



Celebrate Gold

Aaliyah Smith Topeka, KS



The Community Poultry Project

Aaliyah Smith was a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Troop 4306 in Service Unit 701. She recently graduated from Topeka West High School and plans to attend Washburn University pursuing a major in Nursing and Pre-Medicine.

Aaliyah created a sustainable poultry business for woman in the village of Makueni County, Kenya. She raised money to build a facility where women, especially single mothers, could come and get nutritious food for themselves and their families.

In this community, Aaliyah recognized that there was an income and food security gap for women, especially single mothers who had a difficult time finding a way to generate income that also allowed them to care for their children. The Community Poultry Project will empower these women with an income generating resource through raising and caring for chickens.

This project will become a hub in the community for nutrition and economic advancement. Not only does the project empower women, it also provides income to men who are able to do manual labor on the site – like construction and expansion efforts..

“Because of Girl Scouts... I am the person I am today. I have stepped out of my comfort zone and been able to meet and experience different things. Girl Scouts has opened my eyes to the many opportunities that would not be possible for me to have without being involved with this organization. This organization has taught me many valuable skills that I will continue to use throughout my life.”