

**Girl Scouts
Bryan/College Station
Service Unit**

**2016
Girl Awards
Ceremony**



April 29, 2016

Title **H.O.P.E. ANIMAL SHELTER SIGN / WEBSITE**
Award Gold
GS (Troop) Amber (9553)
Leader Elizabeth Terry
Description The H.O.P.E. animal shelter in Hearne, TX is a non-profit/no-kill shelter that needed a way for visitors to be aware of their location. My project was to create a sign to help visitors know that shelter was up ahead. I also created a website, *PetOwnerTips.wix.com/home*, to help future adopters have information on how to take care of their new pets.



Title **LOCKER PROJECT**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Madelyn, Lauren, and Elizabeth (9053)
Leader Julie Beazer/Robin Rackley/Kelly Deegear
Description Because some girls in the 5th and 6th grade were unable to decorate their lockers like other girls, we felt that this gave them a sense of being different and not belonging, which in turn led to behavioral and discipline issues. Our goal was to help these girls build their self-value and self-esteem, and to help them feel that they fit in. The school and our troop felt that providing locker decorations would help meet these girls' needs and help them be successful in their intermediate years. Locker decorations were collected from donations by students at the end of the school year and other decorations were purchased, resulting in our troop assembling 36 locker decoration "sets." These sets, which included wire shelves, dry erase boards, mirrors, pencil holders, and magnets, were provided to 36 girls.



Title **HEALTHY FREEZER MEALS**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Catherine (9026)
Leader Jami Castillo
Description Catherine's Silver Project was a freezer meal session sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Linda McGuill from Pampered Chef also sponsored the event with recipes and orders to help fund the meals. The goal was to show these ladies that healthy meals can be done easily and quickly when you plan and freeze. Catherine provided a menu consisting of six meals that can be prepped ahead of time and frozen for easy meal preparation. Most meals could be thrown into a crock pot frozen in the morning and ready to serve when you came home from work. Ten women attended the event and each women went home with six meals that fed 6-8 people each along with recipes and cooking instructions. A great time was had by all and many have reported back that they have made the recipes again.



Title **"KUDDLES" FOR KIDS**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Elise (9022)
Leader Lisa Cairns

Description "Kuddles" for Kids is a project that was started by local middle schooler and Girl Scout Elise S. to teach people how to make fleece-tied blankets for hospitalized children, who may not have an object to comfort them while they are sick due to an unexpected hospitalization. Recently, she did several presentations for young Girl Scouts about why the children need the blankets, and how to make them. After that, they helped tie blankets, all of which went to the children at the College Station Medical Center after being washed with hypo-allergenic detergent and placed in containers to keep the blankets clean and dust-free. She also wrote a badge based on her project.



Title **BOOKS AND A BLANKET PROJECT**
Award Bronze
GS (Troop) Haley, Laurel, Kendra, Kory, Zella, Zoe (9045)
Leader Jennifer McNichols and Andrea Humphries
Description Our troop's girls decided to partner with the nonprofit Books and A Blanket, an organization which puts together baskets containing a blanket and around 10 books grouped by age and gender and distributes them to local children in need. The girls were inspired to serve this organization because it was started by two local girls around their age! The girls presented their request for donated books to their classrooms or school principals, made and placed collection boxes, and collected books donated there as well as from friends, family, and their own homes. They also made handmade fringed flannel blankets. In all, they sorted and organized well over 1,000 books and made 61 baskets, each with a handmade blanket.



2016 COLLABORATOR AWARDS

Best New Collaborator: Texas A&M Equestrian Team

Most Girls Served: Smith Dairy Queen

Most Unique Program: Health Hullabaloo, TAMU Health Science Center

Most Passionate Collaborator: Kappa Delta, TAMU

Embodiment Award: Savannah Haney, Aggie Girl Scouts



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