



## **SERVICE VS TAKE ACTION**

### **What's the difference?**

As a Girl Scout, you use both service and action to live out the Girl Scout Law and “make the world a better place!” Girl Scouts often do both community service and Take Action Projects for Journeys and their higher awards projects. Both kinds of projects help communities in different ways. What's the difference?

Direct and immediate service changes something right now. Longer-lasting action gets at the root cause of issues.

Community service makes the world better for some people “right now.” For example, collecting cans of food for the local food pantry feeds people “right now.” Gathering toys for a homeless family shelter makes kids happy “right now.” Providing clothing and toiletries to people who have suffered a disaster helps them get through a traumatic event “right now.” These acts of kindness are important ways to help some people—right now.

## **GIRL SCOUT TAKE ACTION PROJECTS**

Journey Take Action projects, along with the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Take Action Projects, address the root cause of an issue, and come up with sustainable, longer-lasting solutions. These projects strive to make the world a better place for more people for a much longer time. Sometimes, service and action just naturally blend together into one sustainable effort. As a Girl Scout, you use both service and action to live out the Girl Scout Law and “make the world a better place!”

Service Projects are **FOR** the community  
Take Action Projects are **WITH** the community



**ONE TAKE ACTION PROJECT AT A TIME**

## BRONZE AWARD® KEY POINTS:



- ★ TAKE ACTION PROJECT: identifies the root cause of an issue, meets a need or improves their local or Girl Scout community and has a measurable impact on the community served by the project
- ★ SUSTAINABILITY: girls begin to have an understanding of how their actions can be long lasting
- ★ THINK GLOBALLY: girls consider if there are any other local communities or Girl Scout councils that have this same need
- ★ SPREAD THE WORD: girls share their story with others who could be inspired to make a difference, too

### ROOT CAUSE

What is your issue? Why was the project needed in your neighborhood or local community?

- What do you see?
- What is causing it?



### TAKE ACTION

Who will you work WITH at your school or in the community to come up with a new way to address this issue?

### SUSTAINABILITY

After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting. Is there a way that someone can continue to do the project you developed so others could continue with meeting the need of the issued you identified?



### NATIONAL/GLOBAL LINK



THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY: After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve. Could someone else pick up the directions/instructions for your project to address the same issue in

their community?

“Look wide, and even when you think you are looking wide – look wider still.”

Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941), Founder of the Scout Movement



### SPREAD THE WORD

How did you share information about your project so that others could become interested in your issue?

