life-saving skills that they can carry with them for the rest of their life and pass on to their friends."



## LAUREN NETTELS

Glendale

### ELIZABETH HOME MAKEOVER

"For my project I renovated a room and closet at Elizabeth House and refurbished the play structure. I was able to help people in their most vulnerable times of need and educate people on the issue of homelessness among pregnant women."

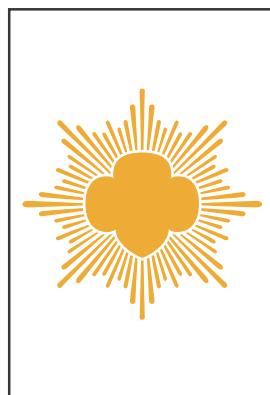


## JACQUELINE NAITO

Los Angeles

### GO GOLD - GROW HEALTHY

"Many kids are unaware of how their bodies get affected by unhealthy food. Through my project I taught kids what it means to eat healthy by teaching them nutrition facts, planting, cooking, and exercising."



## EMILY NEWHALL

South Pasadena

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALKATHON

"My project educates people on how to better handle breast cancer. The project can ultimately change lives and help women catch their cancer early and recognize warning signs, giving them a much higher chance of survival."



## NICOLETTE NAPIER

Santa Monica

### DON'T BE SCARED, BE PREPARED

"My project demonstrated how important it is for every child to know how to keep themselves safe in the event of an earthquake or fire, especially without an adult around."



## ALYSSA NGO

Valencia

### OH SNAP!

"My project gave kids with special needs both vocational skills and creative skills. They could use the skills for future employment opportunities and could also pursue a creative hobby or career. It was important for the kids to work together and develop their own independent selves."



## LILY NIVEN

Santa Monica

### BACK TO BASICS

“My project provides the tools for young women to feel confident in their ability to protect themselves. Implementing this self-defense program at John Adams Middle School will continue to empower young women for years to come.”



## ELLA O'DONNELL

Chino Hills

### THE SELF-CARE INITIATIVE

“My project helps those who could be struggling with something in their lives. Whether that be mental health or just stress management, my website helps people with decompressing during the hard times.”



## KAYLA NODA

Arcadia

### YOU CAN EAT HEALTHY!

“My project is important because it gives people healthy options on how to eat better. This also impacts the younger generation, as these helpful tips are passed down from their family members.”



## JACKLYN OLDOERP

Westchester

### SERVE, BUMP, AND SET! SUMMER YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

“My project expanded the sports program at the Venice Japanese Community Center by offering an alternative activity to their youth members and exposing them to a new sport.”



## ELISA NOVO

Altadena

### THE PATCH TO JUSTICE

“My project addresses the lack of school funding for certain programs and gave those programs a solution to fix it.”



## CASSIDY OLSON

La Cañada

### ART FOR ALL: UPDATING THE PCY ART DOCENT PROGRAM

“The new diverse art projects I created will allow for elementary school students to develop a better understanding and appreciation for the culture and perspective of minority artists. A more organized and updated art shed makes it easier for the volunteers to create fun projects.”



## ABBY NUDELL

Calabasas

### GROWN WITH LOVE

“Through my project I brought a healthy, sustainable way of life to a group of special needs adults. These individuals can now spend time outside and learn the patience, hard work, and reward that comes from gardening.”



## KAMERYN OROZCO

Castaic

### PROJECT DOG WALKER

“My project increased the safety of the LA County Animal Control; Castaic Shelter and helped me gain a sense of self confidence. It also helped me to make more relationships in my community while helping others.”

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**KALLIE  
PAPANIKOLAS**

Pasadena

**UNLEASHING CREATIVITY AT  
CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY**

"My project had a great impact on the students I was teaching, both in terms of artistic creativity and confidence, as well the impact it had on my own abilities of leadership."



**CHRISTINA  
PERASSO**

Pasadena

**GROWING PEACE**

"Through my project I am beautifying a garden area for the residents at Twelve Oaks Senior Living. It makes me smile to know the residents can eat their meals while looking out to a colorful garden."

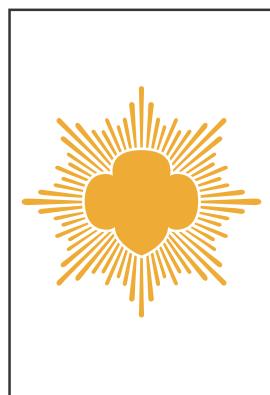


**NANDANI PATEL**

La Cañada Flintridge

**RENOVATION OF THE FAMILY  
ROOM**

"My project brings awareness to the foster care systems and how it works. It allows people to think of ways they can help even if it is just donating a book."



**KARENNA L. PEREZ**

San Gabriel

**SANTA TERESITA SCHOOL  
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

"My project provided a happy and comfortable environment for the students of Santa Teresita School. It enhanced the school grounds, provided an attractive, welcoming environment, and promoted school pride."



**ANGELI PAULL**

La Cañada

**PULL TABS FOR A PURPOSE**

"My project brought a little known object (pull tabs) to people's attention, promoting recycling and benefiting an amazing non-profit, the Ronald McDonald House."



**VICTORIA PEREZ**

Chino

**THE DINO DEN**

"Through my project I created the Dino Den, an educational resource that is used as an outdoor classroom where visitors at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center can learn about environmental causes, examine fossils, and explore."



**DARIYA PAULL**

La Cañada

**DOLLHOUSES FOR HOPE**

"My project was important because it helped kids with very little make and have something that is their own that will positively affect their lives."



**SHRIYA PILLAN**

Manhattan Beach

**DOGGIE DATABASE**

"My project greatly helped Pal Rescue keep their microchip records organized. Hopefully this helped lost dogs become reunited with their owners through my presentations on microchipping."



## MADELINE PLACIDO

Alhambra

### YMCA SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CAMP TA TA POCHON!

"I chose to make a difference in my community by painting the exterior and floors of two cabins and building a new front deck, making the cabins safe after a natural disaster affected the campus."



## NATALIE QUINN

Long Beach

### THE GOLD ENVELOPE - WELCOME CREW PROJECT

"The Welcome Crew greets new students on their first days at Long Beach Wilson High School to help them get acquainted, connected and informed, while the entire school community knows we have a new addition to the Bruin Family."

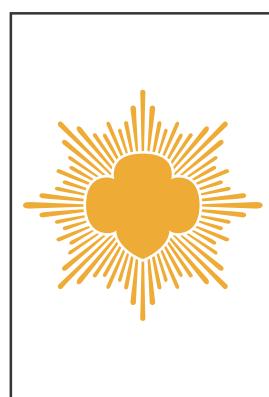


## ISABELLA ROSE PORTANTINO

La Cañada Flintridge

### HELPING HANDS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

"My project brings awareness to a much underserved group, foster youth who are about to be emancipated. My project provided support and tangible tools for this overlooked group in our community."



## GRACE RIETTA

Santa Monica

### FINDING YOUR FUTURE

"My project gives students the opportunity to do their own research and find what means most to them at the moment. This is their chance to take their future into their own hands."



## LINZI QI

Arcadia

### WI-FRIENDS

"I have seen the significant growth of technology and its' impact in my own life, so I created a lesson plan including activities aimed at re-introducing social skills into the lives of kids who are growing up with technology."



## RAVAN ROBERTSON

Compton

### ART THERAPY CLASSES AND COLORING BOOKS FOR TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

"I made an impact on my community by giving children at the hospital an opportunity to learn about their surroundings while being creative."



## PEYTON QUIJANO

Azusa

### SANDBURG'S CHARTER EDUCATION

"My project focused on encouraging positive character traits with in the middle schoolers in my community. It got them thinking about their morals and the impact they have on the community."



## NATALIE ROCK

Redondo Beach

### COYOTE AWARENESS AND SAFETY

"My Gold Award project helps spread awareness of the coyote issue and helps ensure safety in the chance that a coyote is encountered."

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## JEANETTE RODRIGUEZ

Covina

### MONITOR, PREPARE, AND PLAN FOR THE NEXT QUAKE!

"I created an earthquake station that will be used to monitor any unusual movements of the earth. In partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), my project will be used for their early earthquake warning system."



## MALIA ROSE

San Marino

### WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZZZ?

"My project highlights the importance of native plants and especially native bees in our community so that we can sustain our beautiful environment and keep the land thriving for generations to come."



## OLIVIA ROBINSON

Pasadena

### THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

"My Gold Award project directly helps the students of St. Ignatius. Bringing new sports equipment allows the students to get more exercise, improving their recess and their school day."



## ERISA ROSEN

Pasadena

### COMBATING HUNGER WITH PROPER NUTRITION

"For my project I created a healthy cookbook using only ingredients typically found at our local food pantry, Friends In Deed, in the hope that it will inspire the patrons to make nutritious meals for their families."



## JEHNAVEIV ROGOKOS

Covina

### JEHNAVEIV'S ADOPTION KITS

"My project raised awareness of animals in shelters. The adoption kits that I made and donated to the shelters helped reduce the numbers of sheltered animals in my community."



## CATE RUIZ

Arcadia

### AN ATMOSPHERE FOR ALL: CONFERENCE AND CHILDREN'S ROOM

"I renovated and decorated the rooms in one of the buildings for Lake Avenue Church. It was important to me because I was able to give back to my church, a place that has contributed to the person I am today."



## SOPHIA ROSALES

Pasadena

### OPERATION: SHELTER FOR A SHELTER

"My project addressed the issue of shelter animals not receiving the proper care due to financial difficulties by creating a colorful, inviting, and positive mural and installing a protective sun shelter."



## MELANIE RUIZ

Los Angeles

### THE SELF-LOVE PROJECT

"My project is important because it confronts the issue of mental and physical health. Today many kids struggle with self-image and my project tackled the issue of anxiety, stress and self-care."



## REACE RUSHING

Burbank

### EQUINE THERAPY - HORSES HELPING PEOPLE

"My project was important because it brought awareness to how equine therapy helps people with disabilities in my community."

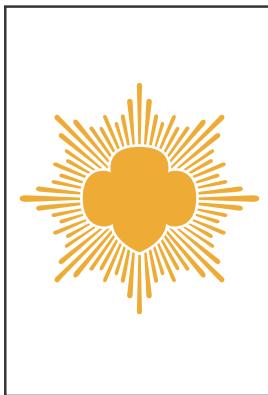


## FRANCESCA SANDERS

Castaic

### CHOC WALK IN THE PARK PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

"My project helps bring awareness to the Children's Hospital of Orange County's largest fundraising event. The video I created can be used to attract sponsors, participants, and donors for the walk."



## DANA RYAN

La Crescenta

### MUSIC, SCIENCE, AND ART ENRICHED PLAYGROUND

"At Franklin Elementary, I created and designed fun and educational art & science walls in the school garden – this created a happy and fun environment where the kids can interact, learn, play, and grow for years to come."



## SARAH SANDOVAL

La Verne

### ROYNON SURVIVAL KITS

"My project focused on helping the local elementary students and staff in my community to be prepared and properly equipped to handle emergencies."



## DANIELLA SANCHEZ

Los Angeles

### SPANISH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT LA BALLONA ELEMENTARY

"I started a program for dual language students. With the help of my volunteers, we were able to help these elementary students understand the importance of being bilingual."



## SAYA SARMA

Glendale

### WORLDWIDE READERS

"I brought over 1,000 books to English-medium schools in the villages of rural India where I visited and taught classes in English to help create an English curriculum for the schools to use. I also wrote a picture book about my trip that will be published, and the proceeds will go to the schools."



## EMMA SANCHEZ

Ontario

### CHILD FRIENDLY MRI WAITING ROOM

"My project addressed the issue of anxiety in children who face medical procedures by creating a child friendly environment in the MRI waiting room at Loma Linda University Hospital."



## JULIET ANN SARULLO

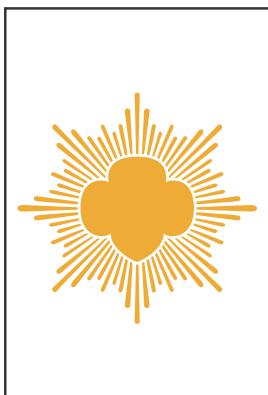
Duarte

### OPERATION PUPPET THEATER

"I built a puppet theater, hand-made individual puppets, and wrote four original short stories for a local church which were then used in a puppet show that was focusing on anti-bullying."

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## ALEXA SCHLAERTH

Pasadena

### ART AND COMMUNITY: CONNECTING PATIENTS WITH HOPE

"My project brightened patients' lives through treatment spaces at the Gynecologic Institute. With patient- and child-created art, the new beautiful space inspires hope in the patient experience."



## ERIN SHIMAZU

Monrovia

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

"My project focused on emergency preparedness. Whether it's an earthquake, fire, or any other form of disaster, being prepared can be a matter of life or death."



## NATALIE SCHOEMANN

Pacific Palisades

### READING 4 KIDS!

"Through my Gold Award Project I was able to educate, empower, and inspire young kids to enjoy reading while promoting literacy through a reading program I built from scratch for impoverished kids and families. It was a humbling experience."



## NOELLE SHIMAZU

Monrovia

### PLANTS AND PLANTERS

"Through my project students learned and are able to grow and maintain plants while being involved in the environmental community."



## EMILY CATHERINE SHEARIN

Valencia

### LA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CASTAIC SHELTER CAT INTRODUCTION ROOM

"My project allows people to meet cats available for adoption in a safe and welcoming environment."



## KATHLEEN SHIROMA

Torrance

### JAPANESE GIRL'S DAY

"My project helped raise cultural appreciation and gender pride for young girls."



## VEGA SHERMAN

Claremont

### FIRST RESPONSE SELF DEFENSE

"My project addressed the issue of violence against women by teaching people how to react quickly and defend themselves if needed--regardless of strength or physical limitations."



## DEBORAH SHLAGER

Santa Clarita

### JEWELS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

"I was able to work with children making jewelry for teachers and writing a children's book – this taught them about appreciation for others, which I think is something that is very important to learn at a young age!"



## EMMA SHPALL

Calabasas

### CREATION STATION

“My project focused on engaging children while their parents attended counseling and classes, I beautified a plain and colorless backyard, and introduced the ideas of loving nature and living a healthy lifestyle to children in underserved communities.”



## LUCY SOWERS

Lancaster

### ENDEAVOUR ROBOTICS CLUB

“My project inspired middle school students to get involved with STEM through a fun and exciting robotics club at their school.”



## KATHERINE SIMIC

Burbank

### CHILDREN'S BOOK TO EXPLAIN MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

“I wrote a bilingual book about medical procedures and the hospital environment in a child-friendly manner, aiming to empower sick children to feel less apprehensive about being in the hospital.”



## CAROLYNE SPARKS

Monterey Park

### LEGION OF LOVE

“My project created a welcoming and nurturing environment for young people to visit and become inspired to reach their highest goals.”



## REBECCA SINGLETON

Palmdale

### AFBC INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COMPLETION

“My project provided a safe and welcoming space for a community to grow together in faith and solidarity.”

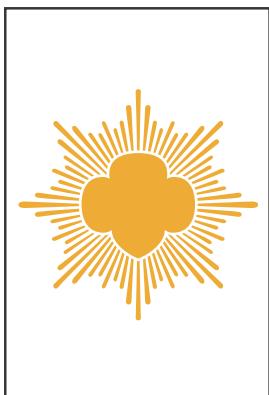


## JENNIFER SPINOGLIO

Glendale

### GET PREPARED: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

“My project addressed the issue of community unpreparedness for a disaster or emergency by distributing disaster preparedness information through presentations and booths.”



## ALLISON SMITH

La Crescenta

### SAVING ROCKHAVEN

“I used a local historic landmark to teach my community more about the importance of mental health.”



## CYNTHIA SRIDHAR

Cerritos

### OPERATION: HEALTHY LIVING FOR KIDS

“With the rise of obesity, depression, and stress among children, I educated young kids on the importance of maintaining their physical and mental health by equipping them with knowledge and skills that can be used throughout their lifetime.”

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## AASHRITHA SRIRAMBHATLA

Torrance

### MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

"My project was aimed at improving the mental health of my community, especially my peers. After thorough research on the topic, I created an app in which people can find mechanisms to improve their mental health."

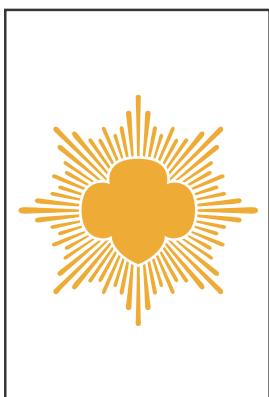


## LAINE STUBBS

La Crescenta

### THE INTRODUCTION OF MUSIC TO PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

"My project exposes children to an art form (music) which benefits them socially and academically, and creates awareness within the community about the necessity of music education."



## SAVANNAH STARR

Torrance

### SPEAKERS 4 CONFIDENCE

"I conducted a two-day Public Speaking workshop, which focused on building confidence, practicing communication and playing fun team-building games to help girls understand their capabilities through public speaking."



## SARAH STURDEVANT

Los Angeles

### CAMP STURDEVANT PRESERVATION

"My project addressed the issue of preserving a California historic landmark by refurbishing a cabin in the Santa Anita Canyon, accessible only by a 4 and a half mile hike up the Gabrielino Trail."



## HANNAH STEPHENS

Pasadena

### TREATMENT FUN

"My project helps those who are going through hard times by giving them a distraction from something challenging that they might not want to fixate on like chemotherapy treatments."



## SYDNEY SU

Redondo Beach

### LIFE ED: THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW, MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

"I published an e-book and hosted two workshops with the goal of helping middle schoolers in El Segundo learn and practice life skills that they otherwise would not have learned."



## KALYN STEWART

La Cañada

### ORAL HYGIENE KITS AND SHOE DRIVE!

"My project made an impact by providing oral hygiene kits for those who required post-surgical care in developing countries."



## ABIGAIL SUDIT

Calabasas

### A BYTE OF LOVE

"Some individuals with Dementia, Alzheimer's, or other physical and/or mental disabilities might not have the same access to technology as we do; my project helped grant them access to computers, and therefore, access to the world."



## REBECCA SUEN

Valencia

### GROW FOOD WHEREVER YOU ARE

"I was able to work with a local chapter of the Philippine Girl Scouts in a rural town showing students how to plant and grow their own vegetables. As a result, the children in this town now grow and maintain their vegetable gardens to help their families."



## NICOLE TANG

Rancho Palos Verdes

### GET SWABBED!

"My project addressed the issue of the lack of minorities on the Bone Marrow Registry by educating teenagers and adults on the importance of joining the registry and being willing to donate if called upon."



## SHYLA SUMMERS

La Crescenta

### WEDO CLUB

"My project inspired kids to ignore any stereotypes around STEM and continue exploring the area further, showing them that engineering and computer science is for everybody."



## EMMA TAVANGARI

Encino

### MEDIA AND YOU: NAVIGATING GIRLHOOD IN THE DIGITAL AGE

"Through my project I taught youth how to use media in positive ways and how to create safe spaces for themselves – by doing this we can shape our future into one that is welcoming, diverse, and equitable."



## KANAKO TAKADA

Pasadena

### ROOM REVAMP FOR DOOR OF HOPE

"I collaborated with Door of Hope and renovated a living room at their Hope Villa location, which focuses on supporting single mothers and their children. Now, the Hope Villa room is bright and cozy for all of the Door of Hope community to enjoy."

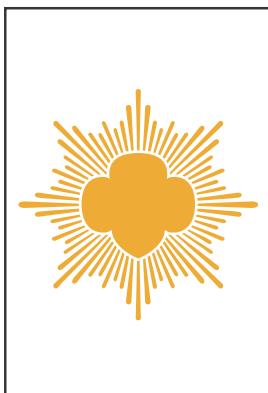


## VICTORIA TAVERA

Sierra Madre

### SIERRA MADRE DOG PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

"For my project I reconstructed a dog park for everyone to enjoy for the years to come - it gave me the opportunity to give back to my community which has given me so much."



## CELESTE TAN

Pasadena

### LEAD AWARENESS IN CITY WATER

"I feel like my Gold Award project is important because it brings awareness to people about lead in drinking water which is a serious health and environmental issue."



## FIONA TAYLOR

Santa Monica

### BIBLIOTECA COMUNITARIA – COMMUNITY LIBRARY

"My project addressed the issue of poverty and low literacy in a small neighborhood in Tijuana, Mexico by constructing a 300 square foot library containing a total of 620 books for children and adults."

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## SARAH TAYLOR

Santa Monica

### ITALIAN CONNECTIONS – CONNESSIONI ITALIANE

“My project addressed the issue of Community Disaster after the Earthquakes in Central Italy by helping the Italian Scouting Association to rebuild and supply their Scout bases, which were used as refuges after the earthquakes.”



## IRENE TRAN

Alhambra

### THE SECRET OF HIGH SCHOOL

“My project helps prepare middle school students for high school since it is a new environment and different from middle school, helping them have a better understanding of high school and what to expect.”



## VICTORIA TAYLOR

Santa Monica

### LEVELED LEARNERS

“School systems in the violence-infested areas of South LA are deprived of funding and students often get generalized. My project brought leveled libraries back into classrooms to individualize learning; because every kid is different and deserves their best shot.”



## MARLO TREJO

Pasadena

### COMMUNICATION NATION

“I created a one day workshop where students can learn and practice communication skills and also meet different professionals to gain motivation within themselves.”

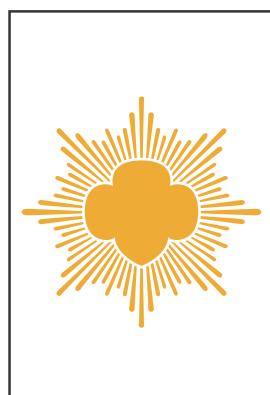


## CLOEY TIECHE

Culver City

### AFTER SCHOOL BALLET AND MODERN CLASSES AT THE BGCSFV

“I developed and held a weekly after school ballet class for children ages 7-12 of the Boys and Girls club, expanding the opportunities for the children who spend after school time there.”



## KAYLIN TROWBRIDGE

La Cañada

### FIVE ACRES ART SHOW

“I successfully raised awareness within my community for Los Angeles’ oldest foster care facility: Five Acres.”



## EMILY TINKHAM

Shadow Hills

### HELPING THE PUGS

“I chose to make a difference in my community by making elevated dog beds and adoption goody bags for the Pug Nation Rescue of LA.”



## MELINA TSOTRAS

La Cañada

### TAKING A PASS ON PLASTIC

“I raised awareness about how plastic hurts the environment and what individuals can do to lessen their usage by creating pamphlets, presentations, and hosting workshops to teach other troops how to sew reusable produce bags.”



## SARAH URIARTE

South Pasadena

### HEALTH FOR HAPPINESS

"I hosted three health events in order to educate teens on how to better care for their mental, emotional and physical well-being."



## SARAH VARGAS

Sylmar

### SUMMER OF STORIES

"I made an impact by introducing children to the gift of literature at a battered women's shelter. By inspiring children to read, my hope is that they will go on to be students with a genuine desire to learn."



## GENNAKA VALARAAO

San Marino

### FOR FAMILIES OF ACTIVE MILITARY

"For my project I helped raise awareness around the hardships that military families face, and made welcome baskets and blankets for these families to show appreciation for all that they do."



## SONIA VAZE

La Cañada Flintridge

### HEALTH AWARENESS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

"My project addressed the issue of a lack of educational resources and health awareness in rural communities by working with Ray United FC to create health education workbooks for children in Uganda."



## LEAH VAN DYKE

Chino Hills

### SUPPORT FOR SHELTER DOGS

"I raised awareness for a local non-profit, no-kill animal shelter by collecting donations and involving my community in showing support for the animals."



## JOANNA VERES

Santa Clarita

### GOOD GENES

"Through giving interactive presentations to children, hosting an awareness concert, and creating an online web series I was able to share my passion for and raise awareness about genetic science with my physical and virtual community."



## REBEKAH VAN TREECE

La Crescenta

### ELIZABETH HOUSE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

"My project has led to a continuous program that allows for children from underprivileged homes to experience the joy and excitement of music and singing free of charge."



## KALISSA VILLALUNA

Pasadena

### BLANKETS TIED WITH LOVE

"I was able to partner with an organization that helps homeless families who are trying to get back up on their feet. My project was geared more towards the children in those families."

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## SARAH WAITE

Pasadena

### CLUB 21 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

“My project raised awareness about Down syndrome and aimed to change the misconception that children and young adults with Down syndrome are unable to thrive in our community just like everyone else.”



## GRACE WATERMAN

Stevenson Ranch

### SENIORS GOT TALENT

“My project highlighted a group of individuals who are often pushed to the margins of our society. Senior citizens lack appreciation and love and I wanted to give them an outlet to share their special abilities and bond with one another.”



## CHRISTINE WAKASA

Los Angeles

### EXPLORING ENGINEERING

“My project promotes the different types of engineering at a young age. It also gives young girls the opportunity to learn about new topics with hands on experiments.”



## LAURA WEBB

La Cañada

### AHEAD WITH A SHED

“My project brought attention to a non-profit organization in my neighborhood that helps disabled children build confidence and other skills through hippotherapy - therapy with horses.”



## ELEANOR WASHBURN

South Pasadena

### SOUTH PASADENA PROSPERITY THROUGH DEXTERITY

“I chose to make a difference in my community by providing four elementary schools in three districts fun, multi-faceted kits that target Sensory Processing Disorders and fine motor skill development.”



## JULIA WEEDEN

Burbank

### GDA TRAINING AREA

“I worked with Guide Dogs of America to build an area where the puppy raisers could better work with their dogs in an effort to increase the success of the dogs who become Guide Dogs.”



## MIKA WATANABE

Los Angeles

### GIRLS WHO CODE: FULL STEAM AHEAD

“My project was a series of STEAM and coding classes for kids and teenagers providing a space for kids and teenagers to have fun while simultaneously learning.”

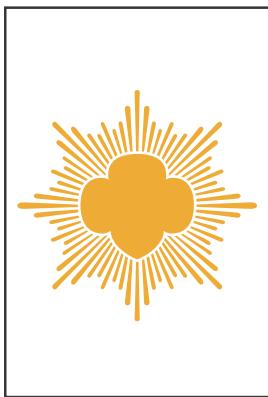


## GABRIELLA WERTZ

Covina

### LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY

“My project consisted of beautifying the children’s center at the Covina Public Library – I added many different kinds of learning materials as well as historical photos of the city of Covina to the classroom environment for all to enjoy.”



## MAYLIS WHETSEL

South Pasadena

### INTENSIVE CODING CAMP

“My project helped introduce computer science to an underrepresented community.”



## ALLISON YAMASHITA

Los Angeles

### THE STORY OF THE ATOMETTES

“By aiming to inspire children to unite against the evils of society such as racism, my project advocates for acceptance over discrimination, friendship over hostility, and unity over division for our future.”



## CLAUDIA WONG

Arcadia

### MUSIC FOR YOUNG MINDS

“My project focused on bringing music education to preschoolers by teaching classes and developing lessons and videos for teachers to continue to use in their classrooms.”



## MADDIE YI

La Crescenta

### CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

“My project beautified a weathered area of a local elementary school campus with a mural. The mural included handprints from students and staff, as well as younger Girl Scouts at the school.”



## JADE WONG

San Gabriel

### RECYCLING FOR THE RETIRED

“My project aided senior citizen day care centers with a new advancement to underdeveloped exercise programs and donations of tennis balls, which they need for their walkers. Connecting tennis facilities to day care centers also opened new communication to reduce tennis ball pollution.”



## KATELYN YOUNG

Walnut

### INTERVIEW SUCCESS WEBINAR FOR TEENS

“I was able to provide back to school supplies to underprivileged kids and educate them on successful interview skills and the importance of college.”



## EMILY WOODS

Glendale

### SUMMER TREE CARE

“In LA’s arid climate, trees need extra care in order to thrive, yet most don’t receive it. With my project I created pamphlets and educational videos on the importance of tree care.”



## CATHERINE ZHOU

San Gabriel

### HEALTHY LIVING

“I worked with the Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel showing them how to create their own at home garden, and worked to renovate their community garden.”

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## KATHERINE ZIMMER

Lancaster

### POWER OF PAINT

"My project addressed the issue of inclusion by providing a mobile art cart that could be brought to bed ridden pediatric patients who then could create art which has therapeutic and developmental benefits."

# CONGRATULATIONS

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