



Volunteer Highlight Maddy Romm

The Scoop Highlight this week is on SICSA volunteer Maddy Romm who decided to make animal welfare the focus of her Girl Scout Silver Award Project in order to educate others about homeless dogs and cats. She has been involved in the Girl Scouts since she was five-years-old when her grandma was the troop leader. This early involvement in scouts clearly gave her a strong foundation in a love for family and a respect for animals. When it came time to plan for earning the Silver Award, Maddy knew that it would be something related to animals. Since she spends so much time volunteering time at SICSA with her family, doing something to help here seemed to be an obvious choice. Maddy had several good ideas of ways to help the SICSA pets, but settled on increasing awareness about animal welfare and raising money to purchase a waste station for people to use when they visit the Peace Garden with their pets. In order to achieve these goals, Maddy had to put in a total of 50 hours into the project. She was required to document the different ways she raised donations, the ways she educated others about animal welfare and the hard

work she put into helping animals. Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award is not an easy task nor one that every Girl Scout is able to achieve.

Maddy began working on her Silver Award by researching the best ways to treat cats and dogs. She learned about the best diet for them by discovering which foods are healthy and contain the best nutrients. She learned about the importance of pets having a clean water supply, so they do not become dehydrated. Maddy researched the best ways to handle animals and found out they do not like to be hugged and it is best to only give them a half hug. Maddy became an advocate for pet adoption and has encouraged her peers to not shop in pet stores for their pets but rather to come to SICSA. She spent time reading about pet adoption in the classrooms of younger students in her school. When the Friends of SICSA held the Spring Bazaar at SICSA, Maddy set up a table and sold cake pops, bracelets and pet rocks to earn money for the waste stations for SICSA. She made the pet rocks as a reminder for people to adopt, not to shop.

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Maddy and her family delivered about 40 boxes of donations to SICSA for the dogs and cats. Maddy collected the donations by sending out emails to a variety of organizations asking for items for the SICSA pets. She also set up donation buckets at her school. There were boxes of cat treats and toys, leashes, collars, dog treats, peanut butter, dog toys, wipes, food, and toys. All things that the animals need. It is amazing what one highly motivated Girl Scout can achieve to help the animals she loves so much. Maddy brought two waste stations with her to SICSA that day. Her goal was to purchase one waste station. Her hard work enabled her to purchase two waste stations. One waste station will be installed by the Peace Garden, and the other will be installed by the Pack Communications Entrance. The Scoop will publish pictures when the waste stations are installed so readers who do not come to the building frequently can see the new waste stations.

Maddy is a 7th grade student who recently applied to the National Junior Honor Society. She is involved in theater and was recently in the cast of "Beauty and the Beast". Maddy volunteers at the library to help younger children learn to read. She is on her school's Student Council and the basketball team. At SICSA she enjoys kennel cleaning and dog walking. Her favorite dog is Camille because she says Camille is loyal and calm. Maddy says after she graduates from college, she would like to be an author and write fiction books for young children. The Scoop is honored to highlight Maddy Romm, a young SICSA

volunteer who provides all of us hope in the future and a valuable reminder of why dedication to volunteerism is important.

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I am Leah O'Malley the Volunteer Services Manager and I love getting to highlight our volunteers in The Scoop. It is easy for me to get a picture of volunteers who come to the building or to special events, but it is more of a challenge for me to highlight SICSA volunteers who donate time outside the walls of the building. It would be great to feature you this year! Please reach out to me via email at lomalley@sicsa.org or (937) 294-6505 ext.25 if you would like to be highlighted in a future edition of The Scoop. It would be fantastic for other volunteers to read about the great work you are doing!

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