

Brittney Thompson's Gold Project: Church Safety

Brittney established a safety committee and developed a safety protocol for her church. She held the first annual safety day for her church to educate church members on what to do in case of emergencies.



How did you come up with your idea?

I came up with this idea from all the violence that has been occurring in the news at churches all over the country.

How did you keep up the momentum for the project? I kept up with my momentum by pushing myself toward the end for my Gold Award.

Can you tell us a little story about some part of your project that was special to you? A part of my project that was special to me was reaching out to other churches to attend my safety program. Through my church safety day, I even introduced to a lady who was a Gold Award Girl Scout herself.

How will people benefit from this? This safety day provided information to the entire church congregation. There were five speakers who shared information on drugs, general safety, church safety, first aid, and fire safety. I believe everyone who attended benefited from the information, as well as the churches that are now implementing safety days of their own through using my curriculum.

How did you feel after you finished? I felt like I had accomplished something big, and I was proud of myself for all of my hard work.

What advice would you give to other girls considering a Gold Award? Don't pick a project you don't like, because it will be get hard and you will be putting a lot of time into it.

Your Gold Project made a change for the better in your community. Did it change you? This project allowed me to grow and expand my knowledge through research and development. This required me to examine past safety mishaps, learn from what happened and inform others of these mistakes. Moreover, I gained

valuable skills such as group work, time and resource management and data collection and handling.