



2004 – 2005 Gold Award Projects

SU#1

Sandra Biller – *State Parks Transcriptions*. Increased historical awareness at a local park by transcribing copies of old newsletters from the Civilian Conservation Corps. After transcription, all of the newsletters were laid out in large books for display.

Karen DelDuca – *Create a Volunteer Website for Oldwick Fire Company*. Designed and created a website for a local fire company to allow them to inform the public and create awareness of the fire company's needs.

Kaitlyn Reper – *Care Bears*. Collected 208 bears to donate to the local hospital. Being in the hospital can be scary for children, but with a little friend, things can be better. Local Girl Scouts and another group made get-well cards that were attached to the bears.

Tracy Ricciardi – *Tewksbury Municipal Library Election Campaign*. Addressed the issue of building a bigger and better library for the town of Tewksbury by making flyers, billboards, and a library website to inform township residents of the benefits of such a project.

Rian Sutton – *Goryeb Children's Hospital Toy Drive*. Organized a toy drive at the Academy of St. Elizabeth to collect toys for the children treated at the Goryeb Children's Hospital.

Ashley Zuzek – *Instruments for All*. Collected unused instruments community members and donated them to improve a music program at a Bronx school.

SU#2

Lauren Garside – *Matheny Medical and Educational Center Blankets*. Sewed 14 blankets for handicapped children and adults at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center. Each blanket was embroidered with the patient's/resident's name.

Jessica Halliday – *A Look Into the Lives of Special Education Children*. Implemented an after-school program with planned and supervised activities for special education children waiting for their parents after school at the municipal library.

Michelle LoAlbo – *Smiles for Matheny*. Created a quilted wall hanging for the Matheny School and Hospital using quilt squares created by the residents. The wall hanging is displayed in the halls of the facility for all to see.

Karen Piwinski – *School Supplies for Fanning Island*. Collected and mailed much-needed school supplies for children in the school on Fanning Island, a small, remote island in the Pacific Ocean.

Samantha Wnek – *Benches for Hunterdon Huskies Field*. Built benches for parents to use while at their children's games and practices. By having a comfortable place to sit, parents enjoy their time at the field.



SU#4

Cordelia Bone – *Service Unit 4 Camporee 2004 “Pirate Adventure.”* Together with another Girl Scout, organized the annual Service Unit Camporee, providing the opportunity for 250 young girls to enjoy and experience outdoor sports and activities based on a pirate theme.

Lindsay Erickson – *ESL Book Recording.* Worked with an ESL elementary school teacher to record books on tape to help students improve their English. Students listen to the tapes while reading to gain a better understanding of the language.

Jenna Totten – *Mission Rescue Butterfly Garden.* Restored a butterfly garden at Camp Agnes DeWitt, transforming an overgrown area into a beautiful butterfly and hummingbird garden to be enjoyed by campers and staff.

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SU#5

Jessica Love Bauer – *Beautifying Del Val While Improving School Spirit and Character.* Along with three other Girl Scouts, addressed the issue of school spirit at Delaware Valley High School. After gaining approval from the school board members and soliciting items from local hardware stores, motivational and inspirational messages were painted in the hallways.

Kirstin Farchaus – *Beautifying Del Val While Improving School Spirit and Character.* Along with three other Girl Scouts, addressed the issue of school spirit at Delaware Valley High School. After gaining approval from the school board members and soliciting items from local hardware stores, motivational and inspirational messages were painted in the hallways.

Alexandra Lyn Forman – *Handicapped Preschool Program.* Together with another Girl Scout, addressed the issue of handicapped children needing to interact with others and requiring preparation for further schooling. Planned games, crafts and snacks, worked with students individually, and participated in group activities to interact with children.

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Lindsay Freeman – *Mystic Mosaics.* Together with another Girl Scout, painted ceiling tiles in the pediatric unit with cheerful images, replacing an old white ceiling in the playroom of Hunterdon Medical Center. They were designed to bring color and comfort to the patients.

Linda Rae Krov – *Beautifying Del Val While Improving School Spirit and Character.* Along with three other Girl Scouts, addressed the issue of bare walls and lack of creativity at Delaware Valley Regional High School. This project brought back a dormant school spirit and resurrected the pride at Delaware Valley.





SU#5

Dana Kubinak – *Pet Assisted Therapy Work*. Completed a therapy dog training course to become a certified handler and trained own personal dog, Misty, to be a certified therapy dog. Lifted the spirits of hospital patients and nursing home residents with pet visits.

Cecilia Runge – “*Dream Big,*” a *Theatre Extravaganza*. Encouraged young girls to pursue their dreams in the arts. Developed a theatre day camp including activities such as singing, dance, improvisation, and musical theatre. Planned and carried out all activities and supervised girls and International Thespian Society volunteers.

Ellen Thompson – *Beautifying Del-Val by Improving School Spirit and Character*. Along with three other Girl Scouts, helped to instill character and school spirit in the high school by painting murals of character-building words in school colors throughout the hallways.

Jenny Traub – *Mystic Mosaics*. Together with another Girl Scout, replaced old white ceiling tiles in the pediatric ward of Hunterdon Medical Center with vibrant, imaginative, and colorful paintings to help younger patients feel more comfortable and optimistic within the medical environment.

SU#6

Carolyn Campbell – *Child Car Seat Check/Ident-A-Kid Program*. Held a child car seat check and ident-a-kid program with the Whitehouse Station Fire Company, Reading Police Department and many other agencies. Also made identification cards for children and parents with fingerprints, color photograph and personal information and helped parents with children’s safety and taught kids about fire safety.

Ellie Kowal – *St. Paul’s Vacation Bible School*. Together with another Girl Scout, developed a five-day program for kids to learn about how to build their faith in the church using fun activities and songs they can bring home with them. Also collected donations for the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey.

Jennifer Kozicki – *St. Paul’s Vacation Bible School*. Together with another Girl Scout, developed a five-day program for kids to learn about how to build their faith in the church using fun activities and songs they can bring home with them. Also collected donations for the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey.

SU#7

Katherine Arendas – *Domestic Violence Awareness*. Addressed the issue of educating teens about domestic and teen dating violence. A presentation was held at the high school where a speaker came and educated the teens about these issues.

Emmy Kean – *Sharing Soles*. Collected men’s shoes for clients of St. John’s Soup Kitchen in Newark. The vast majority of the soup kitchen’s clients are men, who are in need of food, clothing and shelter. Men’s shoes are the least-donated item, and this project helped fill a great need.

SU#8

Laura Aber – *Art in the Community*. Together with another Girl Scout, promoted visual arts by providing art classes to the elderly and the children of the community. Art supplies were donated and distributed to the less fortunate.

Mairin Breault – *Seeing Eye Puppy*. Trained and raised a Seeing Eye puppy to help change the life of a blind person. Helped the dog to become acclimated to many different people and situations.



SU#8

Courtney Buchanon – *Hearts for Honduras School*. Collected personal care products from major corporations and donated them to the people of La Entrada, Honduras.

Kali Cohn – *Camping in New Jersey: A Drop-In Craft*. Created and implemented a craft program focused upon New Jersey and camping. This program provided children entertaining ways to learn about their home state and the art of camping.

Julia Hodgson – *Murals in William Annin Courtyard*. Assisted in the efforts to beautify a courtyard in the local middle school by painting murals based on Georges Seurat's painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" on two doors that lead into the courtyard.

Jenni Jacobus – *Websites Made Easy*. To help them keep pace in a technologically advancing world, taught members of the community a programming language called HTML, which they used to create individual websites and learn about web-based forms of personal communication and expression.

Caroline Juterbock – *Cemetery Records for Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church*. Addressed the need for updating Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church's cemetery records. Using record books dating to the 1700s, created a spreadsheet with the names of people buried in LCPC's cemetery, updated the card catalog and maps. This information will be available on the church's website.

Katherine Lubarsky – *HLA Bone Marrow Registry Drive*. Registered 64 people to the National Bone Marrow Registry as potential donors for anyone in need of a bone marrow transplant. Advertised, coordinated drive with HLA Registry, educated people on process of becoming a donor, and ran the drive.

Christine Malanga – *Art in the Community*. Together with another Girl Scout, offered visual art classes to the elderly and the children of the community. Art supplies were obtained and donated to less fortunate children.

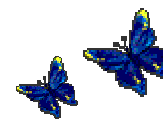
Megan McNamara – *"It Was a Sleepy Little Town: An Oral History of Bernards Township."* Created and recorded an oral history of Bernards Township. After binding the report, it was delivered and used in schools, libraries, local archives, and within the community for information about the town.

Jennifer Melillo – *Children's Liturgy Youth Director*. Helped organize and manage a program that aided preschoolers in understanding their faith. Organized volunteers and materials, participated in program and ran a collection for Operation Christmas Child.

Caroline Singer – *Agape House Library Renovation*. Addressed the importance and accessibility of reading by refurbishing and restoring a library in a shelter for homeless women, men and their children.

Julianne Viola – *"Hide and Seek: A Fun Tour Through Juliette Low's House!"* Created a children's book about Juliette Low and her birthplace and read the book at the library to local Girl Scout troops. Addressed this issue of the lack of knowledge about Juliette Low and the absence of a book about her that is appropriate for all ages.





SU#12

Jenna Eckardt – *Teddy Bears for Sick Children*. Learned how to make and sew homemade Teddy bears and then taught others. All of the bears made were donated to sick children in hospitals.

Jessica Lynn Hartrum – *Paint Fire Hydrants in Somerville*. Obtained permission from Somerville council and fire department, secured donations of supplies and painted 90 fire hydrants red, white and blue, promoting patriotism and enhancing Somerville's beauty.

Jennifer Helwig – *Spring Camporee*. Together with another Girl Scout, planned a camporee to help first-time campers and their leaders. They learned how to roll sleeping bags, tie knots, assemble a first-aid kit, and cook over a campfire. Each troop also received camp cookbooks and songbooks. Collected donations of canned food to restock the food bank.

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Jessica Sackie – *Gift Bags for Hospitalized Children*. Created gift bags filled with gentle diversions (coloring books, storybooks, stuffed animals, etc.) to help comfort hospitalized children at Somerset Medical Center.

SU#13

Edith Appiah-Kumi – *Puppets, Dolls, and Plays Try-It*. Worked with Brownies and Daisies to explore creative art projects and earn a Try-It. Created a program box for finger puppets so others could enjoy these art projects.

Jillian Bausback – *Pet Assisted Therapy: Training and Visits*. Applied new training methods and increased personal knowledge of animal assisted therapy to expand on a therapy dogs program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

Elizabeth Bouwman – *Junior Active Citizen Badge*. Addressed the issue of the need for women in government by running a workshop for Junior Girl Scouts to learn about government and political participation.

Elyce Cole – *Introduction to Music*. Integrated high school musicians and vocalists with young girls through an interactive workshop in order to expand girls' knowledge of music and also spark their interest in instrumental and vocal performing arts. Focus was on woodwinds and voice.

Amanda Davila – *Introduction to Music*. This project gave girls an opportunity to learn about musical instruments in exciting ways. Girls made crafts, listened to concerts of their favorite instruments, and were able to have a fun and interactive experience. Focus was on brass and percussion.

Lynn Durkin – *Baby Bundle Blankets*. Collected donated fabric and used it to make baby blankets for teens, low-income and expecting mothers. Created an instructional program box for Council so younger Girl Scouts can also learn to make the blankets.





SU#13

Kathleen Flood – *Softball Clinics*. Taught third- and fourth-graders from Branchburg the rules and fundamental skills needed to play softball while encouraging them to stay fit.

Stephanie Grande – *Feed the Birds and Campfire Sing-a-long*. Led a program for younger Girl Scouts to provide food for birds during winter months. The project gave younger Girl Scouts a chance to learn about nature and learn Girl Scout songs.

Laura Juliano – *Ecuador Project*. Collected supplies for children in Ecuador and ran the Everyone Belongs, Latino program for younger Girl Scouts. Traveling to Ecuador this summer to build homes and distribute the donations.

Maria Juliano – *Quilted Sleeping Bags For The Homeless*. Collected 31 quilted sleeping bags and 45 homemade scarves to be distributed to homeless clients of SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program).

Sarah Kauder – *Vacation Bible School*. Volunteered to run church's vacation bible school, where children have the chance to make new friends and learn. Planned, helped in the classroom and painted scenery.

Tara Maharjan – *School Supplies for Nepal*. Sent 153 pounds of school supplies to needy children in Nepal and ran an Everyone Belongs workshop to teach Brownies and Juniors about the country.

Jennifer Medwick – *Victory Junction Gang Camp*. Provided terminally ill children at a North Carolina camp with handmade bed quilts and homemade Teddy bears and afghans for them to take home. Organized the quilting day, made the Teddy bears, and collected the afghans.

Allison O'Brien – *Everyone Belongs Australia*. Taught younger girls about Australia by incorporating history, culture, nature, songs, crafts, games and snacks.

Melissa Oliver – *Preschool Story Time*. Established a time where children could take a break from their normal day-care routine and participate in a special story time, enhancing their learning through craft activities and sharing snacks.

Amanda Palmer – *Benches for Central*. After obtaining permission and soliciting supplies, built benches for the Central School courtyard in Branchburg.

Allison Principato – *Junior Girl Scout Books Badge*. Taught bookbinding, spelling bee techniques, stories from other cultures, and book illustrations to younger Girl Scouts, all of whom brought books to be donated to a school library in Liberia.

Tara Purasson – *Tsunami Relief Walk/Run-A-Thon and Kid's Fun Day*. Organized and hosted a walk-a-thon and kids' fun day to support tsunami relief and continued restoration. Secured volunteers and spread the word about the event in several communities. Proceeds from the event were sent to WAGGGS.

Amy Startzel – *First Aid Kits for Ecuador*. Assembled 100 first-aid kits to be sent to families in Ecuador, giving each family much-needed medical supplies and vitamins. Each kit included a handbook in Spanish, telling the families what to use for each situation.





SU#13

Larissa Stuckey – *An Outreach for Organ Donation*. Raised awareness about the importance of organ donation and how students can become organ donors. Held a presentation for high school seniors where a speaker shared the story of her infant son who received a donated heart.

Marsha Wadhwa – *Oral Health Care Awareness*. Created an informative, educational pamphlet that discussed ways to maintain oral health. Prepared dental hygiene kits containing the pamphlet, toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss to distribute as starters in Rwanda, Africa.

Preeti Wagle – *These Little Piggies Went to Ecuador*. Addressed the issue of underprivileged children, while promoting international good will. Organized several sessions to sew stuffed pigs to send to poor children in Ecuador who have few or no toys at all.

Shannon Zimmitti – *Hug A Bear*. This project is intended to help the community by making Teddy bears to comfort traumatized children. By collecting materials and enlisting younger Girl Scouts, more than 100 bears were made and donated.

SU#14

Jordan Cronin – *Books on Tape*. Recorded 10 books on tape and distributed the copies to people who need help reading; also read aloud to a group of students who are learning to read.

Jessica Lyn Evancho – *Habitat for Birds*. Constructed and built birdhouses for local elementary school's nature trail, providing a safe habitat for the birds and a place for students to observe and learn more about birds in their community.

Allison Kerley – *Seeing Eye Puppy*. Raised a Seeing Eye puppy and gave presentations to younger troops about the Seeing Eye Foundation and puppy-raising program. During the presentation, girls gained awareness, understanding, first-hand experience, and met a German shepherd puppy.

Brittany Krieger – *Celebrate Diversity*. Planned a seminar and festival that offered children and adults an opportunity to learn about, understand and celebrate the beauty of diverse cultures.

Athena Lim – *Blood Drive*. Recruited donors and organized a community blood drive and learned a "lesson in humanity" as well as the importance of donating.

Caitlyn Merrill – *Disaster Relief Plan – SRAS*. Distributed pamphlets that educated people about disaster relief for their pets. Ran multiple pet supplies drives that benefited the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter and volunteered at an adopt-a-thon there.

Ashley Miller – *Horse Donations*. Collected grooming/bathing/caring supplies for an organization that rescues horses.

Richa Pandey – *Blood Drive*. Held blood drives at three different locations to acquire blood for people with debilitating illnesses such as cancer and hemophilia.

Tanvi Rastogi – *Driving Out Hunger*. Held a food drive in Bridgewater-Raritan schools to benefit the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Worked to reverse the trend a lack of food donations after the holiday season.





SU#15

Kathryn Butare – *Stars Swimming*. Taught swim lessons twice a week from December through June, to multiple children with special needs. Held a meet, party, and awards ceremony for all of the participants. By the end, all the children had learned to swim or were able to overcome their fear of the water.

Caitlin Caulfield – *Assistant Coach*. Planned and ran practices for third-grade soccer players every Friday and attended each game on Saturdays so girls could experience competitive sports in a positive environment.

Kaitlyn Leger – *Vacation Bible School*. Implemented vacation bible school, planned daily activities to make religious education fun, and supervised children and volunteers.

Brianne Lynch – *Communities of Light*. Raised awareness of domestic abuse in Somerset County by serving as Bridgewater's junior municipal coordinator for annual luminary lighting event. Mapped neighborhoods, recruited volunteers and distributed information about the Resource Center for Women and their Families.

Kathleen Lynch – *The 31st Annual Festival of Trees*. Worked with the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter to create a tree that represented the shelter for the Festival of Trees. Designing the tree and hosting the event generated awareness for the shelter.

Jessica Marshall – *Somerset Handicapped Children's Treatment Center Mini Olympics*. Implemented a Special Olympics for the children of the Somerset Handicapped Children's Treatment Center. Planned six events based upon their occupational, speech, and physical abilities. Also coordinated carnival games, organized volunteers and collected donations.

Shannon Shay Marshall – *Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children*. Obtained donations to benefit the residents of the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children. The abused, neglected, and homeless children received many different donations in order to better enjoy the summer.

Jessica Serrante – *Christian Crafts for Kids*. Developed and prepared crafts to be used in a ministry program at a local church. Also performed administrative and organizational tasks to help the children's ministry run smoothly.

Jessica Stagg – *Summer Camp for Children of Working Parents*. During the summer when parents go to work, children had a chance to play and interact with their peers. Developed and supervised a camp with games, crafts and swimming, with the help of another volunteer Girl Scout or a parent volunteer.

Kristin Yuzuik – *Veterans of America Tribute*. Project benefited the Veterans Hospital by providing needed supplies, such as toiletries, coats, socks and underwear. Presented a program for Veteran's Day called "What is a Veteran?"





SU#17

Gwendolyn Bishop – *Raising a Seeing Eye Puppy*. Focused on house-breaking and partial training of a golden retriever, helping the puppy get used to other people and animals.

Valerie Buccino – *Cystic Fibrosis: Awareness and Education*. Planned and presented informational events about cystic fibrosis, including speeches to explain the disease to high school students, faculty, and administration, and the business community. Directed Junior Girl Scouts in a play about CF and presented it to intermediate school students.

Cassie Bundy – *“Faith-Full” Volunteers – Sunday School & Special Projects*. Addressed the shortage of Sunday school teachers at Faith Lutheran Church in Hillsborough. Together with another Girl Scout, implemented a teaching program, planned hands-on activities and coordinated and carried out several community service projects with the fourth-grade Sunday school students.

Jaelyn Capista – *Memorial Bench for Philip A. Monahan*. Made a bench for the Triangle Elementary School Friendship Garden in memory of Philip A. Monahan, a Triangle Elementary Student who died in September 2002.

Julia Haren – *Pet Therapy/Pet Food Drive*. Addressed the need for pet food at St. Hubert’s Animal Shelter and provided valuable therapy and enrichment to the elderly through weekly pet visits to Somerville Assisted Living facility.

Priya Kaneriya – *Cultural Awareness*. Addressed the issue of cultural awareness by teaching Girl Scouts about India and the Indian culture by running an Everybody Belongs program for younger Girls Scouts.

Christine Perna – *Beauty and Skin Care Clinic for Teens*. Addressed the issue of skin care and beauty basics to help teenagers feel better about themselves. Promoted good nutrition and exercise basics for a healthy lifestyle while making it enjoyable and fun. Participants donated products to the Hillsborough Women’s Resource Center.

Tara Quinn – *Yay Babies*. Helped women who can’t afford basic necessities for their baby. Supplied the women with baby clothes, blankets, food, toys and other baby items.

Jennifer Schwarz – *Midland School Fun Fair and Ice Cream Social*. Organized a successful Fun Fair with crafts, activities and food for children with developmental disabilities at Midland School.

Mary Urbanski – *Communities of Light Jr. Municipal Coordinator*. Addressed the issue of domestic violence by promoting the Communities of Light Event 2004 – Peace Begins at Home in Hillsborough Township for the Resource Center for Women and their Families. The luminary display increased awareness and the services available to victims, survivors and their families.

Alyson Williams – *“Faith-Full” Volunteers*. Addressed the shortage of Sunday school teachers. Together with another Girl Scout, organized and taught Sunday school lessons to fourth-graders at Faith Lutheran Church. Also coordinated many community service projects with Sunday school students.

Jessica Witt – *Starting a Sunday School at Montana United Methodist Church, Washington, NJ*. Established a Sunday school for children of the church, collected supplies, and planned and implemented lessons.





SU#18

Kathryn Bennett – *Montgomery Lacrosse Camp*. Held a summer lacrosse camp through the Montgomery Recreation Department to help develop the new lacrosse program in the town.

Dominique DiMeglio – *An Evening of Bike Safety*. Hosted an evening for parents and children to learn about bike safety and have their bikes inspected by the police. Participants were asked to bring donations of canned goods for the local food bank.

Natalie Feigenbaum – *Warm Gear for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen*. Collected hats, gloves and scarves at Montgomery Middle School through the school's Interact club. Also organized a tour of TASK and educated students and faculty about TASK's mission.

Tori Hillock – *Driving for the Gold*. The purpose of this project was to address the severe shortages of blood in the Penn-Jersey Region. Thanks mostly to the enthusiasm and willingness to donate by the eligible teens of Montgomery, the drive's goal of collecting 35 pints of blood was surpassed and 43 pints were collected.

Jennifer Kantor – *The Gift of Life*. Received training through the Red Cross and addressed the issue of blood shortages. Organized and publicized a blood drive, scheduled donors and baked and arranged for refreshments and toiletry bags to be provided to the donors.

Larissa Merritt – *Recreation for Teens at RWJ Hospital*. Provided teenage patients at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital with things to enjoy during their stay there. Stocked the "teen lounge" with movies, CDs, games, crafts, and other recreational activities.

SU#19

Lauren Gertz – *Quilts for Hunterdon Youth Facility*. Organized a community quilting day to make blankets that were donated to make the facility more "homey" for children staying there. A warm, handmade quilt for each bed was provided.

Kate Rutkowski – *Show Kids Invitational Theater (SKIT): Initiation of New Members*. Reorganized and ran one full year of activities for many children on the waiting list for SKIT. Created a handbook outlining the requirements for running the process successfully for future volunteers.

