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Gold Award Project: *Give Hope: Help Other People Eat*

Katelynn's Girl Scout Gold Award, Give Hope: Help Other People Eat, set out to raise awareness about micro food pantries in her community including building one at an established non-profit organization. Katelynn took time to research non-perishable items to stock the micro-food pantry, ways to seek donations, how to maintain the pantry, and strategies to keep the pantry thriving for decades. Over a year, she volunteered 133 hours, led her team of 15 volunteers, managed about \$900, and pushed through many storms in life, including a global pandemic, to complete her Gold Award. Passing her knowledge and resources onto a team of volunteers at the non-profit organization ensures the future success of her micro food pantry. Teaming up with a non-profit organization, Katelynn believes together

they will help fight the battle to end hunger in their community by encouraging people to take what they need and leave what they can. Katelynn hopes her micro food pantry will start a movement to get more pantries opened in her community and spread throughout western Pennsylvania into neighboring states.

After completing her Gold Award, Katelynn began her higher education track with aspirations to become an athletic trainer. She actively participates in the Christian Life Scholar Program, Burger King Scholar Program, resident assistant role, and NCAA Softball. In addition, Katelynn enjoys activities on campus including a softball study group, service projects, bingo, paint & dip, and semi-formal dance.