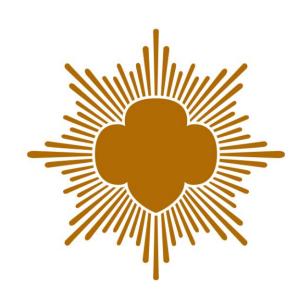


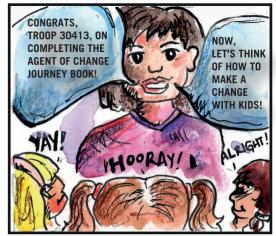
The Girl Scout Bronze Award



Featured Project: Sewing Bags for Children Troop 30413

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and River Valleys
Illustrated by Elisha-Rio Apilado

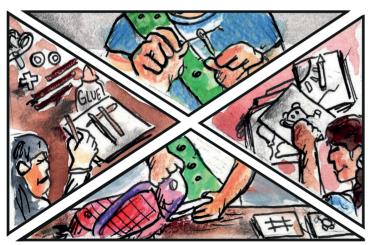
















CONGRATS, & GREAT JOB TROOP 304139

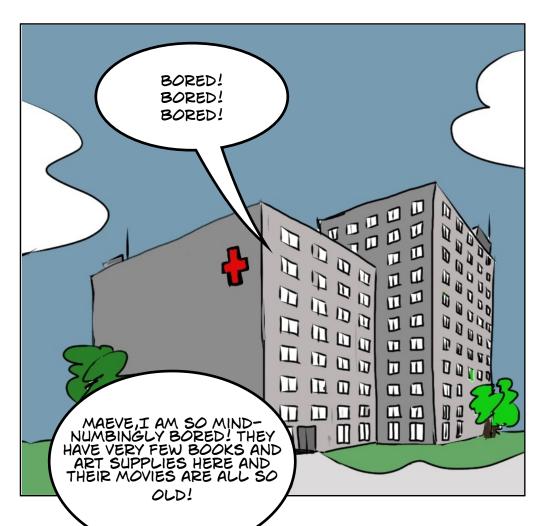


The Girl Scout Silver Award



Featured Project:
Promoting Literacy and Dispelling Boredom
Maeve A., Troop 41854

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana
Illustrated by Dave Farrar







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GIRL SCOUT, I KNOW

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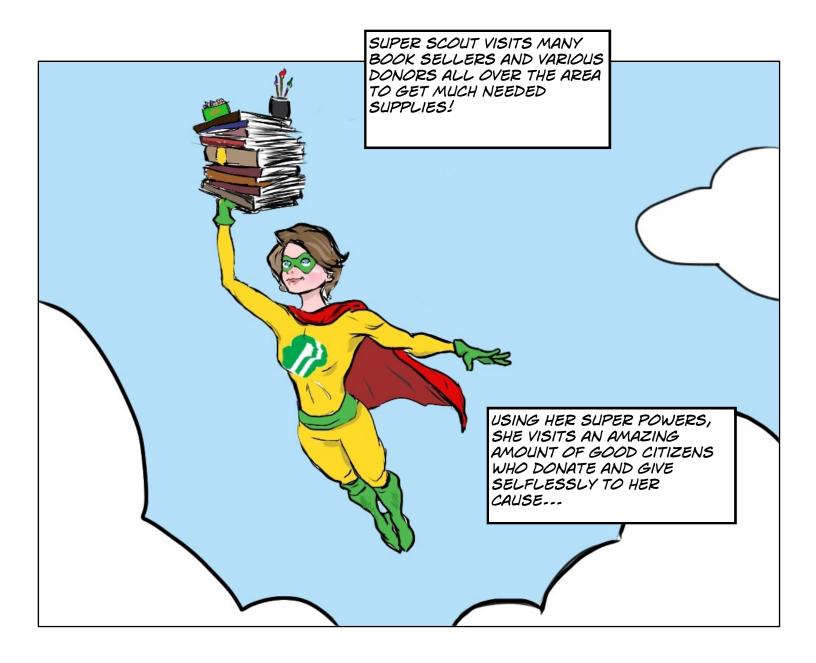
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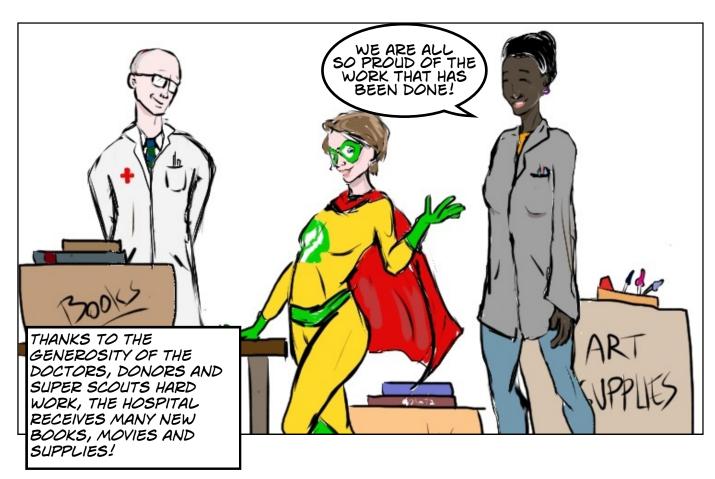
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FOR...













The Girl Scout Gold Award



Featured Project:

A Journey To American Heritage
Latoya Bearden-Gardner
Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana
Illustrated by Humberto Saldana

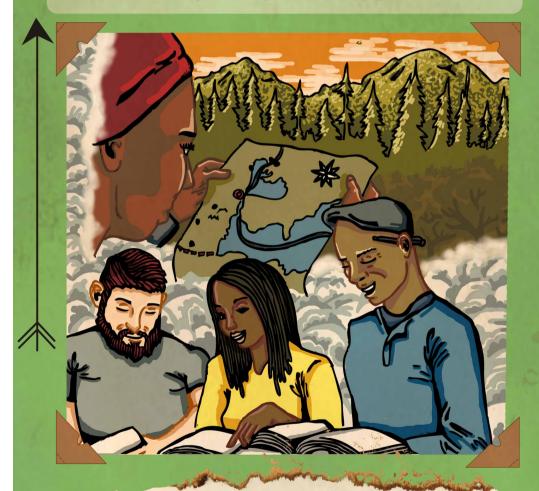


Latoya had always been passionate about history. She saw a need for more people to understand both their own personal histories and African American history. With her own love of history and her community's needs in mind, Latoya decided what her Gold Award project would be: a historical adventure about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Latoya created a cultural heritage trip that followed the path of the Underground Railroad from Illinois to Canada. She researched everything she needed to know about Harriet Tubman and the courageous journeys she took to free the slaves in the United States.



Latoya's passion to bring the history of the Underground Railroad to more and more people kept growing! She read, met and spoke to people all over the country. Many people in her community helped Latoya find out everything there was to know about Harriet Tubman's work.





After many hours of research and collaboration, Latoya's project came to life. She brought a group of Girl Scouts, their parents, and friends on her historical version of the Underground Railroad. This group got to learn about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad not just in history books, but through the eyes of those who had actually experienced it. They walked where they had walked and saw what they had seen.



Latoya didn't just earn her Gold Award. She was also recognized in 2001 as a National Young Woman of Distinction, a national award given to just a few Girl Scouts who have earned their Gold Award.

Latoya's passion for history and her desire to help her community led to the creation of this groundbreaking Gold Award project. Harriet Tubman believed all people should live in a world where every person is treated as an equal. Latoya's Gold Award project brought that part of our American Heritage back to life.

