

THE PLEDGE

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**HEAD TO
CLEARER
THINKING**

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KANSAS 4-H
FOUNDATION

Kansas 4-H began in 1905 when organized groups of youth came together to “learn by doing.” In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension System connected to Land Grant universities and nationalized 4-H as a positive youth development program. As Kansas 4-H grew, a national trend for 4-H camping was growing, and Kansas 4-H Clubs purchased Rock Springs Ranch in 1946.

In November 1952, a committee of Kansans convened to determine what entity should hold the title of Rock Springs. With a vision for providing educational opportunities for Kansas youth, this committee created the Kansas 4-H Foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. In addition to holding the title for the property of Rock Springs, early Foundation goals included international programs, leader training and advancement of Rock Springs Ranch.

The Foundation continues to partner with the Kansas 4-H program to meet the evolving needs of Kansas youth and develop future leaders. We acknowledge and appreciate our longtime 4-H friends. Their lifetime of generosity creates new opportunities for the youth of Kansas.



Jake Worcester, *President/CEO, Kansas 4-H Foundation*, John Pringle, Ted Skalsky, Tyler Proehl, Garland Hanlin, Brenna Cunningham, Kate Rees, Emma Barnett and Corinne Patterson, *Lyon Co. 4-H Extension Agent*

an innovation grant **CONNECTS A COMMUNITY**

“Dream Big.” This is what Jake Worcester, President/CEO, Kansas 4-H Foundation said when announcing the Innovation Grant initiative to local extension units in October 2018. The Innovation Grant initiative was created to stimulate new, innovative, growth-oriented programming that has the potential to be scaled for regional or statewide participation. With experimentation encouraged, Corinne Patterson, Lyon Co. 4-H Extension Agent, worked with her local community to create an experience, called Fund65, for freshman and sophomore age 4-H members to explore

career interests and understand personal finances with the hopes of creating a bright future for rural Kansas communities.

“Lyon County has a strong group of 4-H members who want to challenge themselves,” Patterson said. “We are trying to develop a program that is significant for young people to dedicate themselves to hands-on learning and skill building with the outcome of becoming contributing community members.”

The Fund65 program began this past June with seven 4-H members. They participated in formal interviews and an orientation “boot camp” training. The boot camp offered specialized training in the areas of personality, job skills, employer expectations, human resources and communications. The 4-H members applied the skills taught at boot camp in interviews with local businesses to secure a summer internship.

FROM BOOT CAMP TO BOOTS

Among one of the seven participants was Emma Barnett, who interned at Tyson Fresh Meats with one of the company’s cattle buyers.

“Mondays and Tuesdays we would go to feedlots and grade pens and then spend the rest of the week coordinating the logistics of those decisions,” Barnett said. “I appreciate this program as it taught me life lessons that I could not have learned in school.”

With her local community’s support and encouragement, Emma was able to explore a career in her areas of interest, as well as learn how her community chose to invest in her future.

“These young people got to experience something that their community provided them, and in turn we have a bright financial future for our community. We have people who want to work here,” Patterson said.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

In preparation for the summer internships, Patterson needed to get the support of local employers in the community. She visited with multiple businesses in the county area to present the idea of hosting a 14-15 year old 4-H intern. Patterson secured ten local employers.

“Corinne did a tremendous job laying out the program to involve employers in the community,” Carla Barnett, Community National Bank President, said. “My staff enjoyed having a 4-H member as a part of our staff this summer.”

Not only did seven of the ten local businesses host the 4-H members during the summer, employers also volunteered their expertise to teach the young people about financial independence and future investments.

A \$1,000 GIFT

In addition to the internship piece of Fund65, youth also participated in multiple financial workshops to understand credit, budgeting, compound interest, taxes and saving for retirement.

“To have a bright future in a rural community you need to have a good grasp of financial literacy from daily spending to retirement,” Patterson said.

To gain hands-on experience in financial literacy, all seven participants were given a \$1,000 IRA and worked with financial experts in the community to make wise decisions of how to invest it. Youth spent 14 hours in financial workshops totaling 100 hours of financial literacy at the completion of the program.

“When they are 65 and look at their retirement fund, they will be reminded of this experience that was provided by generous Kansas 4-H donors who believed in them,” Patterson said.

The Fund65 Innovation Grant will continue next year under Patterson’s leadership and will expand to include Douglas County 4-H.

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- Corinne Patterson, Lyon Co. 4-H Extension Agent

Wittorff Family **LEADERSHIP FUND**

Arnold and Marcelyn Wittorff were lifelong supporters of Kansas 4-H. To honor their commitment to the youth development program, their children, Larry Wittorff and Carolyn Jackson, established the Wittorff Family Leadership Fund endowment.

“I was so touched and honored when our children set up the fund – on what would have been our 70th wedding anniversary,”

Marcelyn Wittorff said. “Our family has invested a lot in 4-H and now, it makes me feel so good that Larry and Carolyn are investing in the opportunity for young people to have those same positive experiences.”

The endowment was established to support leadership opportunities like those supported through the Innovation Fund, which includes the Innovation Grant initiative.

“We want future generations of young people to have the leadership development opportunities that will help them lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families and make meaningful contributions to our communities,” Carolyn Jackson said.

The Wittorff family hopes their gift inspires others to invest in the next generation of leaders.

“I hope it will be an example to show what a positive impact the time and effort they are investing in 4-H can have on their family for generations to come,” Larry Wittorff said.



Marcelyn Wittorff



Rock Springs 4-H Campers participate in 'Stream Studies', a conservation education activity during 4-H Camp.

together we are REIMAGINING CAMP

We love camp and in 2021, Rock Springs Ranch will celebrate its 75th year of camp. For decades, it has served as the hub for summer memories to Kansas 4-H members. The goal is to ensure that it remains the premier location where youth come each summer to develop skills and make new friends in a unique environment.

To ensure this goal is met, a camp task force was established after the 2019 camp season to look at the current benefits, challenges, and future direction of 4-H camp. In addition to the task force, Rock Springs Ranch also engaged in a master planning process to address the needs and opportunities of the property for the next 25 years.

“For generations, Rock Springs Ranch has offered educational, safe and fun programming for 4-H and other Kansans of all ages. We are extremely excited to partner with K-State Research and Extension in our planning process to remain accessible and relevant for the next 75 years. Our goal is to provide a safe and secure experience for our youth,” Jim Wheaton, Executive Director, Rock Springs Ranch, said.

Centered around 4-H values, the vision for the future of Rock Springs Ranch is transformational. The goal is to create a best-in-class and progressive experience for anyone who comes to Rock Springs Ranch. At 4-H Camp, this goal includes an age-appropriate curriculum in a superior and nurturing setting. Rock Springs Ranch will strive to be a national model of excellence in education and in guest and camper care.

“For 75 years, Kansas 4-H has taught independence, belonging, mastery and generosity through its nationally-respected camping program,” Jake Worcester, President/CEO, Kansas 4-H Foundation, said. “The Kansas 4-H Foundation is committed to continuing - and growing - that impact through Rock Springs Ranch. The facilities are important, but the opportunity for camp experts to support the entire 4-H system is how we will truly make an impact.”

This vision has you in it. Tell us what you love about Rock Springs Ranch. Together we can create another 75 years of Rock Springs Ranch for youth to explore, learn and grow.

business believes in the SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE challenge

Cargill, a valued corporate advocate, believes the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Science of Agriculture Challenge teach the necessary life skills that youth need in the digital world.

“The 4-H program teaches youth employable life skills like accountability,” Jarrod Gillig, Vice President of Cargill Protein Group, said. “4-H provides an environment for them to apply the skills they are learning. For example, they are able to put leadership lessons into practice through working with a team and giving a presentation in front of their peers.”

Cargill is a lead partner with Kansas 4-H for innovative programming and community vitality. They believe their partnership with 4-H is bigger than an agricultural connection. It is a way to evoke positive change.

“I believe that Kansas 4-H is a tool to help Kansas communities thrive by teaching youth how to be leaders and contributing community members,” Gillig said. “By investing in Kansas 4-H, we are able to help fund new 4-H experiences that can be transformational to Kansas communities.”

SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE

In addition to their financial partnership, Cargill also invested in Kansas 4-H by volunteering. Steve Schlabsz, Assistant Vice President, Capital Projects and Engineering at Cargill Protein Group, served on the panel of judges at the preliminary Science of Agriculture competition at the Kansas State Fair. As a panelist, he was able to listen to each presentation, ask questions and provide feedback for them for the state competition.

“I was most excited to see the 4-H members hone their message about what they were researching and deliver it with enthusiasm and confidence,” Schlabsz said. “They came across convincing and motivated to share their story.”

The Science of Agriculture Challenge, a new 4-H initiative, was created to increase agriculture science literacy through a hands-on experience and directly connect youth with agriculture-related businesses, experts and potential career paths. Teams of three to five Kansas 4-H youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to identify agriculture-related issues in their communities. Then, they

research and apply science and engineering practices to find possible solutions. After exploring possible solutions, each team shares their research project with their communities and at state competitions.

“It sets a very good foundation for 4-H members

“I believe that Kansas 4-H is a tool to help Kansas communities thrive by teaching youth how to be leaders and contributing community members.”

- Jarrod Gillig, Vice President of Cargill Protein Group

to realize the importance of doing research,” Schlabsz said. “It allows them to learn how to understand the data and recognize good data from bad data. It gives them confidence to speak in front of a group. They will be able to take and apply the skills they learned to different situations in the future.”

This year, five teams with 4-H members from Lyon, Cowley, Stafford, Meade and Wallace counties presented at the state competition in November. As part of the Science of Agriculture challenge, the top three teams are awarded scholarships at the state competition. More than \$7,500 was awarded to Kansas 4-H members. These scholarships were provided through lead partnerships with Cargill and the Kansas Department of Agriculture.



A Science of Agriculture team presents about a Livestock Tracker during the preliminary competition at the Kansas State Fair.



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I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service,

and my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

my head to **CLEARER THINKING**



JAKE WORCESTER
PRESIDENT/CEO

Welcome to *The Pledge*, our new publication showcasing the impact of philanthropy in Kansas 4-H! We hope you have enjoyed it so far. After years of communicating through *Foundation Fundamentals*, 2020 presented a year for us to pledge our heads to clearer thinking and reinvent the way we share our stories.

In fact, over the last few years, Kansas 4-H Foundation leaders have worked to think clearly in several new endeavors and have identified priorities and new opportunities in partnership with the Kansas 4-H program and Rock Springs Ranch.

This year, a new Innovation Grant program was launched to encourage program experimentation and growth by using proven 4-H learning models in new-age industries. Today, 4-H is taking on current challenges through Community Conversations – a new program designed to equip youth to initiate and facilitate conversations in their communities around the most challenging, divisive and pressing 21st-century issues.

As we prepare for Rock Springs Ranch to turn 75 in 2021, we are looking to the future, and through the development of a 25-year master plan, we are able to reimagine the Kansas 4-H camp experience to provide immersive, impactful experiences that benefit 4-H youth of all ages.

Change for the sake of change is not valuable. Intentional change, pursued for a clear purpose and with specific outcomes in mind, is the only path toward innovation, progress, and transformative impact. 4-H was born to disrupt the status quo. It was born to innovate. It was born to cause change. And more than a century later, the Kansas 4-H Foundation is pledging our collective heads to clearer thinking so we can continue that tradition of innovation, disruption, and impactful change.

Donor investments in 4-H are valuable in the transformation they bring to our communities and society through youth. Equipping young people with the skills needed to think critically, and then act accordingly, to impact their neighbors, friends, and the larger world around them is a noble and worthy cause. And, it's needed now more than ever before. Thank you for your essential role in *Making the Best Better*.

my heart to **GREATER LOYALTY**

Did you know that a fellow Kansan wrote the 4-H pledge?

It's true!

In 1914, Otis Hall, a Kansan and first state 4-H leader, crafted the pledge that 4-H members all around the world still recite today. The 4-H Pledge is more than words repeated at a club meeting, it's our connection to others.

Throughout this reimagined publication, you will see Kansas youth living the pledge through their involvement with 4-H activities. The images that are shared demonstrate all facets of learning. You will see curiosity at work. You will see youth trying out new skills and collaborating on ways to serve others. You will see Kansas 4-H facing challenges and how they are being addressed. You will see that all of these experiences are inspiring innovation.

As a volunteer for the Kansas 4-H Foundation, I see numerous examples throughout our state of adults living out the pledge in their personal and professional lives. Whether they are engaged with facilitating critical thinking at their place of work,

demonstrating care for family and neighbors, contributing to where they care most in their community, or promoting an environment that fosters wellness - they embody the values that Otis Hall captured in the pledge more than 100 years ago.

With my hand over my heart, I encourage all 4-H volunteers and donors to join me in pledging our hearts to greater loyalty by sharing our fondness for Kansas 4-H with friends, family and colleagues. Each time we share our memories, experiences and observations with others, we are inspiring other Kansans to invest philanthropic support into the growth and development of Kansas youth. The need for 4-H is more relevant than ever before. Every gift we make to Kansas 4-H is an investment in our community, our country and our world.

How will you continue to live out the 4-H pledge?



MOLLY McVICKER
BOARD CHAIR

2019 GAVEL CLUBS

These clubs pledged their hands to larger service by choosing to make a philanthropic gift to Kansas 4-H to provide more opportunities for the future of Kansas 4-H.

ALLEN

Prairie Dell 4-H Club, Silver
Prairie Rose 4-H Club, Bronze

BARBER

Cloverleaf 4-H Club, Gold
Stampede 4-H Club, Gold
Sunflower 4-H Club, Gold

BOURBON

Northeast Scott 4-H Club, Bronze

BUTLER

Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club, Gold
El Dorado Boosters 4-H Club, Gold
Flint Hills 4-H Club, Gold
Purple Hearts 4-H Club, Gold
Towanda Rustlers 4-H Club, Silver

CHASE

Gladstone 4-H Club, Gold

CHAUTAUQUA

Sedan Willing Workers 4-H Club, Silver

CHEYENNE

Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club, Gold
Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, Gold
Plum Creek 4-H Club, Bronze

CLAY

Washington Headliners 4-H Club, Silver

CLOUD

Clyde Roadrunners 4-H Club, Bronze

COMANCHE

Loyal Hustlers 4-H Club, Silver

COWLEY

Burden 4-H Club, Bronze
Cameron 4-H Club, Silver
Cowley 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Gold
Floral 4-H Club, Silver
Rock Creek 4-H Club, Gold
Sunrise 4-H Club, Gold
Tisdale 4-H Club, Gold
Walnut Valley 4-H Club, Silver

CRAWFORD

Happy Hustlers 4-H Club, Gold

DICKINSON

Fragrant Hilltoppers 4-H Club
Holland Sunflowers 4-H Club
Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Gold
Mt. Ayr Go-Getters 4-H Club, Gold
Navarre Boosters 4-H Club, Silver
Newbern Wide Awake 4-H Club, Gold

DOUGLAS

Kanwaka 4-H Club, Gold
Meadowlark 4-H Club, Bronze

ELK

Flint Hills Boosters 4-H Club, Gold

ELLIS

Gemini Juniors 4-H Club, Bronze

ELLSWORTH

Wilson Winners 4-H Club, Bronze

FINNEY

Beacon Boosters 4-H Club, Gold
Finney Flyers 4-H Club, Gold

GEARY

BlueLine 4-H Club, Gold
Brookside 4-H Club, Bronze
Lyons Creek 4-H Club, Gold

HARVEY

Halstead Cloverleaf 4-H Club, Gold
Macon 4-H Club, Gold

HASKELL

Cloverleaf 4-H Club, Gold
Victory 4-H Club, Silver

JACKSON

Denison Builders 4-H Club, Gold
Hoyt Livewires 4-H Club

JEFFERSON

Fairview 4-H Club, Gold
Jefferson County 4-H Council, Gold

JEWELL

Mankato Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Gold
Webber Wide Awake 4-H Club, Silver

JOHNSON

Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club, Silver
Country Clovers 4-H Club, Gold
Country Hearts 4-H Club
Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Bronze
Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club, Bronze

KEARNY

People Pleasers 4-H Club, Gold
Prairie View 4-H Club, Gold

KIOWA

Upward Strivers 4-H Club, Bronze

LANE

Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Silver
Shields Jayhawks 4-H Club, Gold

LEAVENWORTH

Boling 4-H Club, Gold

LINN

Linn County Junior Leaders 4-H Club, Gold

LYON

Busy Beavers 4-H Club, Gold
Reading 4-H Club, Silver

MARION

Peabody Achievers 4-H Club, Gold
Tampa Triple T's 4-H Club, Gold

MARSHALL

Axtell Busy Bees 4-H Club, Gold
Sunflower 4-H Club, Silver
Work To Win 4-H Club, Gold

MEADE

Three C's 4-H Club, Gold

MIAMI

Happy Go Getters 4-H Club, Gold
Mound Builders 4-H Club, Bronze

MITCHELL

West Beloit 4-H Club, Bronze

MORRIS

Dwight Sunflowers 4-H Club, Bronze

NEMAHA

Centralia Aces 4-H Club, Gold
Happy Home Helping Hand 4-H Club, Gold
Kelly Twilighters 4-H Club, Bronze
Stateliners 4-H Club, Bronze
Woodlawn Meadowlarks 4-H Club, Bronze

NEOSHO

Jolly Go-Getters 4-H Club, Silver
Southeast Sunflower 4-H Club, Silver
Willing Workers 4-H Club, Silver

NORTON

Prairie Dog 4-H Club, Bronze

OTTAWA

Solomon Valley 4-H Club, Silver
Woodsdale 4-H Club, Gold

PHILLIPS

Deer Creek 4-H Club, Bronze
Lone Prairie 4-H Club, Gold
Sunnyside 4-H Club, Gold

POTTAWATOMIE

Black Jack 4-H Club, Bronze
Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Gold
Olsburg Boosters 4-H Club, Bronze

PRATT

Glendale Reapers 4-H Club, Gold
Golden Valley 4-H Club, Bronze
Pratt Pioneers 4-H Club, Gold

RENO

Ninnescah 4-H Club, Gold
Thomadora 4-H Club, Silver
Discovery 4-H Club, Silver
Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Silver

RICE

County Liners 4-H Club

RILEY

Ashland Boosters 4-H Club, Silver
Bonfire 4-H Club, Gold
Strong-Satellites 4-H Club, Gold

ROOKS

Star 4-H Club, Bronze

RUSSELL

Wolf Creek Valley 4-H Club, Silver

SALINE

Friendly Valley 4-H Club, Gold
Gypsum Valley 4-H Club, Silver
Smoky View 4-H Club, Silver
Sunny Valley 4-H Club, Gold
Willing Workers 4-H Club, Silver

SCOTT

Country Cousins 4-H Club, Gold

SEDGWICK

Achievers 4-H Club, Silver
Derby 4-H Club, Bronze
Quail Valley 4-H Club, Bronze

SHAWNEE

Shawnee County Horse Club, Gold

SHERMAN

Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Gold
Sunflower 4-H Club, Gold

SMITH

Busy Bees 4-H Club, Silver

STAFFORD

Cloverleaf 4-H Club, Gold
Corn Valley 4-H Club, Bronze
Jolly Workers 4-H Club

STEVENS

Buffalo Boosters 4-H Club, Gold

SUMNER

Belle Plaine Buccaneers 4-H Club, Gold

THOMAS

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club, Bronze
Colby Comets 4-H Club, Gold
Gem 4-H Club, Gold

TREGO

Trego Top Succeeders 4-H Club, Gold

WABAUNSEE

Newbury 4-H Club, Gold

WASHINGTON

Stick-To-It 4-H Club, Gold

my hands to LARGER SERVICE

Like all Kansas 4-H Foundation Gavel Clubs, the members of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club of St. Francis, KS have a strong culture of philanthropy and understand the importance of paying it forward. This club exemplifies what it means to live out the 4-H Pledge by pledging their hands to larger service.

“As a club, we believe it is important to give back to our community and our fellow 4-H friends,” Karly Bandel, 17, President of Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, said. “Our community does so much for us and because of this we want to give our services wherever needed. The club is always willing to help in any way.”

Locally, they have planted trees for a local elder care facility, purchased furniture for the town’s swimming pool, and sent flood relief funds and supplies to Nebraska.

PAYING IT FORWARD

These 4-H club members demonstrate philanthropy in their local area with service projects and by paying it forward to ensure Kansas 4-H remains strong. At their November meeting, they voted to give to Kansas 4-H through the Kansas 4-H Foundation’s Gavel Club Program. The Gavel Club is a recognition society specifically for Kansas 4-H clubs. For the third year in a row, they voted to make a gift of \$250. In addition to giving at the state level, the club has also pledged \$1,500 to repair the horse barn at their county fairgrounds.

“We want the absolute best for the 4-H program,” Bandel said. “We want to continue to see it grow and improve for the future. We instill in our members that dedication and hard work pay off when working on 4-H projects.”

The Gavel Club was created in early 1990s so clubs can make a collective, powerful difference within the state 4-H program. This collective giving inspires other donors to invest and leads to even more great things for Kansas 4-H.

CLUB CULTURE

The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club has 36 members age 7-18 with varying project interests, although the variety of interests does not keep them from uniting with their service-oriented mission.

“We are like a family more than a club,” Bandel said. “We come up with new ideas together, support each other in all of our projects, and we have so much fun together. We will take the memories we make as a club with us for the rest of our lives.”

Their most recent club leader, Susan Dinkel, believes in the importance of youth leading the club meetings.

“The older members do a great job of mentoring our younger 4-H members,” Dinkel said. “They will sit with them at meetings and ask age appropriate questions for project talks.”

BAKING BIEROCKS

The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club is able to pay it forward through their annual bierock fundraiser. Each fall, the club makes and sells bierocks by the dozen with the record being 230 dozen!

“It takes all 4-H members and their families to complete the process of making the bierocks,” Dinkel said.

Due to the large scale of the project, the club uses the school’s kitchen for the weekend fundraiser. Enough funds are earned from this project to cover all of their annual needs, their philanthropic interests and a special trip for their hard work.

“Every year our club takes a trip for fun to Denver and the club is able to cover all the expenses,” Dinkel said.

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Pleasant Hill 4-H members recite the 4-H Pledge during their club meeting.



ANNUAL FUNDING PRIORITIES CREATE IMMEDIATE IMPACT

 KANSAS 4-H CONTENT AREAS	 STEM & AGRICULTURE	 COMMUNICATIONS & THE ARTS	 HEALTHY LIVING	 COMMUNITY VITALITY
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Established by State 4-H Leadership, these content areas support positive youth development. Annual contributions advance the content areas and provide meaningful experiences for youth to gain life skills. The Kansas 4-H content areas span all projects and state 4-H initiatives. The opportunity to provide philanthropic support exists at all levels from annual gifts to major gifts.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

This new initiative teaches youth how to communicate with others while discussing current issues facing Kansas communities. Facilitated by leaders, this program helps youth understand the importance of hearing all sides to issues and learning how to compromise for the good of the community.



CAMPERSHIPS

At 4-H camp, youth engage in experiential learning. Camperships are a way to give the gift of camp to youth who would not normally have the opportunity to attend or afford this immersive experience. Your support enables youth to explore, learn and grow at Rock Springs Ranch.



SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE

This hands-on experience inspires the next generation of agriculture leaders. Teams of youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteers to identify agriculture issues and develop feasible solutions to be shared. It was created to increase agriculture science literacy and expand the pipeline of youth pursuing agricultural careers.



INNOVATION GRANTS

The impact of 4-H starts at the local level. This initiative funds grants for local units to launch new, innovative, growth-oriented initiatives that have the potential to be scaled to the state level. The Innovation Grant program accepts failure as part of the learning process and encourages experimentation with measurable outcomes.

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH



Thousands of Kansas 4-H members experience Rock Springs Ranch each year through camp, leadership workshops and project-specific trainings. Rock Springs Ranch was purchased thanks to philanthropic support. The property operates like a small city and the staff members are responsible for caring and maintaining it throughout the year.



CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

The purpose of this two-day event is for Kansas youth to learn how to apply their voice in the decision-making process to make a difference in their communities. At Citizenship in Action, delegates get to be in the Capitol and deliberate about current Kansas issues with mock legislation in the Senate and House. Youth learn how to compromise and make decisions for the greater good.

Capitol Federal is engaged as a Community Vitality partner which includes events like



ALPHA OF CLOVIA



Gifts to Alpha of Clovia, a 4-H Cooperative Leadership House at Kansas State University, provide funds for upkeep of the facility and grounds.

DID YOU KNOW?



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collectively **3,000**
donors & corporate partners

MAKE AN IMPACT IN KANSAS 4-H



CASH GIFTS

An outright gift of cash is the most efficient way to invest in Kansas 4-H youth. Cash gifts can be made to Kansas 4-H using a credit card through our secure online giving page, by mailing a check, or through a charitable IRA. With all avenues, you realize tax savings by deducting cash gifts from your taxable income.



RECURRING GIFTS

A recurring gift is a convenient way of meeting your annual philanthropic goal by giving monthly or quarterly. Set up your recurring gift on our online giving page or by filling out the insert in the center of this publication.

"Every month, Kansas 4-H is included in where I choose to give. By setting up a recurring gift, I have made Kansas 4-H a priority."

- Jackie McClaskey, President, New Campus Development, American Royal Association, Kansas 4-H Foundation 1905 Society member



PLANNED GIVING

Estate planning is a means of leaving your legacy for Kansas 4-H. Gifts are typically funded with cash, securities or property and provide for a long-term partnership between you and the Kansas 4-H Foundation.



TRIBUTE GIFTS

A gift given in tribute of another is a reflection of a truly generous spirit, as well as a way to improve the lives of others. Honor or remember a special individual or group with a gift to Kansas 4-H.



DAILY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Support Kansas 4-H Youth Development on an everyday basis with our partner organizations including AmazonSmile, Dillons Community Rewards and Thrivent.

HOW WILL YOU MAKE AN IMPACT?

stay connected **TO KANSAS 4-H**

The Kansas 4-H family wants to celebrate when Kansas 4-H alumni accomplish great things. Stay connected with us by sharing your updates and achievements with us at <https://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/update/>



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

ANNA (MILLER) ADAMS, MORRIS COUNTY, FLINT HILLS DISTRICT, 4-H ALUMNA

Anna (Miller) Adams transferred back to Kansas after living in Australia for the past three years. She is a Senior Manager in the Audit & Assurance Learning and Development group at Deloitte & Touche LLP.



Anna and her husband, Drew in Australia.

JACQUELINE CLAWSON, MEADE COUNTY, 4-H ALUMNA

Upon graduating from Kansas State University in December 2019, Jacqueline accepted a position with John Deere as a Marketing Representative.

MITZIE (JARCHOW) EDDINS, HARVEY COUNTY 4-H ALUMNA

With 38 years between visits, Mitzie (Jarchow) Eddins visited Rock Springs Ranch in February 2020. Mitzie and her daughter, Emily, enjoyed touring camp and reminiscing about their days as campers at 4-H and family camp. Highlights from the visit included celebrating their family legacy at the Clutter Memorial Shelter, which is named to honor the memory of Mitzie's family. The women felt most at-home when walking through the pasture with the herd of palomino horses.



Mitzie and Emily Eddins with Rock Springs Ranch palomino horses.

JIM AND DEB GORDON, POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Jim and Deb Gordon traveled to Miami for Superbowl LIV to cheer on the Chiefs. Jim currently serves as a member on the Board of Trustees for the Kansas 4-H Foundation.



Jim and Deb at Superbowl LIV.

GARRETT KAYS, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WILDCAT DISTRICT, 4-H ALUMNUS

After working in Washington, D.C. for three years, Garrett decided to move back to the Midwest for law school at Washington University in St. Louis.

DEAN KLAHR, JACKSON COUNTY, MEADOWLARK DISTRICT, 4-H ALUMNUS

Upon graduating from Kansas State University in May 2019, Dean Klahr became the Director of Stockgrowers Division at the Kansas Livestock Association.

BROOKE LENNINGTON, SHERMAN COUNTY, SUNFLOWER DISTRICT, 4-H ALUMNA

In October 2019, Brooke Lennington married Jarod Marcotte at Rock Springs Ranch during the Kansas Stroke Camp, a camp just for stroke survivors and their caregivers. Brooke has attended this camp with her dad every year since he suffered a massive stroke that left him wheelchair-bound at 50. Brooke is an evening anchor at KSNT News.



Brooke was escorted down the aisle by her father and brother during her wedding at Rock Springs Ranch.

CY AND GLADYS MOYER, PHILLIPS COUNTY, KANSAS 4-H ALUMNI

The Cy and Gladys Moyer family celebrated their third family reunion at Rock Springs Ranch after Thanksgiving in November 2019. All four generations stayed in Bankers Lodge. They enjoyed walks in the beautiful fall weather, a friendly family trap shooting competition, famous Rock Springs dinner rolls and time spent relaxing together.

JORDYN (BARTEN) ROSS, DICKINSON COUNTY, 4-H ALUMNA

In April 2019, Jordyn transitioned from an Admissions Representative for Kansas State University to a Guest Experience Manager at Rock Springs Ranch.



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