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Cadette Girl Scout Troop 732 announces the community kick-off of their Silver Award Project, *“We’re Paying it Forward New Tampa!”* As a first step, cadettes want New Tampa neighbors to follow their lead by doing random acts of kindness and generosity to the citizens of our community.

The troop includes eight 7th and 8th grade young women who live in New Tampa and attend Benito Middle School, Terrace Community Middle School, Bartels Middle School, and Corpus Christi Catholic School. Most have been Girl Scouts since first grade in the Sunset Scouts Service Unit of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Troop 732 was formed when the girls attended Hunter’s Green Elementary School. If the project is successful at the neighborhood level, Troop 732 hopes to bring the program to the greater Tampa community and beyond through a network of good deeds.

The troop established a website and blog for the Silver Award Project. Cadettes made color-coded cards to trace the progress of pay-it-forward acts of kindness. The way the project works is the Girl Scout does an act of kindness and accompanies it with a card. The person receiving the act of kindness and the card, can visit our website and post a comment on what the person did for them. In turn, they are urged to do an act of kindness using the card they received and to tell about it on our blog. We’re Paying It Forward New Tampa cards will be available to the community at local businesses and schools. Please take one and join this effort.

Troop 732 gave out their first cards when doing a Valentine project for the Children’s Cancer Center and received a heartfelt response from one of the families. Individual girls have done much smaller acts of kindness, such as walking the dogs for a sick neighbor or bringing in groceries. Some volunteered with the set-up of A Kid’s Place in Brandon.

The project will not be a success unless everyone in our community gets involved. You don’t have to do something big; the important thing is that all of us in New Tampa begin to think about doing nice things for one another as often as we can. We hope this project will help the people of the world become nicer to one another. Maybe people will begin to see that it isn’t so hard to be kind.

The Cadette Silver Award is the second in a series of bronze, silver, and gold award achievements for Junior through Ambassador Girl Scouts, grades 4-12. Cadettes must earn interest patches related to their project, complete a series of challenges and career explorations, and do a project requiring 40 individual hours of work. Troop 732 Cadettes will receive their silver award on May 11th at a bridging and award ceremony at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

For more information on our Silver Award Project, please visit <http://werepayingitforward.blogspot.com>.