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Lafayette Girl Scout Troop Honors Gold Award Recipients

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(L-R) Michelle Pelletreau, Gabriella Olufson, Megan Eustis, Jennifer Hardy, Katie Neff, Hayley Winther, Olivia Hirsch, Jenna Pettegrew, Marika Carrel, Jen Seroy, Diana Brownstein Photo provided
28 drama productions. She is a senior at Acalanes High School.

Gabriella Olufson - Constructed safe stoves and hosted a safety workshop for children living in villages adjacent to the Guatemala City dump. She is a senior at Campolindo High School.

Michelle Pelletreau - "Making a House a Home," collected and delivered home furnishings for a home for a family of six through Shelter Inc. She is a senior at Campolindo High School.

Jenna Pettegrew - Constructed safe stoves and hosted a safety workshop for children living in villages adjacent to the Guatemala City dump. She is a senior at Campolindo High School.

Jen Seroy - Raised and trained a puppy for 15 months for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She is a senior at Acalanes High School.

Hayley Winther - "Road to Recovery," organized and conducted an activity day at Children's Hospital and made a quilt from patients' drawings which was given to the hospital. She is a senior at Acalanes High School.

To achieve her Gold Award, each Scout had to meet the criteria of putting talents and strengths into action and demonstrating commitment to themselves, their community and the future. Finally, the project had to involve assessment, planning documentation and evaluation, benefit others and involve at least 50 hours, usually requiring between 4 and 12 months to complete.

Troop members recognized for length of membership included Diana Brownstein (11 years) and Jennifer Hardy (13 years).

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 30752 were honored in a special ceremony in January at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church and nine were recognized for achieving Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award. In recognition of the Gold Award recipients' commitment to service, Lafayette Mayor Brandt Andersson presented each girl with a city proclamation that announces her birthday in 2010 as a day in her honor as a Gold Award Girl Scout.

The Girl Scouts who achieved their Gold Awards and their projects are:

Marika Carrel - "Road to Recovery," organized and conducted an activity day at Children's Hospital and created an educational video about cancer myths. She is a senior at Acalanes High School.

Megan Eustis - Conducted a swim clinic and water safety workshop for homeless and high-risk families. She is a senior at Campolindo High School.

Olivia Hirsch - "Warm Winter Nights," planned and hosted activities for homeless children living at a temporary shelter. She is a senior at Campolindo High School.

Katie Neff - Made a memory wall for Lafayette Elementary School's