



Leah Maurer

Leah Maurer, Roeland Park, Kansas, is a freshman at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. She participated in Girl Scouts for 13 years and was a member of Troop #585, Service Unit 633.

For her Gold Award, Leah created Weather Bears that were donated to Operation Breakthrough in Kansas City, Missouri. Operation Breakthrough provides children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving and educational environment. The bears are used as a teaching tool to instruct children on how to dress according to different weather conditions. Each classroom received a stuffed animal teddy bear and various sets of outfits.

"The Weather Bears will be a fun learning tool for children at Operation Breakthrough and help teach the children how to dress appropriately for the ever changing weather of Kansas City," said Leah.

Leah used her organization skills to manage additional volunteers and creativity skills to design the clothes for the bears.

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