

There are three key parts to the Highest Awards: sustainability, measurability, and identifying a root cause of an issue. As girls progress through the Highest Awards, these key parts will look different.

For the Bronze Award demonstrating these three keys can come through a discussion about how solutions can be made lasting after they have completed their project (sustainability), how their project can be tracked or counted (measurability) and the difference between a one-time service project and take action projects that have a lasting impact (identifying root cause of an issue).

By the time the girls complete a Bronze Award project they will develop an understanding of the world around them.

EDUCATION

1. BOOK DRIVE

- Hold a book drive to collect used (in good condition) children's books.
- Make or refinish a bookcase and set up with the books at a children's hospital/unit/clinic or preschool.
- A variation is to collect books for women and place them at a Women's or Family Shelter.
- You might also want to create your own children's book.

2. GAME CART

- Collect board games and organize a "Game" day at your library, a nursing home, homeless shelter etc.
- You can expand this to include story time for younger participants or read to residents.

POVERTY

3. BLANKETS FOR HOMELESS

- Learn to make fleece tied blankets and donate them to a homeless shelter.

4. WINTER CLOTHING

- Learn to knit a scarf and hold a winter clothing drive for your local homeless shelter.
- Find out from them the items that they need the most.

5. HYGIENE KITS

- Make kits with hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, soap, washcloth, deodorant) for homeless.

6. BIRTHDAY BOXES

- Make Birthday Boxes for your local food pantry so they can give them out to families who have a child celebrating a birthday.
- Your box could include balloons, candles, a cake mix, paper plates and napkins.

ANIMALS

7. ANIMAL SHELTERS

- Create a "New Pet Kit" for families adopting animals from a local shelter.
- The kit could include basic pet care information, a pet toy and/or treat that you have made, a grooming brush.

ELDERLY ISSUES

8. MEALS ON WHEELS/NURSING HOME FAVORS

- Make an assortment of favors, placemats or special occasion cards and then join Meals on Wheels drivers to distribute everything or go to a nursing home.
- Visit with the people that are receiving your goodies.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

9. MOVIE NIGHT

- Plan a movie night and sleepover for younger girls.
- Teach them a new skill as part of the event.

10. DAISY OR BROWNIE FUN DAY

- Plan, prepare and carry out a fun day for Daisy or Brownie Girl Scouts.
- Have a theme; include teaching them a skill or earning a badge.

11. HALLOWEEN PROJECT

- Collect and/or make simple Halloween costumes for children at a shelter and then host a Halloween party for the kids.

12. BUDDY BENCH

- Design, help build and install a Buddy Bench at your school or park

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

13. BIRD OR BAT HOUSES

- Work with a local conservation organization and learn about bird or bat houses and then make some and place them in the recommended area.

14. PLANT TREES

- Work with a local organization to find an area that is in need of tree planting.

15. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- Start a recycling program at your neighborhood school/church/meeting location.

16. NATURE TRAIL

- Restore a walking trail that is in need of repair.
- You could also make trail signs (that identify trees/plants or mile markers).

17. COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Work with an organization to adopt a flower or vegetable garden.
- Learn about the flowers/vegetables planted and how to take care of them.
- Consider making signs for your garden.

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

18. BABY KITS

- Make kits to send home with new moms from the hospital or work with a midwife to do the same thing.
- The kit could include a pacifier, baby hat, onesie, diapers.

HEALTH

19. COOK BOOK

- Learn about outdoor cooking and try out healthy recipes.
- Create an outdoor cookbook for your Service Unit to lend to troops while camping.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

20. COMMUNITY SIGN INSTALLATION

- Petition your city/county government to install a No Smoking (or other important sign) sign at a local park.