



# Mindy Dandorf

Mindy Dandorf, Independence, Missouri is a junior at Truman High School. She has participated in Girl Scouts for 11 years and was a member of Troop #1081, Service Unit #645.

A Girl Scout High Adventure to Duluth, Minnesota sparked Mindy's Gold Award project. Mindy was taken by the benches on the boardwalk that ran along the harbor. When she returned home, she saw that a new walking trail was being created in her neighborhood, and she thought installing benches along the trail would be a great addition. She worked with her community, gathered supplies, organized volunteers and installed the benches that will provide rest for walkers and place to enjoy the outdoors.

"I loved the relationship-building portion of this project, as I had the opportunity to work with many diverse individuals to create something that will benefit our entire community," said Mindy.

By completing her Gold Award project, Mindy improved her leadership skills including motivation, goal-setting and detailed planning.

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