



Michelle Lewandowski

Michelle Lewandowski, Lenexa, Kansas, is a junior at St. James Academy High School. She has participated in Girl Scouts for 11 years and is a member of Troop #1181, Service Unit 637.

Michelle's vision for her Gold Award project was to make a difference in the life of senior residents living at Sunrise Senior Assisted Living Center and the family members who visit them. Michelle worked with the Sunrise Center staff and decided that a butterfly garden would provide a great benefit to the residents, because it would give them an outdoor activity to maintain and water the garden. The garden would also be a special place for the residents to talk to one another and enjoy the butterflies and flowers.

"As I was preparing the garden, it was amazing to talk with the senior residents and hear about the gardens they had in the past and so greatly missed," said Michelle. "I am so excited they will now have a special place to enjoy."

Michelle's Gold Award project provided her the opportunity to build her leadership skills including communication, research, planning, and time management.

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