



2023  
 Honorable Mention  
 Girl Scout of Distinction



**Madelyn Sheffel**

Gold Award Girl Scout  
 Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School  
 and Community College of Beaver County

**Gold Award Project:** *Stop Cancer: Attention to Prevention Education Program*

As a daughter of two cancer survivors, Madelyn wanted to educate others about ways to decrease the risk of cancer. As a team leader for Relay for Life, she noticed that the events focused on cancer research and patient support and that there was a lack of information about cancer prevention.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 50% of all cancers could be preventable. Utilizing information and contacts from the American Cancer Society and Allegheny Health Network, Madelyn developed “Stop Cancer: Attention to Prevention,” a program focused on educating the public about lifestyle modifications that can be made today to help decrease the risk of cancer tomorrow. She

created a pop-up education center with 12 information stations that is taken to Relay for Life and other community events along with a prevention pledge and social media campaign that increased her outreach nationwide.

Madelyn is a junior who is dual enrolled at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School and the Community College of Beaver County. She is active in the LPPACS dance team, DMD competition dance team, Student Council, National Honor Society, National Honor Society of Dance Arts, and International Thespian Society. She is often found on the stage in numerous musicals each year. She plans on attending university to double major in math education and dance performance.

*Girl Scouts has allowed me to discover who I am as a person and provided me the means to connect with a multitude of girls from varying backgrounds. It has taught me to not be afraid, to take action, lead a group, and communicate with new people. Girl Scouts has helped develop me into a strong person. —Madelyn Rose Sheffel*