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Being A Girl Scout in Our Community
Grade Three, Honorable Mention
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I show my citizenship by being an honest and fair Girl Scout who lives by the Girl Scout Law and contributes to the community through service projects that our service unit and troop participate in throughout the year. I am always friendly and helpful as we clean up streams, parks, fields, and walking paths under the direction of our leaders. I am always considerate and caring when we are running food and clothing drives for those in need at various times of the year. By getting out and doing these things in the community, I make new friends and relationships while cleaning up the community that I live in. I try to sign up for as many service projects as I can to help. I also like to plant flowers because I think that they look so pretty in spring. I plant flowers with my grandpa at the church next to their house. It makes me feel happy to help other people. Kindness and generosity are important qualities of a contributing member of the community.

As a Brownie troop, we are old enough to help make decisions about our troop so I must be responsible for what I say and do. I must respect myself, other Girl Scout sisters, and other people at all times. Girl Scouts are taught to respect authority; these are the people who are put into place to protect us and keep us safe. Being responsible and taking action when I see a problem is important when being a Girl Scout. If I see a need in our community, I do my best to help and lend a hand. Being a good community member means getting involved and being ready to help out in any way and at any time.

As a Girl Scout, we use our resources wisely. I do not waste paper; I will find a use for every inch of the paper. I do not waste water; I turn off the water while I am brushing my teeth and back on to rinse, as an example.

Can being a Girl Scout really make our community or the world a better place? Rocket scientist and Acting Girl Scouts CEO, Sylvia Acevedo says, "Oh, yes it can; it did for me. It taught me not just about learning a skill, it taught me how to apply the skill, taking action, being an innovator, a go-getter and a risk taker." (<http://college.usatoday.com/2017/04/27/how-i-became-a-rocket-scientist-and-girl-scouts-ceo-sylvia-acevedo/>) I sure do like what she said! I love being a Girl Scout and I plan to make our community, even the world, a better place to live.