



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

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Dear Friends of Wisconsin 4-H,

My first business meeting was a 4-H club meeting. The first time I gave a speech was for 4-H. I sat in an airplane for the first time to go to 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus.

If you're like me, 4-H offered countless opportunities to try new things and to learn by doing.

Perhaps you made a lifelong friend through 4-H. Maybe you learned how to make a motion at a 4-H club meeting. Or you might still use a skill you learned in 4-H. It's likely that **if you were a 4-H member, the experience has stayed with you over the years.**

When I asked some current 4-H members to describe what 4-H means to them using only one word, I got an amazing array of responses.



Friends. Challenges. Helping. Fun. Stretching. Travel. Leading. Performing. Teaching. Doing. Success.

4-H may mean different things to different people, but there is one common theme: **Opportunity**.



4-H gives young people the opportunity to do and go and be. It's what allows our young people to excel in school and in life. 4-H gives our youth the foundation they need to be confident, compassionate, capable and competent leaders.

I recently spoke to an older gentleman who had a successful career and is widely known and respected. He came from humble roots in rural Wisconsin. While he never had the chance to go to college, he became a leader in his industry. When I asked him the source of his success, his simple answer was 4-H. He said that 4-H offered him opportunities to learn, grow, explore, travel and dream.

And it was those experiences that laid the groundwork for his success.

Our youth need those same opportunities – perhaps now more than ever.

That's why we are reaching out to you. **Will you help the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provide support to the Wisconsin 4-H program so our youth can learn and grow?**

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Please return this form with your gift. Thank You!



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____

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Yes! I want to make a difference.

I wish to support Wisconsin 4-H with a one-time donation of:

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other \$ _____

I pledge to support Wisconsin 4-H with a donation of \$ _____ per year for _____ year(s). Please send me a reminder.

Check is enclosed payable to Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

Make a secure donation online: www.Wis4HFoundation.org

Please debit: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____ CVC _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Phone (required) _____ Email _____

Wisconsin 4-H works to engage youth in leadership training, community-building experiences and experiential-learning opportunities to better their own lives and the lives of the people around them.

But we need YOU. Your support allows the 4-H Foundation to provide funds for:

- ◆ **Leadership programming** such as Wisconsin Leadership Council, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, National 4-H Conference and Congress, international programs, community/youth partnerships and Citizenship Washington Focus.
- ◆ **Membership opportunities** for youth to become involved in 4-H, including new programs designed to reach urban youth, rural youth and youth from areas not historically involved in 4-H programs.
- ◆ **Agriculture-related programs** like Area Animal Science Days, judging contests, horse and dog leader development, quality assurance programming, digital resource development and horticulture and animal science activities.
- ◆ **Arts programming** such as ArtBeat!, arts camp, state arts teams and Art Lab.
- ◆ **STEM-related programs** like Tech Changemakers and Space Camp.
- ◆ **Shooting Sports** youth programs and adult training programs.

Our 4-H youth say it best:

"4-H has inspired me. I feel like I can actually make a difference in the world around me."
Waukesha County 4-H Member Joelle

"4-H has helped be build essential skills that I will need for the rest of my life. I am grateful for every moment and lesson"
Polk County 4-H Member Maggie

"4-H started me on the path to knowing what I want to do in the future. And 4-H gave me the confidence to accomplish my goals."
Racine County 4-H Member Alec

"No words can describe my sheer gratitude for this youth organization and every person who has helped me grow. I can't wait to see where I go next!"
Winnebago County 4-H Member Meghan

These youth are our future. And we can help them be ready. We are asking you to help us support these young people as they learn and grow.

If 4-H was important to you, please help us ensure that 4-H is available to today's youth. Would you make a tax-deductible gift today? Your investment will allow 4-H to continue to provide and expand programming throughout Wisconsin.

Thank you for being a champion for our youth and for providing opportunities that empower them to lead for a lifetime.

Living the Pledge,

Brenda Scheider
Executive Director

Please make a gift that will help us continue to provide life-changing 4-H programs to youth across the state.

We need YOUR help. Together we can Grow 4-H.

This year the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provided nearly a half million dollars to support Wisconsin 4-H, which allowed youth from across the state to participate in development activities that strengthened their skills in areas like communication, teamwork, conflict resolution, decision-making and more ... skills that are increasingly important.

Together we can provide more opportunities for our youth and Grow True Leaders.