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Contributed by Linck family

(from left) Riley, LeeAnn and Maegan Linck help out at the finish line of the RunGirl Women's Half Marathon in Houston.



Maegan Linck shows the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting. She will soon receive the President's Volunteer Service Award for logging more than 250 service hours.

GCCISD Students Earn President's Volunteer Service Award

By: Susan Passmore

Serving others is a way of life for the Linck girls, as evidenced by the number of service hours they have devoted to numerous projects, which recently earned them President's Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA).

Maegan, a 17-year old senior at Goose Creek Memorial High School and a Senior Girl Scout, has always enjoyed volunteering, so when she needed some service hours to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting, she set out to find a few service projects. Her sisters Riley, 12, a 7th grader at Highlands Junior School, and LeeAnn, 6, a kindergartner at Victoria Walker Elementary School, are also in the Girl Scout program, and they decided to volunteer with her.

"Scouting has always been important to my Dad (Rex), since he came close to completing his Eagle Scout requirements. He saw how it helped him grow as a person, and he wanted to have the same values instilled in us," said Maegan.

The three girls, often accompanied by mom Clarissa, took on such projects as working at marathons and fun runs, painting houses in the Third Ward in Houston, conducting food and clothing drives, and working with Beach Club, an after school program at elementary schools sponsored by First Baptist Church Highlands.

"One of the requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award is

By logging more than 250 service hours in a 12-month period, Maegan qualified for the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award in her age group (16-25). Encouraged by their sister, Riley earned the Silver PVSA in her age group (11-15) for 75-99 service hours, and LeeAnn earned the Silver PVSA in her age group (5-10) for 50-74 service hours. These awards were designed to recognize, celebrate and inspire community service leaders and volunteers nationwide to lead the charge of volunteerism.

The program was started by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2003 as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by example, inspired others to engage in volunteer service, and it continues through The Corporation for National and Community Service.

Although Maegan achieved her goals of earning her Girl Scout Gold Award and the Gold PVSA, she keeps generously donating her time to just about any project that she finds.

"I really learned the value of helping someone and how good it feels," said Maegan. "When opportunities come up, I say, 'Let's go.' It's fun. It's something to do, and you get to help other people out."

Maegan, who works part time at a daycare at her church, plans to attend Lee College after graduation from GCM and to pursue a degree in education or biology. In their free time, though, the three young ladies will probably

to create a self-sustaining project that can continue after you're finished with it, so I worked at the church library, putting casings on and shelving new books," said Maegan. "I also started a summer reading program for kids from birth through 8th grade. I really love reading, so working in the library seemed like the right thing to do.

manage to fit a few more service projects into their schedules. After all, that's what they do!

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