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Orinda- Moraga Girl Scouts Earn Silver and Gold Awards

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Photo provided

West Oakland. Laura built six bookcases and filled them with over 500 books, and inventoried the books on an Excel spreadsheet for monitoring and categorizing. Also earning their Gold Awards but unable to attend the ceremony were Natasha Blazer and Alyssa Trumble of Troop #30794 in Orinda, both seniors at Miramonte. Blazer worked with the Alameda County Family Justice Center which is an organization that provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, creating kits for victims with items necessary for day-to-day living. Trumble coordinated nine different toy drives at various businesses, a bake sale to help raise funds to purchase toys, and organized a cross country run dedicated to Children's Hospital Oakland, and created an informational YouTube video.

The Silver Award is the second highest award a Girl Scout can earn, while the Gold Award is the highest award and is the equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

On May 19, the Orinda Moraga Girl Scout Service Unit honored local scouts who had earned their Silver and Gold Awards. This year's Silver Award recipients were: Kenna Sherman, of Troop #30072 in Moraga, and Elise Anthenien, Lauren Finnell, Valentina Maria Trejo Honens, and Taryn Lausch, all of Troop #32259.

Sherman's project was, "Parents Night Out" for parents living at one of Shelter Inc.'s facilities in Pittsburg, which houses eight families. All parents were given four hours to have a spa treatment, along with a simple dinner or gift certificate to local movie theater and dinner at a nice restaurant while she and eight other Girl Scout sitters entertained the children. Anthenien, Finnell, Honens, and Lausch's project was called "The Feral Cat Foundation" in which the girls provided feral cats with 15 feeding stations and shelters, cat food, bowls and blankets, and educated the local community on the many benefits of spaying and neutering pets.

Campolindo senior Laura Gustafson, of Troop # 32911, earned her Gold Award by creating a library at Campbell Village Resource Center, an after school center in

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