

# STEP 5

PLAN YOUR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

## 5. CREATE

it's time for you to **use your voice** and **make your mark** in the community.

Use the following guidelines to complete your project and earn your Girl Scout Gold Award.

Everything you've done in Steps 1–4 has led you to this moment!

### PLAN IT

Figure out what the community problem is and what you want to do about it. Talk to your project advisor. If you don't have one, make sure you speak with your Girl Scout council about retaining one. Go back to pages 16–22 and review the work you did related to the Four Bs challenge. Is this the issue you want to focus on for your project? Do you have new and different ideas?

Now's the time to commit: My issue is:

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### KNOW MORE ABOUT IT

Collect as much information as you can. Use the Internet, read the paper, do some research, talk to people. Find out everything you can about your issue before you move ahead.

### CHOOSE IT

Brainstorm all the ways you can solve the problem and then decide which is the best way to go. Ask yourself questions such as these to help you decide:

- \* Do I have enough resources (time, money, help)?
- \* If not, how can I get what I need?

*"If you know you want to earn your Gold Award but don't know what project to do, don't let that stop you from starting the prep steps. Then when you decide on a project, you will be ready to jump in."*

—Jennifer, 17