

Previous GSCNC Gold Award Projects that Involve Disability



Christine Hoehl

Christine Hoehl, of GSCNC, earned her Gold Award in 1993 and was the first Girl Scout with Down Syndrome in the Washington area to do so. Over the course of four months, Christine spent 90 hours on her project, including organizing 30 volunteers to help paint the rooms at a District group home for troubled teenage girls. She made all of the calls to recruit volunteers and to arrange the painting of the facility, even though she has difficulty conversing on the phone because of a hearing problem. We are so proud to have her as part of the history of our council!

Katie Ivie

Katie earned her Gold Award in 2008, which was titled "Pokemon League Play for All Kids. Through this project, Katie was able to organize a Pokemon League at the Alice C. Tyler Home for children who have been abused or neglected and are not able to leave their home because of safety reasons. She set up the games for the children each week and continues to run the games for them now. Katie has autism, and because simple accommodations were made, she was able to independently and proudly earn her Gold Award.



Kathryn Ann Vane

Katie Ann has high-functioning autism and wanted to focus her project on informing her peers more about autism, so she made an informational pamphlet. She wrote and designed the pamphlet to educate students about how to cope with autism in high school. Because she started the project while living in Germany and going to a Department of Defense Dependent School, the pamphlet has been circulated in DoDDS schools all over Spain, Italy, and Germany.

Katherine Garvey

Katie was inspired by her younger brother, who has cerebral palsy, to create an opportunity in her high school to promote acceptance of peers with disabilities. Her Gold Award Project was titled "A More Compassionate World: Creating Understanding and Socialization for People with Disabilities." For her Gold Award project, she coordinated a program that facilitated interaction between her high school peers and students with disabilities at the Longview School in Germantown, MD.

