



# Bethany Carson

Bethany Carson, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is a junior at Carson Christian Home School Academy. She has participated as a Juliette Girl Scout for eight years.

For her Gold Award project, Bethany wanted to reach out to children whose parent is incarcerated. Bethany learned about Troop #2026, a special troop participating in the council's Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Program. Bethany worked with the troop's leaders and decided to host a surprise holiday party for the girls. She solicited donations of holiday presents, letters and dinner for the girls to enjoy. She worked with communities across five states to collect the donations, created a survey for the mothers to help answer what gift her daughter would enjoy and organized the party with other volunteers.

"It was incredible to see the girls enjoy the holiday party, and I know they left feeling treasured by myself, the volunteers and especially their mothers," said Bethany.

Bethany learned many incredible leadership skills through her project including organization, time management and interpersonal communication.

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