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Found a Personal Way to Help the Children of Haiti

In 2017 Hope visited a refugee camp in Haiti. The experience had such a profound impact on her she decided to make her project for her Girl Scout Gold Award helping the children of Haiti. The community she selected was a school in a remote part of the country, which the students from The Pennington School had helped to build. Hope was determined to present one new article of clothing to every child at the school. What makes Hope's initiative so unique was rather than holding a clothing drive to collect the items she needed, she decided to use her sewing skills to turn t-shirts from past Girl Scout events into dresses and shorts. Hope worked tirelessly to design and sew 200 articles of clothing so that each child received one. She later went on to make instructional brochures and videos for others in her community who wished to continue this work.