



2022 - 2023 GSMW Gold Award Girl Scouts

Kalley M. of Helena, MT worked with Helena Girls Softball Association (HGSA) to make necessary improvements to Mihelish/Ramey Park youth softball fields to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. The improvements made increased the durability of the field fixtures so they require less maintenance and enhanced their appearance. During the process she taught the coaches and staff of Helena High School softball program, who also use the fields, how to repair holes in the netting of the batting cages and created an instructional video demonstrating how to make the repairs. In addition to the improvements, Kalley used relatable ways to teach girls, parents and coaches softball skills and fundamentals in video resources. The netting repair and skills videos are posted to the HGSA website and YouTube.

Marly G. of Sheridan, WY collaborated with the American Legion Sheridan Post 7 and the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery to update the cemetery's database of where veterans are buried and Marly ensured that the graves are marked accordingly for easy identification. With Marly's work an additional 1,000 veteran's graves have been identified and cataloged. She also worked to improve the process used at Memorial Day to place stakes and flags for veteran recognition and lead a group of volunteers to execute her plan with great success that can be used in the future.

Alyson S. of Casper, WY partnered with a deaf interpreter for the Natrona County School District to form an American Sign Language Club for 3rd through 5th grade students at Oregon Trail Elementary School. The purpose of the club was to teach students about the challenges that the hearing impaired community faces as well as teach the students how to sign. Through Alyson's dedication the students learned how to sign so they could carry on a conversation. The students demonstrated their skills with a performance. The principal at the school plans to continue Alyson's club so more students will be aware of the deaf and hard of hearing community in their community and break down some of the barriers that are present.

Mairin S. of Laramie, WY worked with the Laramie Downtown Clinic; the clinic focuses on providing the uninsured experiencing poverty with integrated healthcare services. Working with clinic staff and the board she created an organizational system to record services that are provided and improve their reporting process for the Board of Directors. Her efforts will enable the clinic to receive more funding from donors and grants, increase awareness of the clinic services in the community and enhance volunteer and patient engagement with the clinic. Her work was shared with the Albany County United Way's Community Impact Cooperative so other medical clinics can benefit from her work. The clinic has already seen an increase in community engagement and funding and has served more eligible patients.