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Dear Leader/Advisor/Parent,

Earning the Gold award is an exciting time during a candidate's Girl Scout experience. It will give her the opportunity to use all of her unique skills to make a significant contribution to her community through her Gold Award Community Action Project.

The Sahuaro Girl Scout Council is looking forward to a year filled with quality Gold Award Projects. Ideally, these Community Action Projects will not only merit the Gold Award but will also be worthy of further recognition by our national organization.

Gold Award Community Action projects should demonstrate a passion for a community need and present a greater challenge to the candidate than any previous Girl Scout or personal achievement.

Please encourage her passion and support her by:

- Reminding her that Gold Award training must be attended within a year of starting the Gold Award process. Leaders/Troop Advisors/Parents are also encouraged to attend this training in order to be familiar with current procedure.
- Assuring that she has received a current Gold Award Project packet which includes all necessary paperwork. (8-406 – 07/08)
- Making a Safety-Wise book available to her so that safety guidelines can be checked as they relate to her project. Safety-Wise also provides tips and leadership resources that she may find helpful.
- Encouraging the Gold Award candidate to set an appointment with the Gold Award Committee as soon as her Community Action Project is firm in her mind.
- Reminding her that most of the projects require some modification before they may be approved.
- Informing her that a mentor from the committee will be available to her throughout the process. Coaching for interview preparation and paperwork completion is also available from the Gold Award Committee.
- Suggesting that the Gold Award paperwork be completed by her electronically for legibility.
- Role playing the interview situation and asking challenging questions to be certain she is familiar with all aspects of her project and is prepared to speak to every facet.
- Remembering that all communication about the project must come from the candidate; it is after all, her passion!

If we can answer any questions or provide assistance to you please do not hesitate to call on us.

Respectfully,

Sahuaro Girl Scout Council Gold Advisory Committee