

## Girl Scout's love for animals inspires community service projects

"I love the impact we get to make on the community through Girl Scouts," says Claire G. from Troop 6577. Since Claire became a Girl Scout three years ago, she has had the opportunity to combine her love for animals and passion to help others in more ways than she thought possible. She never ceases to come up with new project ideas, and her troop leader, Paula, is constantly amazed by her drive and go-getter attitude. Along with Girl Scout projects and activities, Claire enjoys spending her time volunteering for local theaters, her church and the Humane Society, and loves to take on new tech projects.

From her Breathe Journey to her Silver Award, Claire doesn't miss an opportunity to help her furry friends. When she learned about the harmful effects that smoking has on pets, Claire decided to use her Breathe Journey to spread the word. This project included meeting with the local Humane Society, designing a new flyer, adding new information in pet adoption forms and putting flyers in multiple locations and organizations. She didn't slow down for her Bronze Award project, where she donated a cat climbing station to the Humane Society that is still used today. It only makes sense she is continuing the animal trend for her Silver Award project, as she prepares to create a pet memorial at St. Luke's Church in Little Rock that will include a rainbow bridge outside the church, engraving stones for people's pets and a place for grieving.



Claire next to her Bronze Award project at the Humane Society

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Claire is starting her second year of homeschooling this year, and plans to use her flexible schedule to accommodate her extracurricular activities. Theater is a passion her family shares, and Claire spends much of her free time lending a hand at local theaters with her brother and dad. The three also enjoy taking classes at the Innovation Hub together, such as graphic design, where Claire learned how to create and design brochures, and how to use a laser engraver. "During cookie season, I used the skills I learned at the Innovation Hub to create an archery cookie logo for my troop." Claire says she has learned a lot about entrepreneurship, business, community service, and life skills through Girl Scouts and is excited to continue making a positive impact on her community, both animals and humans alike.



Claire with her archery cookie logo at the Innovation Hub



Claire (middle) and fellow troop members at their cookie booth