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Kristen Clady's decision to make 100 fleece blankets for the homeless in our area and overseas came after meeting a homeless student at school and also learning that there are over 1 million homeless students in America.

The daughter of Army War College student Col. Tom Clady and his wife Stacy will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony March 17 at the Delaney Center for her project making 100 fleece blankets to be distributed for homeless students through Safe Harbour, the Women's Abuse Center, and an orphanage in Kenya.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout award.

Kristen invested more than 120 hours of shopping, cutting, tying, and delivery, and financed the project with the help of family and friends and her savings.

"I feel so proud of myself," said Kristen. "I set a goal for myself and achieved it while also helping others."

The Clady's are very proud of their daughter. "The whole process was made harder for Kristen since we have been moving every year for the past 3 years," said Stacy Clady. "She has to find a new troop at each new duty station, find a need, and then figure out if she can complete her project before we move again."

