



**Taylor Rechenmacher**  
*North Allegheny Senior HS, Grade 12*

**2021**  
*Honorable Mention*  
*Girl Scout*  
*Humanitarian*

Taylor supported families with babies in the Neonatal ICU (NICU) for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She worked with a nonprofit charity, Project Sweet Peas, which aids NICU families and those affected by infant loss. For her Gold Award, Taylor led 37 volunteers from clubs at her school and her Girl Scout troop to make more than 300 Halloween costumes for babies in the NICU. She also held a donation drive of toiletries and other supplies through her school's Key Club, which was organized into care packages and donated to Project Sweet Peas. She collected enough items to organize and donate more than 200 holiday care packages, which were given to NICU families in the Pittsburgh area. Additionally, she made promotional videos and spread awareness through social media. As a micro-premie—born 3 months early, at 1 pound, 9 ounces and 12 inches—this project was very personal to her.

In addition to completing her Gold Award, Taylor runs on the varsity cross country and track teams, is a swim instructor at the YMCA, coaches for a summer swim team, and is a lifeguard. She is the president of Key Club and served on GSWPA's Girl Advisory Committee. She intends to pursue a career in the medical field.

