



From Good to Great: Successful Girl Scout Silver Award Projects

One of the roles of the troop/group advisor and Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is to help a girl or group of girls move a project that may be a good idea to a great idea. It is important to differentiate between a community service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The later should involve planning and individual opportunities for leadership and decision making. When working on a group project, each girl needs to play an individual role. Here are several activities that start as good service projects, but with some careful coaching, have moved into the caliber of Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Good Service Project ?	GREAT Girl Scout Silver Award Project!
Volunteering many hours at a park site picking up litter.	Working with the park to establish an ongoing "Junior Ranger" Program for neighborhood children during the summer and weekends.
Working at the local library doing children's story hours.	Creating an after school reading program for a homeless shelter after meeting with the children and establishing needs — building bookshelves and selecting books from donations.
Sewing pillows for very ill children in a hospital.	Assessing needs for the children's hospital with administration and children. Teaching younger girls to sew "keeper pillows" and special head covers for ill children in several hospitals.
Planting flowers with a group in a park during a community service day.	Organizing a community clean-up, beautification day and BBQ that becomes an annual event involving businesses and families. Planting window boxes, painting porches and cleaning up vacant lots are some of the completed tasks.