

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 Award, 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.

3. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

- These are free-standing book exchanges that were started about a decade ago. The premise is simple: Take a book, leave a book. You can even have your library receive an official designation through a charter.

POVERTY

4. BLANKETS FOR HOMELESS

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

5. 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.

6. HYGEINE KITS

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

7. 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

8. 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.
- Make dog beds allows for several options. If up for the challenge, they can make elevated dog beds using PVC pipe. Or make no-sew blankets.
- Make cat posts by creating scratching posts for the local pet shelters
- Catnip is “da bomb” for cats and there are several versions of toys that the girls can make.

ELDERLY ISSUES

9. 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

10. MOVIE NIGHT

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

11. 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.

12. HALLOWEEN PROJECT

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

13. BUDDY BENCH

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

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

14. 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.

15. PLANT TREES

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

16. RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

17. 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).

18. 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.

19. BEES!

- Who knew how important these little pollinators are. There are so many options under the topic of bees. Bee awareness, home flower planting guides or even working with other groups to help save bee-friendly environments.

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

20. 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.

21. HOSPITAL PLAY AREA

- Taking on the challenge of creating or renovating a play area is certainly within their abilities.

HEALTH

22. 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.

23. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- We need to be prepared. What are the natural disasters that your area faces? Hurricanes, tornadoes or maybe blizzards? Educate the community to raise awareness and have a build a kit day.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

24. COMMUNITY SIGN INSTALLATION

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

25. FIRE SAFETY/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- Partnering with the local fire department, raising awareness for the need for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, developing a home fire safety program and getting families to commit to home fire drills.