



Ella Chevalier

Eye Wear for All

Inspired by her cousin's past Gold Award project at an orphanage in Shanghai, China, Ella discovered her own project idea that crossed continents. While exploring causes, she noticed a school mission trip to Brazil to establish eye clinics in villages lacking medical access, which ignited the goal for her own project. In preparation, Ella established reading glass donation drives at three schools in her community before traveling to Manaus, Brazil with her team and over 1000 pairs of reading glasses to share with the villages. In addition to providing glasses, Ella and her team hosted clinics at three villages along the Rio Negro in Brazil, administering simple eye exams and glasses to those who attended to help enhance vision and quality of life. Upon her return, Ella brought awareness to the importance of vision and the impact of community service projects by presenting her efforts to her high school class and encouraging fellow students to go on next year's trip. Ella will take the lessons she learned throughout 14 years of Girl Scouting to the University of Kentucky, where she plans to major in Psychology and earn her doctorate.

