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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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**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](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org)  
 Please debit:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

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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 me 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.

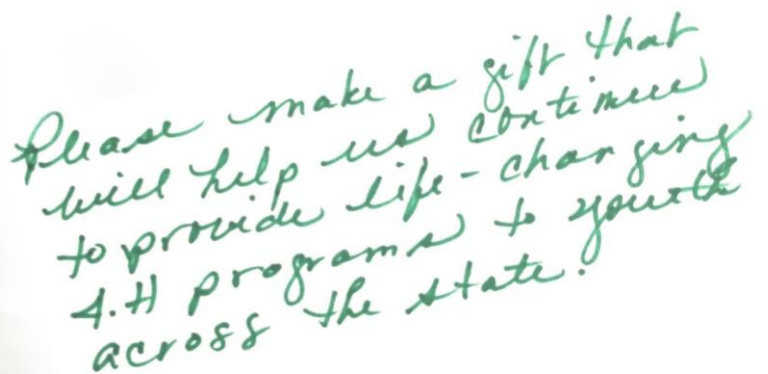
**If 4-H was important to you, please help us ensure that 4-H is available to today's youth.** Would you make a tax-deductible gift today? Your investment will allow 4-H to continue to provide and expand programming throughout Wisconsin.

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



**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.**