



Rayne Thompson

*Thriving Minds: Innovative Approaches
to Neurodivergent Care*

Rayne Thompson's Gold Award project stemmed from her pre-school experiences at the Southwest Autism and Resource Center, where she developed a deep sense of empathy for those who experience the world differently. Rayne secured a \$500 micro-grant and more than \$2,000 in book donations from the Arizona Center for African American Resources (AZCAAR) to create educational box kits filled with sensory tools and informational brochures. Her project increased awareness of neurodivergence and provided vital support for children ages 2–19. To continue her project, Rayne created a sustainability training handbook to help program directors manage the box kits and documents moving forward. Rayne has been in Girl Scouts for 10 years and is a student at Academies at South Mountain. She plans to attend college and become an adolescent psychiatrist.

