The Girl Scout Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouting. An award with national standards, it acknowledges a young woman’s completion of a series of leadership challenges and extensive service to the community. Like the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Silver Award project focuses on a local community issue and allows girls, individually or working in small teams, to develop their personal leadership skills, explore careers, commit to their own self-improvement and make a positive impact on the world.

The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl’s accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. The accomplishments of each Silver Award recipient reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart from her peers and identify her as a community leader.

Every girl can make a difference in the world. Here are 94 shining examples...
3rd Grade Math Club
Troop 34012, Pepperell
Madeline Sampson

Understanding the importance of keeping young girls interested in STEM, Madeline started a 3rd grade Math Club at her local elementary school for her Silver Award Project. Madeline wanted to focus her Math Club on students who were struggling to understand math in a larger classroom environment. She knew that if students could start to understand the concepts they struggled with in the classroom, she would boost their confidence.

American Sign Language for Parents and Young Children
Troop 64531, Grafton
Courtney Romeo

Courtney, knowing dozens of families with deaf members, saw the struggles others had in communicating with them. Courtney worked with preschool-aged children and their families to teach them American Sign Language (ASL) and to help increase their communication. Courtney created lesson plans and videos of her teaching ASL that are available at the Grafton Public Library and on Grafton TV on-demand.

Bags of Fun
Troop 40067, Granby
Julia Gauvin, Shannon Temblay, Siena Viviano

Appreciating Birthday Wishes mission “to provide birthday parties to children experiencing homelessness”, Julia, Shannon and Siena created Bags of Fun. They solicited donated items and shopped for additional items so they could create gift bags for toddlers aged 3 and under, kids ages 4-12, and teen bags for ages 14 and above. Julia, Shannon and Siena assembled ten bags for each age group filled with age-appropriate treats and toys.

Better Home for Animals
Troop 40003, Hancock
Julia Butler, Stella Jayko

Julia and Stella decided to help a local animal shelter by educating people interested in adopting an animal. They made brochures on how to care for different types of animals and distributed them at local shelters and veterinarian offices. They also held a supply drive to help families with their new pets. Julia and Stella felt it was so uplifting to see the end results!

Blazing Trails on the Westborough Charm Bracelet
Troop 30510, Westborough
Caroline Baldwin

The focus of Caroline’s Silver Award was blazing, marking and maintaining new trails as part of the Westborough Charm Bracelet Trail. Caroline wanted to use her love for hiking to engage her community to get outside and explore. Knowing what a treasure and vital resource the trail system is to Westborough, Caroline developed group hikes and lesson plans to educate community members about the Charm Bracelet Trail system and what they would find while exploring the hidden gems in their community.
Building Bridges  
Troop 30214, Bolton  
Grace Larence

Grace loves nature and being outside, so she knew exactly what she wanted to focus on for her Silver Award. The bridges located at the Vaughn Hill property in Bolton are a community treasure that have fallen into disrepair and were unsafe for use. Grace created a team to help design and rebuild the existing bridges and to create new ones that would protect the wetlands on the property. Grace also created educational signs for those who could now participate in their favorite outdoor activities.

Canine Comfort Cartons  
Troop 34012, Pepperell  
Alison Roush

Alison has always felt a connection with shelter animals and sympathized about the trauma that they experienced. With this passion, Alison created Canine Care Cartons for her local shelter. Each carton contained a homemade knotted blanket wrapped around a braided dog toy and a small bag of sweet potato dog treats and instructions for making the treats. The shelter staff will give the cartons to the dogs’ new families once they leave for their forever homes.

Celebrating Seniors  
Troop 30161, Grafton  
Ashley Berardi, Madison Berardi

Ashley and Madison wanted to make sure that local seniors’ birthdays were special, as many of them didn’t have family members living in the area. To achieve their goals, Ashley and Madison teamed up with the Grafton Senior Center and the Meals on Wheels program to facilitate a Birthday’s in a Bag program for an entire year. Every month they made homemade muffins, a card, and two crafts that were delivered with the recipients’ meals. Birthday honorees also received a letter explaining the girls’ project.

Creative Kiddies  
Troop 40067, Granby  
Molly Hoffenberg, Paige Parlengas

Molly and Paige partnered with Birthday Wishes to provide games at birthday parties for children experiencing homelessness. The girls brainstormed ideas for games that could be shared with Birthday Wishes and used at the parties. They created Creative Kiddies packages of various games that the children can play at birthday parties including pin the tail on the donkey, bean bag toss, and ring toss.

Dog Waste Stations  
Troop 30186, Grafton  
Jade St. Onge

Jade’s Silver Award truly was about paying attention to what was happening in her community and doing something about it. Jade noticed that while a lot of people were walking their dogs in the neighborhood, many were not great at picking up after their pets. Wanting to ensure that the neighborhood was kept clean, Jade met with the neighborhood trustees to begin creating dog waste stations. A great memory Jade has is working on this project with her grandparents.
Amber’s Giving Project  
**Troop 30549, Winchendon**  
Amber Wood  

Knowing that many children would rather be anywhere but in a hospital room, Amber wanted her Silver Award project to give kids a sense of fun even while they were hospitalized. Amber partnered with Shriners Hospital to put together packets of coloring books, crayons, and knotted blankets for each child who was recovering from surgery. Amber learned that she could make a difference and accomplish a lot once she put her mind to it.

Dressing Drama  
**Troop 30908, Phillipston**  
Abigail Bennett  

Abigail’s project was to organize her theater company’s costume closet. The company didn’t know what costumes they had because there wasn’t an organization system; they had many duplicate costumes and were wasting money buying new ones. Abigail created a tracking system to help keep the closet organized. She learned that, although she is a strong and mostly independent worker, it is great to have a helping hand when putting her leadership skills to use.

Easter Basket  
**Troop 30695, Sutton**  
Julia Feiz, Maya Huggins  

The holiday season is a great time for families to gather and celebrate, but unfortunately, many families in Julia and Maya’s community struggle financially. To ensure that these families were able to enjoy the Easter holiday, Julia and Maya collected supplies, including toys for the kids, for Easter baskets for the families.

Ending Pet Hunger in Our Community  
**Troop 30483, Northborough**  
Kate Feeney, Sophia Mihalek  

Pets are an important part of people’s lives and they provide companionship to their owners, especially when life is difficult. Kate and Sophia understand that when people fall on hard times, it can be hard to afford all of the things pets need. They created a pet food pantry to help pet owners who are having trouble feeding their pets and learned that they could provide a meaningful service to others, especially when it was a project they cared about.

Frisbee Golf Project  
**Troop 30348, Grafton**  
Gabrielle Costa, Melena Grandinetti, Abigail Mathieu, Rachel Perrotta  

This group created a family-oriented, free Frisbee golf course at the Nelson Library. Their goal was multi-faceted; not only did they want to create awareness of this privately owned library, they also wanted people to get active outdoors. They did some work to beautify the surrounding park creating a place people can enjoy long into the future. For those who may not know how to play the Frisbee golf game they set up, they made instructional signs that will stay in the park.
Getting Teens Involved in the Library
Troop 30810, Westboro
Holly Carew

Holly loves reading and feels more teens should enjoy the benefits of the library, so her goal was to make the library more teen-friendly. She focused on planning fun teen events at the library and building awareness in the community that the library provides quality fun programs for all ages.

Outdoor Makeover
Troop 30510, Westborough
Julie Carrier

Julie’s school courtyard had an unusable greenhouse that she wanted to incorporate into what happens daily at Gibbons Middle School. She surveyed past, present, and future students to find out what they thought the best use for the space would be. She also met with teachers to get their input, which included wishes for a new greenhouse and materials to support their curriculum. She put the research into a presentation for the principal, which will be used as part of the town’s school renovation project.

Greenhouse Gases- Kids’ Education
Troop 40500, Leeds
Gabriella Wilkerson

Gabriella’s project was designed to inspire people to care for our planet and be aware of their impact on the environment. She created an educational unit and website which present the complex science of greenhouse gases and climate change in a fun format. The unit includes hands-on experiments, a video, and a board game. It was presented at the Amherst Sustainability Festival, where many requested the kit. The board game is being used at the Hitchcock Center and in a science classroom.

HGS: Seeds of Awareness
Troop 30892, Harvard
Shea Oldham, Emily Rypinski, Brianna Schmoyer

Shea, Emily, and Brianna realized that their local farm, which donates food to the Worcester County Food Bank, didn’t have signs for their apple trees so they decided to help out. They cut and painted 90 signs for the orchard that they showed to a gathering crowd at the “Seeds of Awareness Day.” At the event, they raised awareness of malnutrition in their town and Worcester County and donated 200 apples to Kylee’s Kare Kits, which brings healthy food to kids in need.

HGS: Seeds of Nutrition
Troop 30892, Harvard
Thea Eiland, Olivia Gomez, Bridget Kennedy

The girls of Troop 30892 wanted to inform their community about hunger, so they interviewed the managers of the Community Harvest Project and learned how to use equipment to broadcast an infomercial they created on the local cable TV stations. By addressing the issue in this way, Troop 30892 was able to inform the local community in a way that was accessible to all.

Hope through Hats
Troop 20559, Agawam
Abbey Majka, Dahlia Ryan

Abbey and Dahlia noticed during their volunteer work for Operation Christmas Child that there were few winter clothing items to pack, so they took action. They led volunteers in making more than 175 no-sew fleece hats to include in the boxes, hosted a troop hat-a-thon to teach the girls in their troop how to make the hats, created an instructional brochure for all Agawam Girl Scout troops, wrote an online instructional article, and even made a video to teach this craft to others.
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Jeans for Teens
Troop 30485, Northborough
Maeve Grandpre, Anna Long

Maeve and Anna collected new and gently used jeans for the less fortunate for the first part of their project. Then, they met with 14 kids at St. Peter’s Parish in Worcester and had three meetings with them. During the meetings, they gave the kids jeans and matching tops, had them decorate their jeans, and held a fashion show. The rest of the jeans were donated to Cradles to Crayons, the Salvation Army, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Laminated Books & Medical Supply Bags for Patients of Medical Missions
Troop 30459, Charlton
Caitlin Baer, Catherine Fengler, Emily Johnson, Rachel Whipple

Four girls from Troop 30459 laminated children’s books that could be sanitized and sewed more than 100 tote bags for patients of medical missions. These bags were sent to South America and are being used to carry patients’ post-surgical supplies. They finished off the project by making a presentation to the American Sewing Guild at the local sewing center and meeting up with a Brownie troop to teach them how to make the totes.

Ledges Pillowcase Project
Troop 71010, Hopedale
Alexandra McCall, Edda Phillips, Vivian Staheli

Alexandra, Edda, and Vivian used their love of sewing to help others. They held workshops to teach sewing skills to girls in the community, including how to use a sewing machine and make a pillowcase. They visited the residents of the Ledges, a facility for adults with disabilities, and donated pillowcases to bring them holiday cheer. The Ledges staff asked the girls if they could make privacy catheter bag covers for the residents’ wheel chairs. They look forward to their next project with Ledges residents.

Mindfulness for Seniors
Troop 30306, Milford
Kara Schmitt, Betsey Scrimgeour

Kara and Betsey brought mindful meditation to Whitcomb House, an assisted living facility for senior citizens, by recording guided meditations onto CDs. They brought the recordings to the Alzheimer’s unit and also led a class to teach those individuals breathing exercises and mindful thinking. The CDs are still used in that section of the senior home today. This project taught the girls that mindfulness can be an incredible tool that benefits people of all ages.

Pepperell Possibilities
Troop 34012, Pepperell
Sophia Couto, Abby Nick

Abby and Sophia created a directory of the various programs and nonprofit organizations within their community. They knew that some programs weren’t well-known and that community members didn’t understand the full variety of services available to them. So they hoped that increasing awareness of the programs would allow people to access the services they need and the visibility of the organizations.
Knowing that they wouldn’t learn the skills at school, members of Troop 71010 held workshops at their library to teach younger girls sewing skills by making pillowcases with them. They then donated some of the pillowcases to the pediatric unit of their local hospital to bring cheer to the young patients and make their experience a little less frightening and more comfortable.

Dakota’s project focused on refurbishing the Veterans’ Memorial Hall plaque in the Town Hall. It had long been ignored and Dakota felt that veterans should be honored. In addition to cleaning up the plaque, Dakota planned an event to honor veterans in her community who have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Vidula wanted to instill in her community an understanding of the importance of recycling and reusing by doing a variety of activities. She raised money by selling items made from recycled material, helped people in her neighborhood obtain recycling stickers, and threw a completely “green” birthday party. She also made bookmarks for her local library. Through her project, Vidula was able to experience the satisfaction of knowing that she had benefitted her community.

Lauren worked with Alzheimer’s patients at Manor on the Hill to create shadow boxes that residents could keep. Residents and their families worked together to gather important mementos to fill each shadow box. Lauren also worked with the staff at Manor on the Hill so they would be able to recreate the project when new patients joined the memory care unit.

Members of Troop 40003 organized themed events at a local retirement home with the hope of breaking stereotypes and bridging the gap between generations. They hosted a tea party, poker night, puzzle day, and computer help/room visit day. The turnout was great and there were a lot of conversations between the residents and the girls. They even met some women who were Girl Scouts when they were younger!
South Hadley Senior Socials
Troop 11577, South Hadley
Lucille Fitch, Amber Tucker

Lucille and Amber hosted several small social events at a senior housing community. They planned monthly events with activities such as bingo, games, crafts, movies, and puzzles to help the seniors connect with each other and with a younger generation. They strengthened their financial literacy, organizational skills, and public speaking abilities through these events.

Sensational Kids Project (SKP)
Troop 30984, Hopedale
Alivia Carlin, Amanda Gross, Abby Kelly

Members of Troop 30984 created Sensational Kids Kits for a local non-profit gym for children who have sensory needs. The girls sewed weighted lap pads and sensory stretch bands. They also made I-Spy bottles. They included cleaning instructions for the items so they can be used by multiple families and a lending library to house all the resource materials for the gym. They created a website of their journey and showed how-to videos for making the items in the kit.

Share the Reading
Troop 30306, Milford
Julia Kidman

Julia attended her local Youth Center and noticed something was missing. Kids could participate in sports, video games, arts/crafts, and many other group activities, but there was no space to sit quietly and read. For her project, she created a reading area that included space to read as well as books that the participants at the center could read.

Silver Threads to Gera
Troop 20212, Longmeadow
Nina Barnett

Knowing that appropriate attire is sometimes a barrier to children attending school in developing nations, Nina focused on making handmade garments for young girls ages 5-8. She wanted to raise awareness of the struggles to get an education that children in other countries face, so she hosted community workshops to educate people about the needs in other countries and to have community members help make clothing that could be sent to the young girls in Gera, Tanzania.
Smiles in a Box  
**Troop 40067, Granby**  
Megan Lempke, Audrey O’Connor, Amelia Weatherbee

Smiles in a Box contain all the supplies needed to throw a birthday party for children. Supplies include cake pans, cake mix, frosting, candles, paper products, decorations, party hats, etc. All items are put into a decorated box and then delivered to shelters. During their first supply drive the girls received an overwhelming number of supplies and were able to assemble 12 complete Smiles in a Box.

St. Clare House Garden  
**Troop 11641, Rutland**  
Katherine Galvinhill, Margaret Elizabeth Love

St. Clare House is a widely used community facility with activities for youth. It also has a popular labyrinth located on the property. Katherine and Margaret wanted to provide a location in which community members could enjoy a peaceful outdoor garden space. Grateful for the work of these Girl Scouts, the church has agreed to ensure the garden is maintained by the landscape coordinator.

Stamping Fun  
**Troop 30686, Fitchburg**  
Alyssa Biosvert, Kathleen McAndrew, Kaitlin Medley

Members of Troop 30686 wanted to find a fun way to get youth outdoors in their city, so they created letter boxes across the city of Fitchburg and at Camp Green Eyrie in Harvard. Knowing that youth spend most of their time indoors, this group wanted to provide fun and rewarding activity that encourages them to get out and explore the city in a different way.

The Little Bag  
**Troop 11051, Whitinsville**  
Alyssa Corral, Isabelle Croteau, Elise Croteau, Ella DiFinzio, Ella DiMarco, Cora Geauthier, Hannah Morrison, Megan O’Meara, Katie Roy, Abbie White

Troop 11051 worked with their middle school’s nurses and the local police department to create a resource for teen girls. The troop faced some obstacles trying to provide services to at-risk girls in their community. So they created the Little Bag Project which provided health care and beauty products to teen girls. To ensure privacy of the girls they were serving, the police department and school nurses distributed the bags directly to those who needed them the most.

The Mural Project  
**Troop 30348, Grafton**  
Lydia Child, Emma Kimball, Kara Pichierri

For their project, Lydia, Emma, and Kara created a mural representing different areas of the Grafton community and highlighted activities and important places in the town. They wanted their art to be featured in a quiet place where it could be an inspiration to others. Their mural is at the Nelson Library where it will be seen by library patrons for years to come.
TJO Birthday Party
Troop 20210, Longmeadow
Grace O’Connor, Kaile Riess

Many children in their Longmeadow area have birthday parties at the Thomas J O’Connor Animal Adoption Center in Springfield. The Center did not have an organized schedule for the birthday parties which was causing stress for the coordinator. So these Girl Scouts helped by making a schedule of events for the birthday parties that included activities to educate children about animals and fun games to play. Throughout this project, they learned how to be leaders and how to be more responsible.

Treasure the Trails
Troop 20559, Feeding Hills
Erin Elizabeth Ewing

Erin painted and placed eight trail marker posts in Robinson State Park and made trail guides for the four hiking trails. With weather delays, tough terrain, and organizing her project team, this project made her use her mind, organizational skills, and a great deal of physical strength and endurance. The park and the people who hike the trails will benefit from her project for years to come.

Turn the Page
Troop 30034, Holden
Marissa Pratt

During the Turn the Page project, a Little Free Library, a bird house-like structure that is filled with books, was created, painted, and installed at North Brookfield Elementary School so that all students will have access to good literature. Marissa said that collecting books from people was the easiest part of this whole project. She was amazed at how willing so many people were to help out.

Working with ELL
Troop 30306, Milford
Jillian Paccico, Maggie Raleigh, Julia Riordan

This group from Troop 30306 made and donated games for young English Language Learner (ELL) students to ensure that they were having fun while learning a new language. Knowing that everyone learns differently, they wanted to provide a fun and visual way for students to learn. To ensure their project lives on, the games were left in the ELL classrooms and in the school library so students may enjoy them at any time.

Young Adult Book Club at the Lawrence Library
Troop 34012, Pepperell
Joanna Chase

Joanna established a Young Adult Book Club at the Lawrence Library in Pepperell. She planned, advertised, and led the book club. For each meeting, she hosted 6-10 attendees, who ranged in ages from 12-16 years old, and who typically read books in the Young Adult category. She loved working with the club members and the debates and discussions that happened at all of the meetings.