

*“What I got out of this project the most was the idea that I can do anything. Not in the childlike sense of invincibility, but a real, tangible sense that if I am willing to work hard and put in the time and effort to make something happen, that I can; that anyone can. Even though we were ‘just kids,’ we were able to make a huge change in our community, bigger than any project someone like us had done as far as we knew. I learned how to work hard and stay dedicated to a long project, how to speak and carry myself professionally, and how to share my information and opinions with confidence to a professional audience.*

*I feel like you can see the ripples from this project and others leading up to it in everything I've done since that has gotten me where I want to be in life. Those professional skills and feeling of empowerment never really go away once you've had that experience.*

*I like to use this event as an example when I am working with fourth and fifth graders who are just starting to want to make their marks on the world. I share with them that a group of kids just like them, from their own neighborhoods, were able to make such a large and lasting change in their community, and that if they see a need, they too can reach out and do something about it.*

*Yule marble has become so much more than our Bronze Award project, it laid the foundation for the kind of people we grew up to be, and the kind of power we all have to make a difference in our world. If a bunch of little girls can change their world and make it just a little bit better, imagine what the rest of us can do if we set our minds to it.”*

- Caitlin Corenblith