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Baldwinsville Girl Scout Going for Gold Award Creates Wheelchair Water Bottle Holders for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital

Cicero, N.Y. (July 24, 2020) — Rebecca Mantione of Baldwinsville, NY, is an Ambassador level Girl Scout in the Girl Scouts of [NYPENN Pathways](#) (GSNYPENN) Council. A member of Troop 10043, Rebecca is working towards her Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.



Senior and Ambassador level Girl Scouts (grades 9-12) who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond through extraordinary leadership and sustainable and measurable Take Action Projects.

Rebecca's project helps children with disabilities. She created fabric water bottle holders in multiple sizes that fit onto the arm of any wheelchair. Rebecca says she wanted to create something that would be both useful and fun for children who use wheelchairs. Rebecca and a group of volunteers sewed water bottle holders using fun, patterned material.

Girl Scouts going for the Gold Award

must dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to planning and implementing their Take Action Project. Rebecca recently met with Dr. Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH, and Maddy Locastro, equipment coordinator, with the Center for Special Needs at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse. Rebecca donated 100 water bottle holders, water bottles and pamphlets she created explaining the benefits of hydration. The Candlelight Quilters Guild will continue to supply water bottle holders to the program that Rebecca created for her Gold Award project.

If you're interested in speaking with Rebecca further about her Girl Scout Gold Award project, email her at rebmanti@yahoo.com or call 315.406.8709.



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Girl Scouts serves girls in grades K-12. Annual membership is \$25. Financial assistance is available. To register a girl online, visit gsnypenn.org/join. To become an adult volunteer, learn more at gsnypenn.org/volunteer.

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