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**AGCOUNTRY FARM CREDIT SERVICES
RECOGNIZED AS PLATINUM CLOVER SPONSOR**

Madison, Wis. (July 1, 2021) – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation recently recognized partner AgCountry Farm Credit Services as a Platinum Clover Sponsor. AgCountry contributed \$10,000 to support the Area Animal Science program and sponsor the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program.

AgCountry Financial has been an ardent 4-H supporter for many years. Even with the uncertainties of the past year, they have continued to invest in our 4-H Youth.

“The future of agriculture and our rural communities is in good hands thanks to the contributions of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation,” said Marc Knisely, President & CEO of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. “It is our pleasure to support the wonderful work being done by the Foundation in providing young people with the opportunities and resources they need to make a difference.”

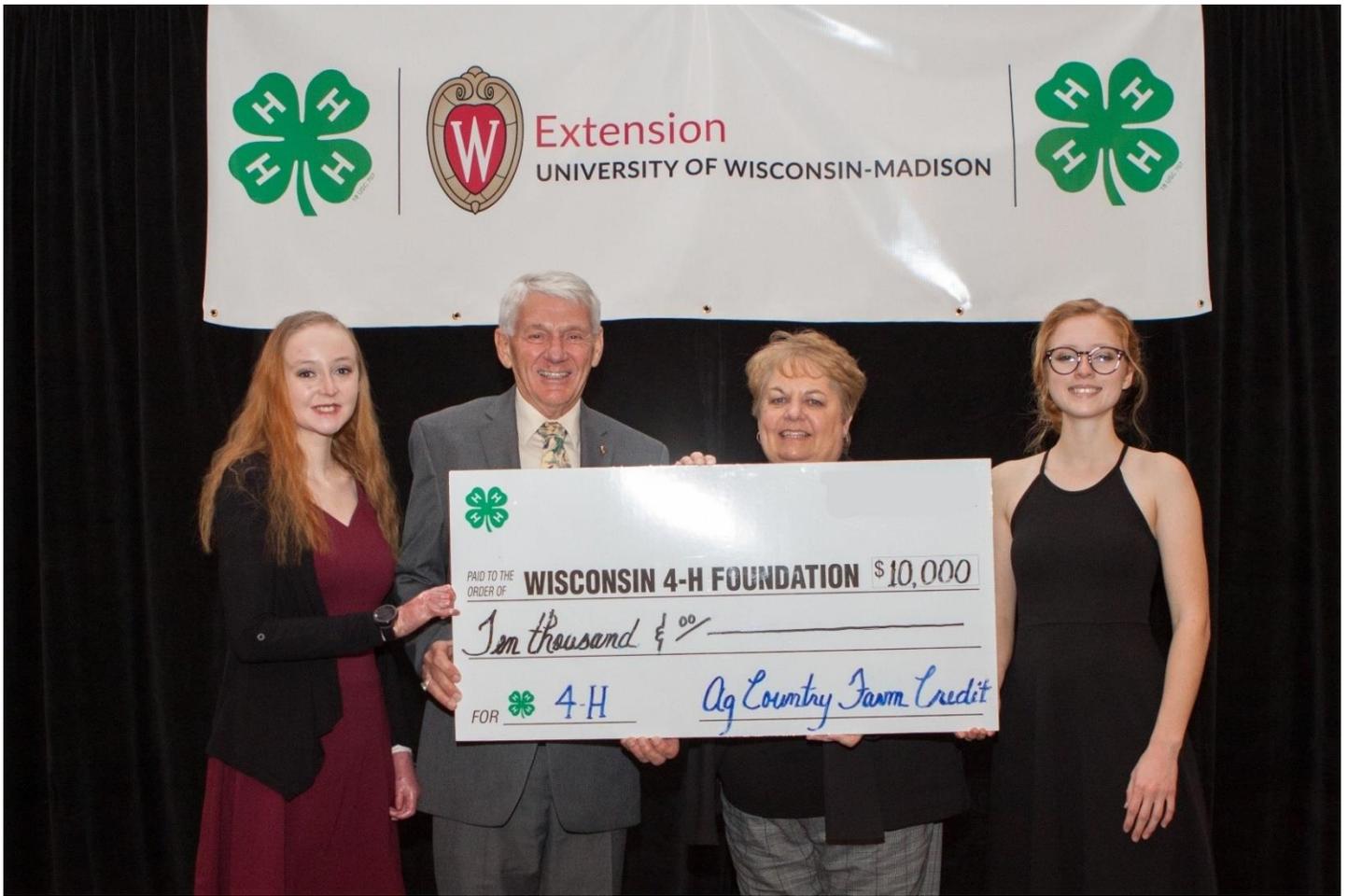
“We are truly grateful for the continued support of generous partners, like AgCountry,” adds Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. “AgCountry helps 4-H create cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that will prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow, moving communities, the state, our country and the world forward in ways no other youth organization can. We value our partners who help Wisconsin 4-H make a positive impact on our youth.”

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and changing world. Growing out of a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques, today’s 4-H has expanded to include science (STEM), leadership, healthy living and communications programming that will help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

4-H is one of the largest and oldest statewide youth organizations in Wisconsin, offering a wide variety of programs in both urban and rural settings. From the 4-H activities in the city of Milwaukee to the 4-H clubs in rural areas of Bayfield County, 4-H is making a positive impact on young people throughout the state. Nearly 150,000 youth participate in the Wisconsin 4-H program each year, and more than 22,000 volunteers support the program.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H leadership, youth development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

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[L-R] Amanda Szomi (Taylor County); WI 4-H Foundation President, Jim Barthel; former WI 4-H Foundation Board Treasurer, Nancy Bilz; Leah Witt (Dane County)