



## **Manitowoc Girl Scout earns a national scholarship for creating lasting change through her Gold Award**

Girl Scout Emma Klatt from Manitowoc was awarded a national scholarship from Girl Scouts of the USA for her Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, focused on domestic violence.

The first part of Emma's two-fold Gold Award project provided 20 duffel bags fully stocked with clothing, pillows and pillowcases, towels, and personal hygiene items to the local domestic violence shelter, InCourage. Many who come to the shelter have nothing but the clothes on their backs. The bags are provided to those in need upon arrival and are theirs to keep when leaving the shelter.

The second part of Emma's project was to prevent and assist those experiencing violence in the home by educating hundreds of community members through posters, flyers, information sheets, educational videos, and presentations to community groups about the signs of domestic violence, the cycles of abuse, and how to get help.

"As soon as I found out I was receiving the Gold Award Scholarship from Girl Scouts, I was overjoyed. It means so much to me that my project made an impact, and I get to spread the word even more," said Emma. "This scholarship is helping me pursue my dream of becoming a biomolecular engineer and my ultimate goal of becoming a physician!"

"Emma and her project are the perfect embodiment of Girl Scout values. We at Manitou Council were delighted to nominate her for the \$2,000 scholarship from Girl Scouts of the USA , sponsored by Arconic Foundation and Kappa Delta Foundation," said Denise Schemenauer, CEO of Girl Scouts of Manitou Council.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, available to girls in high school who create sustainable change on a community or world issues. Gold Award Girl Scouts address the root cause of a problem, plan and implement innovative solutions to drive change, and lead a team of people to success.

### **About Girl Scouts of Manitou Council:**

Girl Scouts of Manitou is the largest girl-serving organization in the Lake Michigan western shoreline area. One in every three girls in every elementary school in the council is a Girl Scout – 4,000 Girl Scouts, ages 5-17, in all or parts of the counties of Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Washington. All these Girl Scouts are guided by more than 1,200 adult volunteers of the Girl Scouts of Manitou Council.

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