



Anna Wisniewski is an 18 year-old high school senior swimmer for the Goldsboro Family YMCA in North Carolina. When she is not swimming herself, she is sharing her passion and skills with others. Anna is a lead instructor for the Safety Around Water program at the Goldsboro Y. Last year she helped her Y teach 1,000 fourth graders in Wayne County to be safe in and around the water.

As Anna was considering her Girl Scout Gold Award project, she knew that she wanted to help others in her community learn water safety. Her experience teaching Safety Around Water had heightened her awareness of how many people do not know how to swim and she wanted to make a difference in her community by helping to prevent drownings. She started with a local program called the "Y Men's Benefit" and then reached out to a local Latino 4-H group in a part of the county that was hit hard by a recent hurricane. Anna arranged for a three-day clinic for 52 children and adults who were not otherwise able to afford lessons. She recruited other volunteers, mostly from the Goldsboro YMCA Swim Team, and ran a collection drive for swimsuits, goggles, towels, bags and swim noodles. She even provided healthy snacks for the participants. In total, Anna spent more than 80 hours planning, building support and delivering the program. Most importantly, she and her fellow volunteers helped more than 50 people in her community to be safe in and around water. Great work, Anna!