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## Needham Girl Scouts receive Gold Award

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is proud to announce Needham Girl Scouts Lauren Anzalone, Kathryn Cote, Elizabeth Doyle, Kerry O'Connor and Emily Verschoor-Kirss received their Girl Scout

Gold Award pins on Wednesday, June 22nd at a ceremony at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Marlborough. The event was attended by family, friends and Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' CEO Ruth N. Bramson and

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Lauren Anzalone's Rebuilding Trails in Ridge Hill, required her to work with volunteers to clear a five foot section on either side of the Hornbeam trail at Ridge Hill Reservation. The Conservation Commission assured Anzalone that future projects would include the maintenance of the trails as well as others in the Ridge Hill Reservation.

Kathryn Cote's Operation Renovation worked with the Needham Community Council to organize and create a storage system for the thrift shop that funds

the non-profit community organization. Cote with the help of volunteers removed dated, broken and mismatched furniture.

Elizabeth Doyle's Strike up the Band provided high school musicians with the opportunity to practice and play wind instruments with other talented musicians in the community. The group practiced and brought live music to a nursing home and the Abundant Table soup kitchen.

Kerry O'Connor's Hugs for NICU Babies focused on helping younger girls live a healthier life. Secondly, she worked to make covers for the isolettes in the NICU at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, out of fleece blankets, helping premature babies sleep during the day.

Emily Verschoor-Kirss' Set for Success worked to refurbish the set for the annual Christmas Pageant Play that takes place at her church. The items will be stored properly and protected for use for many years to come.



Elizabeth Doyle, Strike Up the Band



Emily Verschoor-Kirss, Set for Success



Kathryn Cote, Operation Renovation worked with the Needham Community Council.



Lauren Anzalone, Rebuilding Trails in Ridge Hill



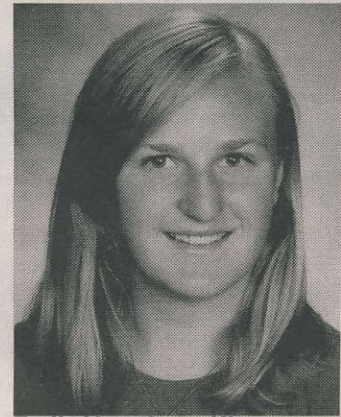
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Anzalone's Rebuilding Trails in Ridge Hill required

her to work with volunteers to clear a 5-foot section on either side of the Hornbeam trail at Ridge Hill Reservation. Anzalone and her team also built 60 feet of boardwalk to make a swampy section of the trail safe and accessible. Through this project, she will provide community members and families with a safe place to exercise and enjoy nature. The Conservation Commission assured Anzalone that future projects would include the maintenance of the trails as well as others in the Ridge Hill Reservation.

Cote's Operation Renovation worked with the Needham Community Council to organize and create a storage system for the thrift shop that funds the nonprofit community organization. Cote, with the help of volunteers, removed dated, broken and mismatched furniture. They also cleaned, spackled and painted the walls and installed shelving units in the

storage room. They then sorted and replaced items, and added laminated labels to the shelving to keep up with the organization of the room, while allowing for new donated items. They then cleaned and sorted a closet space near the main donation room, as well as cleaning and painting the space where donations are left for sorting.

Elizabeth Doyle's Strike up the Band provided high school musicians with the opportunity to practice and play wind instruments with other musicians in the community. Doyle recruited players to form a wind quintet. The group practiced and brought live music to a nursing home and the Abundant Table soup kitchen. She wanted to not only give these young people a chance to play, but also wanted community members to know that others care about their needs. Doyle worked to create a "how to" binder for other students interested in cre-

ating a quintet for community performances.

O'Connor's Hugs for NICU Babies focused on helping younger girls live a healthier life. O'Connor recruited and worked with local nurses to bring health information to younger girls in town. Secondly, she worked to make covers out of fleece blankets for the isolettes in the NICU at Brigham and Women's Hospital, helping premature babies sleep during the day. She also created a binder that details how to run a healthy girl workshop for future use by other students.

Verschoor-Kirss' Set for Success worked to refurbish the set for the annual Christmas pageant play that takes place at her church. She worked with volunteers to create a new 10-foot-by-6-foot backdrop that included many layers of different colored and textured fabrics. Together, they also built two new folding buildings for the set, made of wood and painted with a brick pattern. The last piece included sewing lamb stuffed animals. The items will be stored properly and protected for use for many years to come.



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