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Golden Opportunities

The summer of 2012 was an exciting one—not only in our home communities, states, and nation, but worldwide. It was time for family vacations, county and state fairs, fun in the sun, and the Olympics. Like many, I enjoyed watching the Summer Olympics recently held in London. It was a time of pageantry and relation-building and a demonstration of outstanding talent and athleticism. As I watched the various Olympic events, I kept thinking that they are much like our 4-H club work.

Today’s 4-H members are similar in many ways to top athletes. Athletes begin with basic training and learn after investing hours and years to excel in their particular sport. 4-Hers too begin on a small scale, with that first project, demonstration, or fair entry, and they progress to greater levels of involvement while perfecting their projects, activities, and leadership skills.

Whether one is an Olympic athlete or a 4-H member, a huge number of people are represented behind each participant. Many have provided training assistance as well as emotional and financial support to help the participant succeed. Family, coaches, sponsors, and entire communities assist Olympians as they strive for the gold. Parents, project and club leaders, and numerous volunteers give hundreds of hours and financial support to help carry out the 4-H program in Illinois. People volunteer with 4-H for many reasons. One obvious benefit is to help guide and mentor our country’s future citizens and leaders.

Anyone and everyone can do something to help those around them by volunteering, whether it is time, talent, or money that is donated. The biggest contribution that a person can make in this world is to influence the lives of others. Let us all continue to support the youth in this great organization. Your enthusiasm and expertise are so important to their success. Your donation to the Illinois 4-H Foundation also provides so much benefit to thousands of young people each year. Donations to the Foundation help us continue to ensure that our 4-Hers, like those Olympians, achieve their best and obtain those golden opportunities that lie ahead.

Thanks for your support of the 4-H program in Illinois!

Jim Schmidt
Chair, Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors

Encouraging Creativity and Opening Doors

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”
- John F. Kennedy

Illinois 4-H provides young people the freedom to follow their interests and the guidance needed to be successful in their pursuits. The path of exploration offered by 4-H allows youth to learn in an informal setting, improve skills, develop connections, create portfolios, and be actively involved in decision-making processes—all while becoming leaders in their club, community, state, country, and world.

Since its inception, 4-H has placed a high value on engaged, well-informed citizens. Today, 4-H continues to make a difference helping cultivate tomorrow’s leaders.
Dear Friends,

Many times I hear from individuals that they “can’t give enough to really make a difference.” My response to that is, “Just give what you can. Trust me—you ARE making a difference!”

This edition of the CloverSeed substantiates that belief. All gifts—of all sizes—make a difference in the lives of the many Illinois youth who are participating in 4-H programming! Whether the gift is a $25 scholarship to assist a young boy in attending the crop sciences academy at Illini Summer Academies (pages 8 and 9), $100 to provide what our Youth Leadership Team needs to teach younger 4-Hers about leadership (pages 6 and 7), $750 to help send a delegate to National 4-H Congress (page 20), $1,000 to provide a college scholarship (page 20), or $15,000 to create a perpetual endowment honoring a person who has deeply impacted your life or in memory of a loved one—absolutely EVERY gift helps youth foster a sense of belonging, independence, commitment or generosity. EVERY gift provides 4-Hers an opportunity for mastery in knowledge and skills—somehow, some way!

As you continue to read, you will see how, with YOUR support, the Illinois 4-H Foundation is able to help our 4-H program evolve. Together, we ARE making an impact on the 200,000 young people who want to educate themselves and improve their skills through participation in our incredible program!

Help us do more—consider making a gift today. If you are already a donor—THANK YOU! We hope you will share our message with people you know who are not yet familiar with our outreach!

With warmest regards,

Angie Barnard
Director, Illinois 4-H Foundation
Dear Friends,

Thank you for investing in the Illinois 4-H program.

I often ask myself, Why do individuals and corporations share their financial resources with Illinois 4-H? For some of you, it is because you have had a life-changing experience in 4-H, and you want to pay it forward. I believe a large portion of our support base is people for whom that is true.

I am learning, though, that another strong portion of support is investors who are attracted to our 4-H Assets and Capabilities:

- Access to thousands of youth
- Vast volunteer network
- Numerous community relationships, including county fairs
- Backing by the University of Illinois
- Highly recognizable and strong brand
- Accomplished alumni
- Youth leaders who act as leaders and influencers in their communities
- Highly engaged youth who are open to trying new things
- Youth–adult partnerships

If this sounds like an ad – it is! Your Illinois 4-H program is willing to put our capabilities to work to achieve outcomes that are important to you. I invite you to call us today and explore the ways that 4-H benefits you as a family, an organization, or a corporation.

In partnership,

Denise Legvold
State Program Leader,
Illinois 4-H Youth Development
Mercer County
4-Hers Helping
Others
RESPONDING IN
TIMES OF NEED

On February 29, 2012, at about 5 a.m., a devastating tornado hit Harrisburg, a town in southern Illinois. Six people lost their lives, and multiple homes and businesses were destroyed. The tornado was part of a storm system that wreaked havoc across the Midwest and southern U.S.

In another corner of the state, 4-H members in Mercer County decided that they could take action, help the families in Harrisburg, and make a positive difference. Mercer County 4-H members rallied their communities for much-needed non-perishable foods and snacks, bottled water, handmade quilts and fleece blankets, and cookbooks as well as for monetary donations.

On the morning of April 5, some of those Mercer County 4-Hers along with 4-H volunteers loaded up two vans with the donated items, made the six-hour drive to Harrisburg, and lent their heads, hearts, hands, and health to the town and its residents.

“It was hard to see all the destruction in the aftermath of the tornado,” Mercer County 4-Her Tim Goderis said later, “but it made me happy to help the people who needed it.”

Fellow 4-H member Isaac Goldner added, “I was impressed with the organization of the work area and the volunteers. A small group can get as much done as a large group, if you work together.”

While on site, 4-H members and volunteers helped clear sites of devastated homes, served meals to volunteers, and distributed food to families and treats to the kids.

“It was a humbling experience for our group,” said Nellie Goderis, a Mercer County 4-H club leader. “We came down here to give of ourselves to people in need, but we feel like we got more out of the experience than we could ever have given.”

Tracy Pestle, 4-H youth development program coordinator for Mercer County, said, “We could not have been more proud of the 4-H youth that took this trip to Harrisburg. They set a remarkable and responsible example of the quality and high standards of our Mercer County 4-H youth.”
Illinois 4-H helps youth learn skills for living. Through opportunities supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, 4-Hers enjoy networking, building relationships, learning, and developing skills for a lifetime. The Youth Leadership Team and the Illini Summer Academies are two great examples of settings where youth can develop leadership and career skills. In the following pages, read what a variety of former and current 4-Hers have to say about their experiences in these programs.

Youth Leadership Team

The Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team (YLT) offers older 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. The team is actively involved in helping the State 4-H Office plan, implement, and evaluate various 4-H events and activities; review 4-H curriculum; and represent Illinois at National 4-H Conference.

Some of the events and activities that YLT team members are involved in are the Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference (JLC), Illini Summer Academies, Illinois State Fair, the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and various statewide 4-H committees and boards, such as the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, and Recognition for Excellence Committee.

Natalie Edwards

20 years old
Greene County
7-year member of the Greene Machine 4-H Club

As a 4-H member, Natalie Edwards experimented with a variety of project areas. She explored such diverse projects as entrepreneurship, consumer education, photography, dogs, communications, and leadership. For Natalie, leadership is the area that really stands out. She says the biggest thing she learned from 4-H was “the value of finding your passion and having a positive impact on the world.”

Natalie joined the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) with encouragement from others, but “it turned out to be more than I thought it would be as far as family and community. I’ve been on it for four years now.

“We plan events for 4-Hers. We help out in a lot of different places—for example, Salute to Ag day,” Natalie says. YLT members share the benefit of their experience and plan
Kevin Carey

21 years old
Grundy County
4-year Cloverbud and 11-year member of the Highland Ag 4-H Club

As a 4-H member, Kevin Carey was very focused in his project work. He fondly remembers when he won the Grand Champion Steer in 2008 at the state fair. Kevin won the steer show, interviewed for the Youth Leadership Team (YLT), and then got to sell his steer a few days later. “That whole series of events really shaped my 4-H career, and it showed that my hard work was paying off. I was leaving my big project role and my county, and I moved on to using YLT as my chance to give back,” explains Kevin.

YLT was “a great opportunity for me to branch out, and I thought this would be a good way to keep Grundy County on the map in Illinois and do something for 4-H,” says Kevin. “I really looked up to people who knew a lot about the 4-H program. That experience taught me that it is my role to make sure I am that person for someone else.”

Kevin sees the YLT’s biggest impact as providing him the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people—from different backgrounds, with different schooling, and of different ages.

One of Kevin’s favorite memories is when he learned that Speaking for Illinois 4-H was going to be formed. He was pleasantly surprised to discover that 4-H offered such an opportunity for youth to speak to key stakeholders. “It’s training youth to be better public speakers and better communicators of the 4-H program to our donors, legislators, and volunteers,” Kevin explains. “It has been an absolute joy to be part of a four-year development of a project like that and see how far it’s come, and to potentially even further the training.”

Kevin recognizes that donors are the reason that 4-H can have such great programming and opportunities. “Not only are they great for donating financially, but they’re also great people to go to for advice,” he says. “I’m very grateful for them.”
Illini Summer Academies

Illini Summer Academies (ISA) provide Illinois teens opportunities to explore the University of Illinois campus, study potential careers or build leadership skills, and meet youth from across the state.

Teens select an area of interest and participate in interactive classroom and lab activities organized by University of Illinois faculty and staff. These academies were offered in 2012:

• Aerospace Engineering
• Agricultural and Biological Engineering
• Art and Design
• Bioengineering
• Crop Science
• Electrical and Computer Engineering
• Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
• Leadership
• Molecular and Cellular Biology
• Physics
• Veterinary Medicine

During their four-day stay on campus, teens get to experience college life, including living in a college dormitory, walking to and from classes, and visiting campus town. The academy experience also includes a half-day of service in the Champaign-Urbana community.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offered a limited number of $50 scholarships for Illinois 4-H members who were first-time ISA attendees.
future. “You can always be a leader—at your job, with your kids—so I think it’s just a good life skill to have overall.

“I have been involved in Student Council and lots of other clubs at my school, and although I’ve felt like I’m a pretty good leader, there are always things that people can improve on. I wanted to come to ISA to learn better leadership skills.

“We’ve done some games and got to meet new friends. We’ve tested our leadership skills and found out what kind of leader we are. I’m having a blast! I think everyone should come to this camp if they have the chance because it’s really great!”

Sara really wants to thank all the donors that make the leadership academy possible. “I think that’s awesome that they want that much for kids—to be able to have the experience that hopefully they got to have when they were young. I know when I get older, I’d love to do something, because I know how much I’ve learned. I would want younger kids to be able to learn and experience all the things that I got to. It’s really fun and really neat!”

Ryan Tillman

14 years old
Effingham County
7-year member of the Daisy Bells and Guys 4-H Club

Ryan Tillman is looking forward to having fun in his 4-H welding project this year. He also appreciates the skills he has been able to learn through the program.

Ryan received an Illinois 4-H Foundation scholarship and attended an Illini Summer Academy for the first time this year. He doesn’t think it will be his last.

Among Ryan’s favorite parts of the academy were “doing all the fun stuff and being out in the field. We went to the genetics lab over at the crop science building. We went to a couple farms and fields and learned how to use different grasses for electricity.

“My family farms a lot, and I also work for a landscaping company, so I thought everything I learned here would help me when I get back home,” explains Ryan. “So far it has.”

Ryan is thankful for people’s gifts that have made his academy experience possible. “I’d say thank you to them because the academy gives kids a wonderful chance to see what it’s going to be like coming to college and what they’re going to do when they actually get here. If they don’t plan to go to college, they get a little bit of college now, and they can take it home.”
Engaging Youth in 4-H Metro Clubs

Metro 4-H programming is engaging youth in the urban areas of Illinois! Three program priority areas have been identified:

1. Urban gardens
2. Youth civic engagement
3. Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

Youth in LaSalle and St. Clair Counties have been participating in urban gardens this past year. By working in the gardens, members of these 4-H clubs are making important plant-to-food connections. Living in a metropolitan area, many of these young people had never before worked in a garden.

Youth civic engagement has included young people teaching biotechnology in East St. Louis (St. Clair County). Another civic engagement activity, this one in Decatur (Macon County), involved 31 teens creating and leading a four-day camp, Super Nutrition Activity Playground (SNAP!) to teach nutrition to youth ages 8 to 11. Over 400 youth took part in SNAP camps during a six-week period this past summer.

The teens meet throughout the year to learn cooking and nutrition skills and to choose and practice the activities for their camp. During the year, they also lead activities for afterschool and in-school programs for grade-school students. Tristen Warnsley, who has been a teen in the program for five years, says, “Through SNAP I’ve learned responsibility and to care for others.” The program was supported by a gift from ADM, and the summer camp was also sponsored by grants from Walmart and National 4-H Council.

In the STEM focus area, robotics clubs have proven to be very popular, and Tech Wizards has been a big success. Tech Wizards is a national 4-H mentoring program that excites and engages at-risk youth in science, engineering, and technology and provides them opportunities to apply their science learning in service to their communities.

In its second year, the Tech Wizards program currently has 210 active participants in afterschool programs in Bloomington (McLean County), Rockford (Winnebago County), and Aurora (Kane County).
A Guide to Giving

There are many ways to give to Illinois 4-H through gifts of time, talent, and/or financial support. The 4-H Foundation provides several avenues to financially promote and sustain 4-H. While you certainly don’t have to pick just one, we hope you will select whatever best exemplifies your support of Illinois 4-H.

Local 4-H Program Fund

This avenue allows you to give a designated amount to a specific Illinois county or Extension unit.

4-H Annual Fund

These dollars are donated without restriction. This is a good option for people who want to support Illinois 4-H in general and have their gifts directed toward program and other 4-H priorities.

Memorial Gift

You may use this option to make a gift in memory of someone. The gift is deposited in the 4-H Annual Fund unless you specify otherwise.

Honorarium

You may also make a gift to honor a person or an occasion (a birthday, an anniversary, etc.). These gifts also go into the 4-H Annual Fund unless otherwise specified.

Program/Activity Support

Specific programs or activities can be supported financially as well.

Some of the funds that have been established include these:

- Illinois 4-H Endowment
- National 4-H Congress Delegate Fund
- 4-H Camp(s)
- State 4-H Judging Team(s)
- 4-H Operation Military Kids
- 4-H Shooting Sports

Endowment

Generate a lasting impact by creating an endowment with a minimum gift of $15,000. An endowment may be named in honor of an individual or family and may benefit statewide programming, a county, or a specific initiative.

Bequest

A bequest is a transfer of cash, securities, or other property through a will or a living trust. A bequest to Illinois 4-H may be made for a specific amount, for a percentage of your estate, or even for all or a portion of what is left after you have made specific bequests to your family and others.

Still have questions? No problem. We are here to help. Just give us a call at 217-333-9295, or email us at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu. We will be happy to personally guide you through the giving process and answer any questions you may have.
Kristina Herriot first started in 4-H when she was nine. As she got older and her 4-H projects became more numerous and more complex, Herriot says, “4-H became a way to learn, compete, and exceed the standards that had been set the previous year.” It was also a week or two out of the year to meet up with friends from other parts of the county whom she only saw through 4-H activities.

“I think the point when 4-H became a very big part in my life—and I knew it always would be—was when I first volunteered at 4-H Memorial Camp at the age of 15. After my week as a volunteer counselor, I knew I wanted to work at camp all summer. I went on to work as a counselor for two years, then as the assistant to the camp nurse for a couple of years, and finished up my last year at 4-H Camp as the first aid director,” explains Herriott.

“It was while working at 4-H camp that I grew the most as a person,” she continues. “As I knew I was going to become a nurse, the two summers working with the camp nurse provided some wonderful insight and guidance as well as some challenges. The great environment camp manager Curt Sinclair provided—and continues to provide for his 4-H staff and campers—allowed me to grow, to challenge myself, and to succeed as a member of the camp staff. As an adult, I continue to carry the lessons I learned at 4-H Memorial Camp.”

Herriott has graduated from college and is working as a nurse in the army. She’s had the opportunity to reflect on how she became the person she is and got to where she is today. She is clear in giving credit: “It all started with 4-H—whether as a 4-H member or a 4-H Memorial Camp staff member.”

Given her experiences, Herriott wanted to give back to 4-H in some way. “I decided to give through donations to one of my favorite places—4-H Memorial Camp. While researching this, I came across other ways 4-H continues to help kids. As a 4-H member and now as an army nurse, I had no idea that 4-H has Operation Military Kids. I immediately knew that I wanted to help this area of 4-H out. After all, it’s a combination of two very important areas of my own life. I have seen firsthand how deployments and the traveling required of military members affect their kids. 4-H provides a community for these kids to meet others like them and opportunities for them to interact with other kids who understand what they may be experiencing—ultimately acting as a support group.”

“It is impossible to list all the ways 4-H benefited me growing up. I want to give every kid in 4-H the same benefits I received and more. In order for 4-H to continue to help kids grow and learn, volunteers are needed to share their experiences, knowledge, and guidance. Volunteers that run the many different 4-H programs need funding to provide supplies, scholarships, premiums, medals, ribbons, trips, and a beautiful camp,” urges Herriott. “I will continue to give to 4-H and 4-H Memorial Camp as long as there is a program to support. Kids deserve all we can give them, and I believe 4-H is one of the best things we can give.”
Investing in the Future: The Warfields

Ron and Melanie Warfield give with pride to the Illinois 4-H Foundation. “4-H provided life-changing experiences for both of us,” explains Ron. “After college we traveled and lived in Nepal for six months as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange [IFYE]. That experience forever changed our view of the world.” Ever since, the Warfields have seen the world from a global perspective and as an interconnected place.

“Our 4-H also provided us with real-world learning experiences,” adds Melanie, “including leadership development and many personal growth opportunities.”

The Warfields contribute financially to the Illinois 4-H Foundation to allow young people to participate in programs that prepare them to learn skills, learn how to serve, and, in turn, learn to lead. “We believe that we are giving back to others what we were so richly blessed to have experienced through the 4-H program,” says Ron.

“Youth are our future. Giving to 4-H is an investment in the future. From the current 4-Hers we have observed, we have re-ceived a huge return on that investment.”

Illinois 4-H Makes Prom Possible

Last year, Brooke Crawford, 18, read a magazine article about donating used prom dresses to charities. She thought little of it until she realized that many of her own peers could not afford to attend prom. She posted a plea on Facebook for dresses and received a huge response.

In March 2011, 32 girls perused more than 150 donated dresses, shoes, and other prom accessories. Local businesses donated gift certificates for flowers and salon services to complete the girls’ prom experience.

“I believe a lot of underprivileged girls aren’t confident about themselves. They may not feel like they are as good as everyone else if they don’t have money because today’s world is materialistic,” Crawford said. “This is a good way to give them confidence and help them feel they are just like everyone else, no matter their financial situation.”

Last year’s donation drive developed into Prom Possible, a charity that provides formal dresses and accessories to girls in need in southern Illinois, southern Indiana, and northwestern Kentucky.

“It’s humbling to help these girls in ways I’ve taken for granted,” Crawford said. “Some who come in have never had money to go out and get a dress. Some have never been able to have a shopping experience with their moms. Prom Possible is benefiting not just them but the whole family.”

Prom Possible began as Crawford’s 4-H community service learning project. She said that the leadership and public speaking skills she acquired in 4-H also equipped her to make Prom Possible a reality.

The Prom Possible “store” is open the first and third Sundays of the month and by appointment. Check out www.prompossible.com for more details.

Teens who cannot afford new dresses and shoes shop for no-cost options at Prom Possible. A concerned 18-year-old 4-Her put her idea for community service to work to create the “store.”
Smart Eggs: Revamping Program Design and Evaluation

Children have a natural curiosity about living things in the world around them. Building on this curiosity, they can be connected to agriculture and develop an understanding of biology concepts through direct experiences with living things, their life cycles, and their habitats.

The 4-H Incubation and Embryology project offers one such opportunity by providing teachers with background information and exciting experiential activities dealing with life science for use in the classroom.

In 2012, the teacher training program and impact evaluations for this project were revamped by a team of University of Illinois and 4-H experts. The work was a collaborative effort among Sheri Seibold, U of I Extension 4-H youth development specialist; Jo Ann Britton, U of I Extension school enrichment program coordinator; Dr. Ken Koelkebeck, U of I professor and U of I Extension poultry specialist; and Deanna Roby, U of I Extension 4-H youth development educator. Pennie Crinion, U of I Extension director of program planning and evaluation, worked with the team in summarizing the evaluations and writing summary reports. Other U of I Extension educators and program staff implemented the new program design for evaluation in northeastern Illinois.

During the training, teachers participated in hands-on activities and received chick feed, educational materials for their classrooms, a list of homes for baby chicks, and access to a website of teacher resources. They also had the opportunity to earn credit for continuing education.

In the evaluation process, 90 teachers of grades 3 to 12 shared their perceptions of the impact of the incubation and embryology experience on student life skills and 19 science abilities. Increases in at least one skill or ability were reported by 81 (90%) of the teachers who answered the questions.

With respect to life skills, teachers reported perceived increases in three areas:
- Record keeping (57%)
- Teamwork (55%)
- Personal safety (51%)

Teachers also perceived increases in three science abilities:
- In collecting data (70%)
- In observation (59%)
- To hypothesize (52%)

Additionally, 224 teachers of kindergarten to 2nd grade from schools in eight counties in northeastern Illinois responded to the survey. With respect to life skills, these teachers perceived increases in their students’ ability to:
- Observe (68%)
- Predict (63%)
- Hypothesize (62%)

Altogether in 2012, more than 315 teachers with nearly 14,000 students in grades K–12 participated in the 4-H Incubation and Embryology program.

4-H Clubs Keep Spinning!

4-H SPecial INterest (SPIN) clubs allow kids ages 8 to 18 with common interests or hobbies to meet as a club and share their interest. Whether their passion is gourmet cooking, welding, landscape design, or just about any other activity, youth can gain knowledge and enhance their skills through a positive group experience. 4-H SPIN club topics are not limited to project books, so the possibilities are endless!

While an adult leader provides expertise and guidance, club members take an active role in planning and running their own activities.

In a fast-paced, multi-tasking world, SPIN clubs recognize that both youth and adults often have limited time for outside interests. SPIN clubs provide engaging 4-H learning opportunities in shorter time frames. For example, an energy efficiency club might meet once a week for six weeks, or twice a week for three weeks. This gives youth and leaders more flexibility.

SPIN clubs also allow for more interaction with adult leaders on a single topic of interest, which lets time be focused on gaining the skills necessary to master the subject.
These three are just a few examples of current SPIN clubs in Illinois:

**Quilting Club**  
The Logan County Quilting Club was awarded a Special Interest Club Equipment Grant from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The funds were used to purchase sewing machines, quilting mats, and rotary cutters for the club. Youth learned about using the equipment, coordinating fabrics, and becoming proficient in various quilting techniques. They spent the final weeks of the club using the nine-patch quilt block technique they learned to create blocks for a quilt top to be quilted and sent to a soldier.

**Dog Club**  
The Mercer County 4-H Dog SPIN Club was also awarded a Special Interest Club Equipment Grant from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. At this year’s county fair, the 33-member 4-H club performed in front of the grandstand. There was an added element of excitement in the show as dogs of all shapes and sizes tried to pass through the 10-foot agility tunnel and over the jumps. The new agility equipment was made possible by the equipment grant.

**Gardening Club**  
Supported by funds from the Illinois 4-H Foundation, a gardening club was formed in the Youth Detention Center in LaSalle County. In the “youth garden,” students learn to work cooperatively with others, practice patience, and feel pride in their accomplishments. Master Gardeners interact with youth, helping them learn best gardening practices. Technology was incorporated into the garden club by having each youth make a short video about what they are learning from the garden project, the importance of the garden, and what is most important to them about the garden. The youth are responsible for weeding, watering, and overall maintenance. They also decided as a group to donate a portion of their produce to the local food pantry.

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**4-H SPIN Club Equipment Grants**

The Illinois 4-H Foundation encourages innovation with 4-H SPINew Club Equipment Grants. The grants inspire local SPIN clubs to be innovative in promoting the 4-H mission and supporting positive development experiences for youth. Since SPIN Clubs began in 2010, the Illinois 4-H Foundation has awarded nearly 35 grants totaling approximately $31,000 to assist groups with start-up costs.

SPIN club youth and leaders are encouraged to apply. These are the grant requirements:

- All SPIN club members must be enrolled as 4-H members.
- The club must have a minimum of five members.
- The club must meet a minimum of six times.
- The club must participate in a culminating project or event appropriate to its topic. Submission of the project or a report of the event is to be provided to the State 4-H Office within 30 days of the culminating activity.

Visit 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/special_interest_club_app for more information.
Companies Invest for Long-Term Impact

“1st Farm Credit and Farm Credit Services are long-term friends of Illinois 4-H,” says Denise Legvold, assistant dean and director of 4-H Youth Development. “Many of their employees and clients are actively involved in 4-H or are 4-H alumni. That physical involvement, along with their commitment to financially support 4-H into the future, mirrors 4-H’s goal to develop youth who make a positive difference in the communities in which they live.”

Through an endowment formed by Farm Credit Services of Illinois and a donor-advised fund created by 1st Farm Credit Services, the organizations have made significant and ongoing commitments to the future of Illinois youth and agriculture. The money produced by these investments provides for both company’s continued participation in the Illinois 4-H Project Partner Program along with other initiatives that impact youth in their respective service areas. Endowments and donor-advised funds are both good opportunities for companies to support Illinois 4-H and provide youth important opportunities to learn, lead, and succeed.

The $1-million gift from 1st Farm Credit Services is dispersed through a donor-advised fund begun in 2011 with the Illinois Agricultural Association Foundation (IAA). Illinois 4-H Youth Development is proud to be a beneficiary of their generosity.

Giving to Help Youth Grow: Project Partners

Made possible with support from Illinois 4-H Foundation Project Partners, Illinois 4-H State Fair Online is preparing 4-H youth with communication skills to succeed in a technology-infused society in several ways:

• An additional state-level judging opportunity conducted through an interactive website
• Video and online map exhibits that teach something about a 4-H project area
• Exhibits showcased on a public website

The Illinois 4-H Project Partner Program provides businesses, corporations, and trade associations an opportunity to support Illinois 4-H along with a focus on one of National 4-H’s Mission Man-
2nd Annual State Fair Online

Effectively using technology to communicate with others is an increasingly important skill for success. Illinois 4-H State Fair Online gives youth a chance to practice technology skills.

This year 42 4-H members created videos and posted them for judging and online sharing as part of the second annual Illinois 4-H State Fair Online.

State Fair Online is open to any Illinois 4-H member who meets state fair age requirements. Participants have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned about any of the 4-H projects they are enrolled in through a video or map exhibit shared online. Help is available at webs.extension.uiuc.edu/4hstatefaironline/getting started.cfm for those getting started with the technology.

The open class for this event is an opportunity for 4-H members to use video as a tool to teach others what they are learning in their project areas. For this year’s 4-H State Fair Online, youth created teaching videos on a wide range of topics—including bicycle trails, gluten intolerance, how soybeans are genetically modified, Kepler’s laws of planetary motion, and programming for robots.

“We know that youth in the 4-H program are learning amazing things,” explains Lisa Bouillion-Diaz, University of Illinois Extension technology and youth development specialist. “Illinois 4-H State Fair Online is an effort to make that learning available as a resource to others and to position 4-H members as leaders and teachers in their communities.”

This year’s exhibits can be viewed at webs.extension.uiuc.edu/4hstatefaironline/exhibits.cfm.

Making National Competitions Possible for 4-H Youth

Illinois 4-H Foundation provides assistance to Illinois 4-H judging teams competing at the national level. We are proud of our 4-Hers who have represented Illinois around the nation in various judging competitions, from dairy to robotics. Congratulations to all of these 4-Hers on their accomplishments!

4-H judging teams who earn the opportunity to participate in national contests receive funding from the Illinois 4-H Foundation to offset travel costs. Thank you to all of the donors who support our teams!

Visit 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/judging_contests to view this year’s results!
Robotic Growing in Illinois

Participation in 4-H Robotics projects has been growing across the state. The 4-H Robotics program, part of 4-H’s initiative for engaging youth in science, nurtures engineering and technology interests in young people. It also helps build our nation’s science, engineering, mathematics, and technology workforce.

Learning about mass, weight, and friction is just how a project activity in robotics can get rolling. With a number of activity options, processing and sharing tasks, and application questions, youth build their skills in data collection, observation, drawing and designing, hypothesizing, critical thinking, and sharing.

### Robotics Enrollment Numbers for 2010–11

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### 4-H Robotics Supported by State and National Partnerships

- A national 4-H partnership with FIRST LEGO League was formed in 2009.
- JC Penney awarded a robotics grant to 4-H Council; three Illinois clubs were supported in 2009; $50,000 was awarded in summer 2011 to create 10 new clubs and 12 FIRST Robotics Competition teams.
- Illinois 4-H Foundation offers equipment grants to new 4-H SPIN (SPecial INterest) clubs.
- Illinois 4-H Foundation’s 4-H Project Partner Program supports a wide range of 4-H STEM program opportunities.
- Illinois 4-H Foundation gives scholarships to winning teams of the State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Two teams were funded to attend FIRST Lego League and one senior team was funded to attend the FIRST Technical Challenge.

4-H Youth Demonstrate Their Learning at State and National Events

- In 2011, 40 counties sent a state fair delegate in the robotics division to be individually conference judged at the Illinois State Fair.
- Twenty junior teams (ages 9–13) and five senior teams (ages 14–18) participated in the 4th annual Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition, held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on April 14.
- Ten 4-H teams participated in 2012 FIRST Robotics regional competitions.

In April, the University of Illinois hosted the 4th annual 4-H State Robotics Competition, where 25 teams gathered to compete.
Five individuals were recognized this year in three Illinois State 4-H Award categories on Friday, September 14, during the ACES College Connection reception.

**Illinois 4-H Alumni Award** recognizes an elite group of Illinois 4-H alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.

**Marla Behrends** is a former farm broadcaster and currently Illinois industry relations manager for the Midwest Dairy Association. She was a 10-year member of the Milks Grove Jr. Farmers & Farmerettes 4-H Club in Iroquois County and cannot imagine her life without 4-H. Through her career and volunteer activities, Behrends has worked diligently to introduce children to agriculture and 4-H.

**Dr. Tony Frank** is president of Colorado State University. He was a member of the Compton-Brooklyn Beavers 4-H Club in Lee County. Dr. Frank has been a devoted ambassador and advocate in Colorado for 4-H and its importance to state youth development. He frequently cites his own 4-H experience as instrumental in his development as a leader.

**Charlyn Fargo Ware**, following a successful 27-year career as a reporter for Springfield’s State Journal-Register, is now the bureau chief for county fairs and horse racing with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. She was a 10-year member of the Cooper Jets 4-H club in Sangamon County and cites her 4-H experience for teaching her resiliency, responsibility, and respect. Ware has a strong history of community service, including work with the 4-H House, Sangamon-Menard Extension Council, and the State 4-H Office.

**Friend of 4-H Award** is an annual recognition of a person or organization whose leadership, actions, and support have contributed to the improvement and promotion of the statewide Illinois 4-H Youth Development program.

**Dr. Robert Easter** president of the University of Illinois, is a long-time friend of 4-H. Throughout his 36-year career as a faculty member and senior administrator on the university’s Urbana-Champaign campus, he has been a continual advocate for 4-H and its youth. Dr. Easter sees 4-H as a natural connection to Illinois youth who will be future leaders in our society.

**Larry Fischer Leadership and Spirit Award** honors county 4-H or Extension foundation board members or other county fundraising volunteers who exemplify the spirit of “making the best better” for their county’s 4-H or Extension fundraising efforts.

**Debi Lechner** was a nine-year member of Busy Beavers 4-H Club and for 26 years has been a leader in the New Generation and Calico Catters of McHenry County. Some of Debi’s many activities include organizing, planning, and selling the county 4-H cookbooks; planning and working the annual chicken dinner fundraiser; working the county fair food stands each year, and organizing 50/50 raffles.

**Online applications are always being accepted for these awards.**

Nominate someone today at 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/awards
Representing Excellence in Illinois 4-H

Legacy of Leadership Scholars Honored

Six Illinois 4-H members were recognized as 4-H Legacy of Leadership scholars during the annual 4-H Family Event at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 11. The statewide scholarship program is coordinated by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and the University of Illinois Extension State 4-H Office. The six students each received a $1,000 college scholarship: Bradley Braddock (Marion County), Jill Ebens (Ogle County), Billy Hatfield (Wayne County), Alison Korty (McLean County), Ellen Schumacher (Effingham County), and Rachel Skelton (Logan County). The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes all individuals, corporations, and organizations that would like to support future scholarship recipients. For more information, contact us at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or 217-333-9295.

Representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is a working event. Delegates attend workshops and discuss issues in teams to suggest future programming for 4-H on a national, state, and local basis. They meet with federal legislators on Capitol Hill to discuss the impact of 4-H and Extension programming in their areas. This year, the national issues that delegates addressed included healthy eating and living, preventing alcohol and drug use, equal education opportunities for underrepresented groups (rural and urban), and using science and technology to improve local communities.

Illinois Delegation to National 4-H Congress

Each November approximately 1,000 4-H delegates from across the nation gather in Atlanta, Georgia, for National 4-H Congress. In 2011, Illinois was represented by the teens pictured here. The Illinois 4-H Foundation provides travel funds for our 30 State 4-H Award Winners to this national event, which offers outstanding 4-H youth with expanded educational experiences through seminars, community service projects, and tours sponsored by local and national 4-H program donors.
Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame’s Class of 2012 Recognized

The individuals in the 4-H Hall of Fame have done so much for our Illinois 4-H Youth Development program. The Illinois 4-H Foundation is pleased to be able to pay tribute to their legacy. Each inductee of the Class of 2012 received a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion and will be added to the virtual 4-H Hall of Fame at 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/hall_of_fame.

Ratermann Family Receives 2012 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Joseph and Wilma Ratermann family of Clinton County was presented the 2012 Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award by the Illinois 4-H Foundation on Saturday, August 11, during the 4-H Family Event at the Illinois State Fair. Over the last 72 years, sixty-three members of the family have been involved in 4-H, and 14 have served as 4-H leaders. The family includes five National Congress winners, one Extension advisor, and one Class of 2010 Illinois Hall of Fame inductee. The Illinois 4-H Foundation was proud to honor their commitment to 4-H.
The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award honors 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the Illinois 4-H program. “These caring adults provide the opportunity for youth to feel a sense of belonging, to develop independence, to practice generosity, and to experience mastery,” says Sheri Seibold, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, University of Illinois Extension. “We appreciate the time and knowledge they invest in 4-H members, their families, and their communities.”

Three 4-H volunteers were named Illinois finalists for the 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award, which honors 4-H volunteers with less than 10 years of service. The finalists were Joyce Betz (South Suburban Cook County), Susan Coulter (Peoria County), and Jeff Littrell (Marion County). Susan Coulter was named the Illinois winner, and she was also named the North Central Regional winner of the 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award, representing 12 states. Susan was recognized at a special event on October 13 in Wichita, Kansas, at the North Central Region Volunteer Forum. Four 4-H volunteers were named finalists for the 4-H Salute to Excellence Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award: Terrie Carson (DuPage County), Pam Dierks (Randolph County), Jeanna Ohda (Bureau County), and Linda Thiele (Champaign County). Pam Dierks was named the Illinois winner.

The Salute to Excellence Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award honors 4-H volunteers with 10 or more years of service. The award recognizes dedicated individuals who have succeeded in helping youth develop life skills through positive youth development experiences in 4-H.

All seven individuals were honored at the 2012 Illinois State Fair as part of the 4-H Clover Celebration. National 4-H Council, through funds from the Monsanto Company, provides this recognition for 4-H volunteers who provide exemplary service to the organization. The Salute to Excellence winners received certificates of recognition and the book 4-H Stories from the Heart. In recognition of being named the North Central Regional winner of the 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award, Susan Coulter received a plaque and $250 to be contributed to the Elmwood All Stars 4-H Club in Peoria County on her behalf.

For more information on the Illinois Salute to Excellence awards and to see a list of past winners, go to web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/volunteers/recognition.cfm.

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Innovative Leader and National 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee: David Pyle

The National 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, staff employees, donors, and others who have made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state, or national level.

On October 12, at National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, Maryland, Dr. David D. Pyle was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. His 34-year career included serving 4-H in Indiana, Florida, South Carolina, and Illinois.

During Dr. Pyle’s tenure as Illinois’ longest-serving 4-H director, the 4-H program grew in virtually every direction, placing Illinois among the top five states nationally. Under his visionary leadership, Illinois was the first state to computerize 4-H enrollment and information management. He oversaw a “4 Million for 4-H” fundraising campaign and more than 20 years later, the funds invested from that campaign continue to provide financial support for local grants and for programs throughout the state. Illinois also developed its first volunteer-screening and risk-management plans during Dr. Pyle’s tenure.

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Dr. Pyle’s leadership is the “Recognition for Excellence” program—now in its 25th year—that shifted Illinois 4-H’s focus away from competition toward a more standards-based, individual-achievement model emphasizing the development of life skills. At the time, he took considerable heat for changing decades of tradition, but in the years since, this approach to 4-H youth development has become the standard nationwide—and an entire generation of 4-H alumni can testify to the wisdom of the “new” approach Dr. Pyle advocated.

Dr. Pyle has served 4-H in many regional and national leadership roles. His scholarly work in youth development has been extensive, and he continues to support 4-H as a financial donor at both national and state levels. In Illinois, a volunteer development fund has been established in his name—the David D. Pyle Endowed Fund for Volunteer Development with the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

In addition, David and his wife, Linda Kutilek, have created a fund in appreciation of his induction into the Hall of Fame. These gifts will be used to support the “Recognition of Excellence” program. David and Linda have pledged to match the first 100 $25 gifts made.

Checks may be designated to the D. Pyle Recognition of Excellence Fund and mailed to: Illinois 4-H Foundation, 1401 South Maryland Drive, Urbana, IL 61801.

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**1963**
National 4-H Council internship

**1963-1975**
County 4-H agent and ES-USDA-funded project director in Indiana

**1976-1978**
4-H program specialist in Florida

**1978-1983**
State 4-H program leader and department chair in South Carolina

**1983-1996**
Assistant director and state 4-H program leader in Illinois
- Developed “Recognition for Excellence” program
- Led Illinois to become the first state to computerize 4-H enrollment and information management
- Oversaw a “4 Million for 4-H” fundraising campaign that achieved its goal
- Developed Illinois’s first 4-H volunteer-screening and risk-management plans

October 2012
Inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame
4-H Online Volunteer Courses

Training of 4-H volunteers is essential so that they not only understand the expectations of their role but have the skills, competencies, and information necessary to succeed. 4-H offers a variety of training opportunities at county, multi-county, state, and regional levels—and through the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation and Monsanto, online volunteer training is available as well.

The training courses are designed for new volunteers as well as experienced 4-H leaders and volunteers. The courses currently available include these:

- 4-H Volunteer Orientation
- 4-H Club Program Planning
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Public Presentations: Plan, Prepare, Practice, and Present
- Working with Committees

The most recent course to be launched covers the topic of child protection: “A 4-H Pledge—Keeping Youth Safe.” The course is interactive, with video, scenarios, and downloadable resources.

To take a course, you start by enrolling at web.extension.illinois.edu/4hc. You then have access to any of the available courses. Volunteers receive a certificate after completion of each course. All courses have downloadable resources with practical applications to club work. Volunteers can easily use portions of the training modules in discussions and for examples in discussions with their own clubs.

Available 24/7, the courses can be completed on your schedule and at your convenience. They offer an easy way to access great information. Plus, your local Extension office can help with follow-up questions.
So Many Ways to Give: Giving of Yourself

In 2003, White County formed an organization called 4-H Kids Helping Kids to help youngsters in the county enjoy some of the things that many of us take for granted. This included going to ballgames or the swimming pool, getting new shoes for school, playing on a school sports team, and seeing life outside of White County.

As a 4-Her, Wil Bingman was one of the founding members of Kids Helping Kids. He led the fundraising walk for four years and the back-to-school drive for several years. As his mother, Judy Bingman, describes it, “Wil really developed a passion for youth development work from being with the program.”

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Now he has gone on to become a recognized leader at the national level—and he is still focused on helping kids. A student at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Bingman is an intern with the elite Military PROJECT Youth Extension Service (Y.E.S.), a national program run by the Department of Defense in cooperation with North Carolina Extension.

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Meanwhile, 4-H Kids Helping Kids is still active in White County. The group recently raised money by holding a benefit walk on October 8. Over the years, Kids Helping Kids has funded clothing, GED classes, summer recreation fees, swim team memberships, new 4-H club supplies, and much more.

Bingman is an example of how positive youth development instills leadership, citizenship, and community service values that motivate adults to continue helping others. There are so many ways to give, and giving has such a positive effect on those whose lives it touches.

“It was easy to get out of the habit of community service when I went to college. I was able to do some service as a member of my fraternity, but it wasn’t the same as that year-long commitment to helping others which 4-H inspires in people,” explain Bingman. “Project Y.E.S. answered that for me.”

Project Y.E.S. engages college students in meeting the needs of military families facing deployment. It provides a way for students to give back to their communities and country through a year of service. As one of only 23 interns nationally, Bingman is delivering youth development programs to children and youth of deployed family members across the country.

“I spent a full week of training during the spring and then worked at least two events each month throughout the summer. This fall, I’ve spent one or two weekends every month at a Project Y.E.S. event. I’ve traveled from Georgia and North Carolina to Colorado and Texas,” explains Bingman. “It has been an amazing experience. I’ve learned new cultures and met some amazing new people I now count as friends.”

Wil Bingman received a 2011 Legacy of Leadership Scholarship given by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

4-H Kids Helping Kids attend 4-H Day at a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.
Annual Report on Giving

“The real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.” – Albert Camus

The Illinois 4-H Foundation would like to thank the many individuals, businesses, trade associations, and organizations that provide financial support for our 4-H programs. Your financial assistance is the reason we can continue to fund outstanding 4-H programs in Illinois that give our youth opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. The following contributions—each one important and appreciated—were made between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

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