



Natessa Knisely

Natessa Knisely, Belton, Missouri, attends Belton High School and is currently a senior. She has participated in Girl Scouts for 13 years and is a member of Troop #1958, Service Unit 654.

For her Gold Award, Natessa worked with fellow Gold Award Recipient, Katie Buster, to create a prayer walk in Pleasant Hill. The girls planted flowers, made birdhouses, added benches to a walk and laid path and built a bridge. Members from Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church volunteered to help the girls. The spot provides the community with a quiet place where they can enjoy nature that can be used for meditation or pray.

The Gold Award project helped Natessa realize that anything was possible through hard work and perseverance.

“The project was a lot of fun but the best part of seeing the joy the project brought to the people in the community,” said Natessa.

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