



## **Girl Scouts is for Every Girl**

While Girl Scouts was launched more than 100 years ago for girls in Middle Tennessee, it wasn't until 1943 that Black girls were welcomed openly and registered into Girl Scout troops in this council. Under the leadership of [Josephine Groves Holloway](#), the first Black troop leader and first Black employee, this council stood up against racial injustices and defined our organization as one committed to serving EVERY girl.

More than 70 years later, the tragedies of racism and injustice are still all too prevalent in our society. The journey for this cause has gone on far too long.

Today, Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee remains standing as an organization committed to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make our world a better place, free from racism and injustice.

In support of our Black sister Girl Scouts changing the world, we share with you a few of their amazing stories.

### **Makayla Provides Books to Children in Need**

For her Gold Award Take Action Project, Makayla created a 200+ book library for Bethlehem Centers of Nashville and the Learning Academy so children living below the poverty level could easily access books.

### **Gabrielle Delivers Happiness and Community to Seniors**

Gabrielle created Bright Day Bins to address the issue of loneliness in the elderly community for her Gold Award Take Action Project. The bins are filled with thoughtful gifts, activities, and cards to brighten someone's day and were distributed to those in assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

### **Jahzara Brings Comforts to Children in Distress**

For her Silver Award Take Action Project, Jahzara made and donated stuffed animals to combat child abandonment, abuse, and neglect. The stuffed animals show children in difficult situations that there is someone who cares about them.

### **Troop 535 Build Relationships at their School**

For their Bronze Award, Troop 535 built a buddy bench for students to congregate and make new friends at Station Camp Middle School. The bench works to spread inclusion and kindness and works to eliminate bullying and loneliness.