



# 2023 Girl Scout of Distinction



## **Noelle Kraeger**

Gold Award Girl Scout  
Highlands High School

**Gold Award Project:** *Promoting Healthcare Equality by Overcoming Language Barriers*

While working on one of her Journey projects, Noelle learned of the challenges that Spanish-speaking families may face when seeking health services for their children due to language barriers and a lack of Spanish-speaking healthcare providers. This, along with her future aspiration to become an educator, was the inspiration for her Gold Award project.

Noelle's project focused on creating a resource that healthcare workers can utilize to better communicate with Spanish-speaking children and their families. An additional goal was to promote the development of language skills for children prior to starting school. Donations were raised to purchase bilingual books that

were given to preschool-aged children during their clinic visits.

Noelle would like to extend her sincere thanks to Ms. Amy Miehl and Ms. Sharon Hart for their support and guidance throughout her project. She would also like to thank her troop leaders, Ms. Donna Rittman, Ms. Lori Haugh, and Ms. Denise Atkinson for pouring their hearts and souls into supporting girls in their community and for their many troop adventures. Finally, she would like to share her appreciation for her Highlands High School educators, Ms. Teresa Emeloff, Ms. Renae Yoder, and Ms. Laura Proano for modeling the type of teacher that Noelle aspires to become.

*Joining Girls Scouts puts you in the company of accomplished, service-minded women who are fully vested in helping develop your leadership skills and ensure you succeed.*

—Noelle Kraeger