

CHILDREN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Girl Scout Troop 60165



Girl Scouts discover, connect, and take action! That is why this year a local troop has been nominated by the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio to receive the Children in Philanthropy Award! In March 2012, eight young ladies developed and executed a plan to help children affected by autism. These members of Perry Township Girl Scout Troop 60165, ages 10-14, decided to forgo a planned trip and instead used the \$500 they had raised as seed money for their project.

One member of the troop has a younger brother with autism and the girls have witnessed how profoundly this baffling disorder impacts the lives of their Girl Scout sister and her family. The girls spent many hours researching autism and planning and organizing "A Walk in Nicky's Shoes," in honor of their troop member's brother, with a goal of raising \$5,000 to benefit those with autism and to raise awareness in their community.

In June 2012, 300 community members participated in the walk at Perry High School, raising \$10,000, which the girls used to support the Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children in Canton, assist a special needs classroom at Watson Elementary School in Perry Township, and provide supplies for a friend with autism. In the process, this Girl Scout Troop learned about budgeting, philanthropy, and, of course, being "a sister to every Girl Scout." These girls exemplify the Girl Scout mission to "build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place."

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