

2021-2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Oregon & Southwest Washington





Anna Gabler Lincoln City, OR

Caring for Pets

After terrible wildfires swept through Lincoln County, Anna worried about the effects on local pets and their owners. Anna:

- Organized an animal fashion show to collect pet supplies and other goods for those in need.
- Put together a can and bottle drive to help fund the cost of extra pet supplies.
- Recruited volunteers who helped promote and run the events.
- Created a “Pet Disaster Checklist & Microchipping” brochure that local animal clinics, veterinarians and animal shelters are now providing to pet owners.

2022 Emerald Circle Scholarship Recipient



Grace Garand Newberg, OR

T.H.E.A.T.E.R.

Grace developed a theater program for under-served students, where she:

- Coordinated with a local school to build the program.
- Worked with 2nd-6th grade students to plan, prepare, and perform “The Journey of Little Red” by Samantha Knight.
- Recruited a theater director to teach drama techniques.
- Pivoted to recording, editing, and broadcasting final performances online when Covid-19 prevented stage acting and live shows.





Emily Johnson Eugene, OR

Highway Traffic Merging

- Emily created materials (fliers, posters, and pamphlets) on how to zipper merge onto a highway, a practice that reduces traffic congestion.
- She distributed hundreds of materials to dozens of local organizations to educate Eugene and surrounding residents.
- Her focus has been Randy Papé Beltline (OR 569) in the Eugene/Springfield area, but she hopes the effects will spread far and wide.
- She also created a video showing how to zipper merge—which is used in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Riley Kessler

Portland, OR

Capturing History: COVID-19 Teen Writing Collection

Riley realized that children and teenagers are rarely asked for their opinions and feelings about the COVID-19 pandemic and that adults have had a much different experience than teens. To give teens a voice:

- Riley curated a collection of 50+ written works focused on teen perspectives during the pandemic.
- All written pieces received by the Beaverton City Library were published online as articles on a permanent website, as well as printed and stored in the library's Local History Archive.





Rose McMaster Neotsu, OR

Help for Foster Care

Rose wanted to help kids in the foster care system get the school supplies and other items they might need. With the help of experts and her volunteer team, Rose:

- Created information pamphlets about the needs of the foster care system and the various ways people can help (beyond foster parenting).
- She also created over 100 care bags with basic needed supplies and left the pamphlet and care bag instructions with a local help center to continue the project in the future.

Keira Mooney

Portland, OR

No-Sew Blankets

Keira wanted to help children and families in shelters/hospitals that needed a sense of security and comfort, and she:

- Developed educational materials with information on how to create the no-sew blankets so the project can continue.
- Recruited a team of volunteers to help create and deliver more than 100 no-sew blankets to a local organization where Keira was once a recipient of a similar blanket at a younger age.

Keira knew how meaningful and comforting the blankets would be to their new owner and their families.





Samantha Shipley Hillsboro, OR

Positive Affirmations

Samantha noticed that mental health for elementary school students is not always prioritized, and wanted to create something to help kids recognize the value in being themselves. With local elementary schools Samantha:

- Worked with a team to develop messaging and placement of mental wellness displays within the schools.
- Created a brochure to share with families that outlines why affirmations are powerful.
- Developed training for 6th grade leadership classes to continue the project.

Satine Simpson

Troutdale, OR

Tennis for All

Wanting to increase equity in sports, Satine:

- Developed and hosted two free week-long tennis camps to introduce youth to the game.
- Sought donations with her volunteers so that each participant was given a racket and balls.
- Created a website with tips for beginners and identified free local courts available for practice times after the camp was over.

Her high school tennis teams will continue offering these camps in the future.





Jasmine White Beaverton, OR

Make a Pet Toy

Jasmine taught hundreds of people across 45 states how to make pet toys out of recycled materials and about the importance of pet socialization. Jasmine:

- Put on in-person and virtual workshops with her team.
- Held donation drives for the materials to make the pet toys.
- Created makeapettoy.com –teaching the importance of pet play, how to make the toys, and continuing the project.

The website makeapettoy.com is found at the OSU Extension Project Library, with instructions on how to replicate the project.

Thank You

