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## **Gold Award Project focuses on fostering socialization**

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Grace Gafni's Girl Scout Gold Award Project addressed the issue of socializing children after distance learning. Grace reflected on the negative effects the pandemic had on children being able to interact with each other. She chose to support the Campolindo Cabana Club, her neighborhood pool and swim team, of which she has been a member since age 3.? She noticed that the little ones had no place to sit and bond, since only adult-size tables were available at the pool.? With the help of her project team, Grace built, sanded, and stained three kidsized picnic tables for the pool.? In addition, she created reusable conversation cards for the children to help foster socialization.? Grace trained her fellow swim team staff on how to encourage the children?to use the tables and cards to encourage conversation while hanging out at the pool.? Her favorite thing to do now is watch little kids sit at the tables and tell each other jokes from the conversation cards.? Grace is super thankful for everyone's support throughout her Gold Award journey!

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