

Ashley Shup earns Girl Scout's Gold Award

Ashley Shup, a Holland resident, recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Her Gold Award project benefited St. Mark AME Zion Church in Newtown. Ashley wanted her project to benefit Bucks County residents while also making life a little more pleasant for people dealing with homelessness and hunger in the Bucks County area.

Ashley's project was multi-faceted in that it included organization, leadership, and implementation. The first phase of the project was the removal of a lengthy wall of old, damaged cabinets in the fellowship hall at St. Mark AME Zion Church. Then it was time to paint the kitchen and fellowship hall where meals are served to the homeless. The final phase was to install new cabinets in the fellowship hall and hang the curtains she made. Ashley had expert advice and decided to use unfinished cabinets since finished cabinets were not in her project budget. Before the cabinets were installed, they were sanded, stained and a finish was applied. None of this could have been possible without the generous donations from the Girl Scouts at Penn & the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program, and Home Depot Neshaminy.

It was evident that Ashley's Gold Award Project would benefit St. Mark AME Zion Church. She has been volunteering for several years at the church serving Sunday lunch and making lunch bags so that when the patrons left that day, they had another meal to take with them. After deciding that she wanted her project to benefit the church, Ashley had several meetings with church



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members and leaders. She always noticed that there was a definite need in remodeling of the fellowship hall through her many years of volunteering.

Each part of Ashley's nearly one-hundred hour project was focused on the sustainability factor which Girl Scouting emphasizes. The outcome of her project will not just benefit the homeless and hungry of today, but also anyone who may need help five or even 10 years from now.

Ashley, daughter of Nancy and Mark Shup, graduated in June from Council Rock South and is a freshman at Arizona State University majoring in Interior Design. She has also completed community service



Ashley Shup with new cabinets in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark AME Zion Church.

projects for Caring for Friends, Feed My Starving Children, and Jesus Focus Food Pantry, to name a few. At Council Rock South she was a member of the National Art Honor Society and the Golden Wings Theater Company.

Ashley has been a member of Girl Scout Troop 2367 since she was in second grade. She was very involved in Rock United Service Unit, where she volunteered at Camporees, at service unit events such as World Thinking Day, Recruitments, and younger scout events. More recently, she designed a theme patch and t-shirt for Camporee. She has always strived for excellence, also completing her Bronze Award (the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting) and Silver Award (the

highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting).

Ashley would like to thank several people for their support through her journey toward receiving her Gold Award. First, she would like to thank her advisor, Dennise Veasley, who is a member of St. Mark AME Zion Church. She would also like to thank Jeff Hogge of James River Cabinetry for his expertise in all phases of the cabinet installation. She would like to thank her implementation team which includes church members: Jacky Veasley, Janika Veasley, Jacky Veasley Jr., and Gregory Lishman. She would especially like to thank her parents for their continued guidance, strength, and devotion for every phase of her Gold Award project.

Fire Company

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Angle Rescue and Confined Space Rescue, Northampton Township firefighters drill every Monday night, maintaining a high level of proficiency that ranks among the best in the county.

Recently, there have been a few changes to the daytime crew that has included the addition of another firefighter/fire inspector and a Deputy Fire Chief.

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