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Virginia Beach Girl Scout Earns Gold Award

Jessica Miller has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor and achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouts. Jessica is a recent graduate of Frank W. Cox High School and the daughter of Tammy and Cris Miller.

For her Gold Award, "Trantwood School Supply Drive," Jessica helped make a lasting impact on students and teachers in her community by creating and stocking a school supply closet with essential school items. The supplies, she said, would be instrumental in helping to set students up for success when they start school. Jessica placed donation boxes around the community to gather items which helped to increase the number of school supplies in the closet. She gathered more than 600 supplies, allowing the closet to be fully stocked.

Students who may not be fortunate enough to start school with the supplies they need will be able to benefit from Jessica's project, which will be sustained by her church's youth group, for years to come.

About the Girl Scout Gold Award

The Gold Award requires girls to identify an issue in the community and carry out a Take Action project to address the matter through leadership work. Nationwide, less than six percent of eligible Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award, which adds this young lady to an elite group of female leaders across the country with the honor.

With the help of the Gold Award, girls can earn college scholarships and even enter the military one rank higher. Girls who earn their Gold Award rate their general success significantly higher than their peers. They also report greater success in reaching their goals in many areas.

About Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 11,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of nearly 5,000 adult volunteers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Girl Scouts offers a one-of-a-kind leadership

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