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MICHIGAN 4-H'ERS ASSIST IN WILDFIRE RELIEF

This spring, ranchers in western states were devastated when wildfires destroyed vast areas for grazing cattle. Michigan 4-H clubs in more than 10 counties provided an outpouring of support for those in need by collecting items such as feed, fencing and milk replacer; generating funds for other needed items; and loading supplies for supply runs. Several 4-H groups also took part in spring break service trips to Kansas and Oklahoma.

In **Sanilac County**, farmers and 4-H youth collected enough donations to load more than 80 semi-trucks with hay, as well as additional loads of milk replacer for orphaned calves, salt blocks and many other needed supplies. However, the youth were eager to do more, and thus a service project was organized.

"I'm really proud of these kids," said Colleen Wallace, MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator in Sanilac County. "They wanted to help these farmers who've lost everything to the fires, and they stepped up."

During the weekend of April 7-10, Sanilac County 4-H transported 46 youth from Sanilac and surrounding counties to Ashland, Kansas. Under the supervision of 14 adult volunteers, the 4-H'ers worked to build fences, haul firewood, clear debris and assist in any way possible.

"I had a great time going out there helping the Filson Farm, who was affected by the wildfire," said Brady Zettle, a 15-year-old 4-H'er from Ogemaw County. "This opportunity allowed me to use my hands for larger service, just like the 4-H pledge says. I have always loved to volunteer, but this trip changed me and makes me want to help others more. The people out there were so kind and grateful to us."



After wildfires destroyed vast areas for grazing cattle this spring, Michigan 4-H clubs in more than 10 counties provided an outpouring of support by collecting supplies and generating funds, and several 4-H groups took part in service trips to help clear debris, rebuild fence, and deliver feed and supplies.

"I loved being able to help the ranchers and listen to their stories," said Riley Wallace, an 11-year-old 4-H'er from St. Clair County. "I liked seeing the communities come together and work on things."

Youth from other counties also headed west to support the wildfire relief efforts. During the week of April 2, 10 **Clinton County** 4-H youth and four volunteers traveled to Knowles, Oklahoma, where they rebuilt a chicken coop for a local widow, built fence, cleared debris and helped out in other ways.

"I wanted to help the farmers out west to help ease their pain and make a difference in their lives," said Lillie Decker, a 13-year-old Clinton County 4-H'er. "I had a barn fire a few years ago, and I know firsthand how it feels. People came from all over, and I learned that when you help people in need, it makes a big difference in their lives."

Joining Sanilac and Clinton County youth in their wildfire relief efforts were 4-H'ers from **Allegan, Barry, Bay, Branch, Dickinson, Iosco, Lapeer, Mecosta, Oakland and Shiawassee** counties. From collecting donations and fundraising to various other acts of service, these Michigan 4-H'ers joined 4-H youth across the country in a month-long volunteer initiative known as 4-H True Leaders in Service. This nationwide effort sought to empower 4-H youth to roll up their sleeves and demonstrate the positive impact that 4-H'ers can and do have in their communities every day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 31 – Donation deadline for 2017 tax year credit.

Jan. 20, 2018 – 4-H Day at the Breslin. The Michigan State women's basketball team will host the Purdue Boilermakers at 5 p.m. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff members and their families. Contact your county 4-H office to obtain your free tickets.

March 15-April 30 – Butterflies in the Garden exhibit at the Indoor Michigan 4-H Children's Garden. Learn more at: 4hgarden.msu.edu.

April 1 – 4-H Mini Grant applications available. Grant applications are due June 1.

April 30 – 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2018 nomination deadline.



MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION AND MSU EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

On April 21, 2017, the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees voted to align the Michigan 4-H Foundation and its operations more closely with Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and MSU University Advancement. The decision came after the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees Executive Committee’s extensive review of the opportunities and challenges of consolidating resources. Their recommendation, created in conjunction with MSU Extension leadership, aims to help reduce administrative costs while expanding funding opportunities and investments.

“4-H remains one of our strongest programs,” said Jeff Dwyer, MSU Extension director and Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee. “By combining resources with MSU Extension and University Advancement, we are confident that we can provide more support for the foundation’s fundraising efforts on behalf of 4-H youth in Michigan.”

Under Dwyer’s leadership, MSU Extension has expanded the long-standing ‘three-legged stool’ approach of federal, state and local funding to include a fourth leg – philanthropy. Part of that expansion included hiring a development director whose primary focus is to uncover potential funding opportunities that support all MSU Extension programs.

“In addition to having over 20 years of fund development experience, Bridget Paff, our director of development, has access to nearly 100 other fundraisers from University Advancement,” Dwyer explained. “Her experience and connection to that network helps us work more strategically toward common goals.”

As part of the transition, Amanda Masters, who has been with the Michigan 4-H Foundation since 2013, joins Paff as assistant director of development with an emphasis on Michigan 4-H.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Michigan 4-H Foundation is managed from the state 4-H office located in the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture on the MSU campus. Abbey Miller, communications manager; Julie Arter, finance director; and Kathy Kregger, administrative assistant have all joined MSU Extension, and continue to work on behalf of the foundation. Under this new reporting structure, they have access to all of the resources offered through MSU Extension, including event planning, strategic communication planning and a network of accounting and administrative support.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees continues to provide governance for the assets and operations of the foundation, including endowments and operation of Kettunen Center. The Kettunen Center director and all staff members working at Kettunen Center continue to be employees of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Cheryl Howell, former executive director of the foundation, has accepted a new position with MSU Extension as program leader for statewide strategy and partnership development.

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4-H FOUNDATION ELECTIONS

Douglas E. Lewis, of Milan, was reelected president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation at the fall board meeting Oct. 6.

Lewis is the director of student legal services for the University of Michigan. He represents the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on the Council on Ag Research Extension and Teaching, serves on the MSU Extension District 12 Advisory Committees, is a Washtenaw County 4-H volunteer and is a member of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Council.

Also reelected were: as vice president, **Sara Stuby**, Centreville; as treasurer, **Robert Johnson**, St. Johns, internal audit manager, MSU Federal Credit Union; and as secretary, **Julie Chapin**, Portland, state 4-H leader and director of the MSU Extension Institute for Children and Youth. The immediate past president is **Sheila Burkhardt**, Novi, senior director of member relations and public affairs at Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Board of trustee elections were held during the annual membership meeting Oct. 6. **Stuby** and **Burkhardt** were re-elected to three-year terms on the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. Youth trustee **Alondra Alvizo**, Detroit, was re-elected for a one-year term to complete her three years on the board. **Johnson** was also re-elected as trustee through the end of 2017.

Additionally, trustees retiring from the board were recognized Oct. 6 for their service to 4-H: former board president and Resource Development Committee chair **Smallwood Holoman, Jr.**, Midland and former Facilities Committee chair **Harmony Nowlin**, Elwell.

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TRUSTEE EMERITUS AND HONORARY TRUSTEE ELECTED

The Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees recently elected two former trustees as trustee emeritus and honorary trustee. Trustees emeriti and honorary trustees may attend and participate in all meetings of the board with ex-officio status.



Ronald H. Schoen

Schoen served as a trustee for nine years, from 2007 to 2016, and was treasurer from 2010 to 2016. He served as a member of the finance committee before assuming leadership as chair in 2010. He represented Accident Fund Holdings on the board until he retired as executive vice president and CFO in 2011. He served as advocate for support from Accident Fund during his tenure as trustee.



Michael J. Tate

Tate served as state 4-H leader and assistant director of MSU Extension from 1983 to 1993. His tenure represented some of the highest revenue years for the Michigan 4-H Foundation. After 26 years with MSU Extension, Tate became professor of human development and associate dean and director for Washington State University (WSU) Extension. In 2010, he became WSU's chief diversity officer until retiring in 2014 as professor emeritus in the Department of Human Development.

Schoen, and his wife, Jeannie, and Tate and his wife, Winifred, have been annual leadership donors and also serve as members of the Leadership 10 providing support and advocacy for the Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future.

4-H FOUNDATION/MSU EXTENSION

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North Dakota 4-H Youth Development researched 4-H foundations structures across the United States in November 2016. In addition, the National 4-H Council (the resource development arm of National 4-H Headquarters/NIFA) surveys 4-H foundation activities and structures on a regular basis. These surveys indicate that many 4-H foundations are moving to closer alignment with their associated university advancement office in order to take advantage of expanded resources of the university in carrying out their mission of resource development in support of 4-H youth development programming.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE



As of Oct. 31, 2017, total giving for the Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future totaled \$10.28 million – 82 percent of the \$12.5 million campaign goal.

With just over one year of the campaign left and \$2.22 million to go, 4-H needs you.

Consider how you can make an impact and support 4-H through one or more of the following priority areas:

- **4-H program support:** science literacy, healthy lifestyles, leadership and civic engagement, workforce readiness and financial literacy.
- **4-H volunteer development** ensures 4-H volunteers are recognized, trained and supported for their work with youth.
- **Facilities improvement** at Kettunen Center or the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.
- **Endowments** – can be established and provide perpetual support for 4-H facilities or county or state 4-H programs.
- **Planned gifts** – documenting a planned or estate gift in support of Michigan 4-H can help toward the campaign goal.

As you consider your giving, reflect on what it is that you care most about in 4-H – whether that is empowering youth, training volunteers, growing local or statewide endowment or documenting a future gift to leave a legacy for years to come.

For more information on the Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future and ways to support 4-H, contact Amanda Masters at (517) 884-4691 or amasters@msu.edu.

\$12.5 MILLION

\$10.28 MILLION

\$8 MILLION

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GERSTACKER FOUNDATION MAKES MATCH COMMITMENT

The **Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation** has made an additional commitment to provide match funds for the Michigan 4-H Foundation’s county endowment match campaign.

From supporting 4-H volunteer training and 4-H environmental education to funding multiple renovations to Kettunen Center including sponsorship of Cedar Lodge’s Rollin M. Gerstacker wing and furnishings – the Gerstacker Foundation has been a major supporter of Michigan 4-H since the 1980s.

“We’ve been involved for 30-40 years,” said Alan Ott, Gerstacker Foundation vice president and treasurer. “The Gerstacker Foundation does things that are good for the most amount of people. 4-H qualifies well.”

The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation was founded by Mrs. Eda U. Gerstacker in 1957 in memory of her husband. Its primary purpose is to carry on, indefinitely, financial aid to charities of all types supported by Mr. and Mrs. Rollin M. Gerstacker during their lifetimes.

“Our purpose is to make Midland a better place to live. We have a large agricultural base and 4-H was ag-based back then. We’ve given almost a million dollars to 4-H.”

In addition to support through the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Gerstacker Foundation supports 4-H locally in Midland County.

“I guess we just have a soft spot for 4-H,” Ott said. “I think 4-H contributes an awful lot more to Michigan than it is given credit for,” he said. “I wasn’t involved in 4-H, but I think it’s a good program, it builds character in kids.”

With the additional support from the Gerstacker Foundation and others, the Michigan 4-H Foundation has received commitments to complete the \$1 million match pool. The county 4-H endowment match pool provides a 1:1 match for gifts from 4-H clubs, volunteers, parents, members, staff members and friends to build county 4-H endowments.

Since 2014, 4-H programs in 31 counties have participated in local campaigns to create and grow local 4-H endowment funds. These investments will provide on-going support for 4-H program delivery in local communities for generations to come.

The match opportunity would not have been possible without investments from match pool donors to provide the matching funds. In addition to the Gerstacker Foundation, the match pool was built by investments from the **Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Seevers Family Foundation** and a number of individual leadership donors.

COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

County	Goal	Total Committed	% to Goal
Allegan	\$29,478	\$50,000	59%
Arenac	\$10,610	\$10,000	106%
Branch	\$26,223	\$50,000	52%
Calhoun	\$36,797	\$20,000	184%
Chippewa	\$18,317	\$50,000	37%
Clare	\$4,353	\$4,000	109%
Clinton	\$45,492	\$50,000	91%
Eaton	\$20,240	\$20,000	101%
Grand Traverse	\$11,345	\$50,000	23%
Gratiot	\$52,330	\$50,000	105%
Hillsdale	\$16,210	\$20,000	81%
Houghton-Keweenaw	\$15,150	\$25,000	61%
Ingham	\$53,099	\$50,000	106%
Ionia	\$44,107	\$50,000	88%
Kalkaska	\$11,192	\$10,000	112%
Kent	\$54,072	\$50,000	108%
Lapeer	\$22,593	\$50,000	45%
Lenawee	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Macomb	\$16,585	\$15,000	111%
Mason	\$48,010	\$30,000	160%
Midland	\$15,550	\$10,000	156%
Montcalm	\$50,945	\$50,000	102%
Muskegon	\$32,611	\$50,000	65.2%
Oakland	\$11,804	\$10,000	118%
Osceola	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Ottawa	\$21,026	\$50,000	42%
Sanilac	\$12,040	\$12,000	100%
Shiawassee	\$50,175	\$50,000	100%
St. Joseph	\$50,725	\$35,000	145%
Washtenaw	\$55,623	\$50,000	111%
Wayne	\$13,558	\$10,000	136%

The chart above shows Make the Match County 4-H Endowment campaign progress by county through Oct. 31, 2017, for the 31 counties participating in the match campaign. Counties in bold type have met or exceeded their goal.

HOMEWORKS MOVES LOCAL 4-H ENDOWMENTS FORWARD

County 4-H endowments near campaign goals in Clinton and Ionia counties

Since 2015, **Homeworks Tri-County Electric Cooperative** has partnered with Michigan 4-H as both a sponsor and host site for the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp. During this five-day camp, youth explore ideas, research and opportunities in the energy field as it relates to natural resources and agriculture. Homeworks has also been a longtime 4-H supporter at the local level.

This year, Homeworks provided \$5,000 each to the **Clinton and Ionia county 4-H endowment funds**.

“HomeWorks has a large membership (consumer base) in Clinton and Ionia counties, and supporting 4-H in these counties supports our members that are involved in agriculture and their children that seek careers in agriculture,” said Mark Kappler, president and CEO of Homeworks.

A not-for-profit based in Portland, Michigan, Homeworks is a membership-owned utility serving 26,000 locations in

13 mid-Michigan counties with electricity, propane and internet.

“Roughly 60 percent of our electric sales are agriculturally based – crop farms, dairies, poultry, swine, food processing, etc.,” he said. “We believe that our rural youth are the future to Michigan’s agriculture and the safety of our food supply.”

The 4-H endowment funds in Clinton and Ionia counties will provide a perpetual source of funding for local 4-H programs for generations to come. Annual interest earnings from the county endowment funds can provide annual support for 4-H program delivery, including scholarships for 4-H youth for out-of-county learning experiences and participation fees, or development of new programs and learning materials, or any future areas of great need to advance the county 4-H program.

Eleven counties, including Clinton and Ionia, continue to fundraise toward their local goals for the 4-H county endowment match campaign. Clinton and Ionia counties are both in need of approximately \$5,000 to meet their \$50,000 goals. Gifts are welcome at any time to continue to grow any county 4-H endowment fund.



Charlie’s Gang 4-H Club hosted a fundraiser to support the Clinton County 4-H Endowment Fund. Additional donations are welcomed to grow the fund.

The \$10,000 endowment minimum was met by all 31 counties participating in the county 4-H endowment campaign. Twenty of the participating counties have met or exceeded their local campaign goals, including nine counties that raised \$50,000 or more in local gifts.

MAKE THE MATCH FOR YOUR COUNTY

I/we want to help Make the Match for our county 4-H with a gift of: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

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Gifts can also be made by calling the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692 or online at www.mi4hfdtn.org.



MICHIGAN 4-H PARTNERS WITH UDIM TO ‘MEET UP AND EAT UP’

A new partnership with United Dairy Industry of Michigan provides health-based activities for youth.

United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) and Michigan 4-H teamed up to provide healthy living learning activities at Meet Up and Eat Up sites across Michigan.

Meet Up and Eat Up is a summer food service program offered across the state to ensure that children in need receive nutritious meals during long school vacations. The program is operated at the local level by program sponsors and is administered by the Michigan Department of Education Office of School Support Services.

“There are many children who are dependent upon school-based meals,” said Emily Mattern, UDIM school nutrition program manager. “We want to be sure that kids have that opportunity during the summer as well.”

In fact, according to the Michigan School Data from the Michigan Department of Education, nearly half of Michigan children are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches.

To increase youth participation in the Meet Up and Eat Up program, Michigan 4-H partnered with UDIM to provide healthy learning activities centered around nutrition that include dairy.

“One way that we’ve noticed an increase in the number of meals served is by offering activities for kids,” Mattern said. “So we thought that by partnering with 4-H, we would offer educational, fun activities and help draw in more kids.”

A longtime partner of the summer food service program, UDIM is the umbrella organization for the Dairy Council for Michigan and the American Dairy Association of Michigan, dedicated to providing science-based dairy and nutrition information for a healthier society. They had the funding and curriculum but needed a structured way to deliver the activities to local communities.

“This partnership is very significant and allows 4-H to focus on the fourth ‘H’ – health,” said Kea Norrell-Aitch, MSU Extension 4-H educator. “The kids involved qualify for free or reduced lunches during the school year. Meet Up and Eat Up makes sure the kids have a nutritious lunch during the summer. This was a way to get resources to youth benefitting from the Meet Up and Eat Up program.”

“It makes sense to have programs in place around health to ensure youth are leading healthy lifestyles – not just eating fruits and vegetables, but also eating dairy and a balanced diet overall and are being physically active.”

The project was developed at the beginning of the summer and 4-H quickly responded to deliver the activities.

UDIM identified counties they were interested in piloting the program in. 4-H then looked at counties which already had healthy living programs in place, in order to respond and put the program in place quickly.



Through a new partnership with UDIM, Michigan 4-H provided health-based activities at six Meet Up and Eat Up summer food service programs from mid-June through August 2017.

The health-based activities were held at six sites in **Genesee, Ingham, Saginaw and Wayne counties** from mid-June through August 2017. 4-H and UDIM curricula were combined to offer a variety of activities from nutrition and healthy eating to gardening and physical fitness. Each county and site offered slightly different programming on the basis of local resources and needs.

In Saginaw and Genesee counties, the activities primarily focused on nutrition and healthy living.

“Kids would make healthy snacks on-site, then take the recipe home to make with their family,” she said. “Allowing kids to participate in an activity and taking the recipes home to share with parents will help to build a more healthy family.”

The two sites in Ingham County offered both nutrition and physical fitness activities.

“One of the sites had a playground and another site had a field. These sites were able to offer activities for youth to play tag, jump rope and get active outside in addition to the health and nutrition activities.”

In Wayne County, nutrition and gardening activities were offered. Youth learned first about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables, then planted peas, broccoli and green beans in a planter.

“The UDIM activities were fun and led into the education and important of drinking milk, eating dairy and eating a well-balanced diet,” Norrell-Aitch said.

Not only did the initiative get the word out about the importance of living healthy, it also helped to promote 4-H to new audiences.

“Sometimes those in urban areas are not aware of 4-H. This was a great opportunity to bring awareness of 4-H to the people of Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and Lansing,” Norrell-Aitch said. “Enrollment information was provided to families to encourage them to join a local 4-H club. We hope these programs will increase their interest and families will want to learn more about 4-H.”

NATIONAL 4-H GRANTS SUPPORT STEM AND AG SCIENCE

National 4-H Council continues to be a strong partner in leveraging corporate grant projects for Michigan 4-H. National 4-H grants funded by CME Group and Monsanto, have allowed for the creation of Commodity Carnival and the Ag Innovators Experience respectively, which collectively influence more than 1,000 Michigan youth each year.

4-H Commodity Carnival

Michigan 4-H is among nine states participating in the **Commodity Carnival**, an interactive fair experience through a partnership between 4-H and **CME Group**, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace. Launched in 2013, Commodity Carnival is a fun learning activity for students to experience managing the business risks associated with producing and bringing livestock to market.

Displayed at the Michigan State Fair and county fairs across the state, the Commodity Carnival aims to increase agricultural literacy among not only 4-H'ers but also the public by teaching business management practices and providing an understanding of basic economic principles. The activity tasked participants with raising a steer – balancing the costs of feed, health and nutrition, production and energy and resources. The game also incorporated risks that are outside of a farmer's control, such as bugs, bad weather, health news, government regulations and seasonal demands.

"I have learned a lot of communication skills from participating in Commodity Carnival because it's for all 4-H ages, so it teaches you how to talk to different age groups and have the same information while presenting it in different ways," said Camran Stack, Gratiot County 4-H'er and Commodity Carnival teen leader.

Partially because of his involvement in this project, Stack's future career plans include hydroponics and agribusiness.

"Commodity Carnival really taught me the economics of agribusiness, which I was definitely lacking in knowledge before, and now I have a much more holistic understanding of the field," he said.



Michigan was among five states that participated in the Healthy Soils Carbon Soil Investigation Challenge as part of the 2017 4-H Ag Innovators Experience activity.



Commodity Carnival, funded by CME Group, is an interactive learning opportunity that teaches youth and adults about the expenses related to producing crops and animals for market.

4-H Ag Innovators Experience

Since 2014, the **4-H Ag Innovators Experience (AIE)**, presented by **Monsanto**, has cultivated life skills, increased interest in agriculture among youth and helped them develop an understanding of the role of STEM in agriculture.

Michigan was among five states that participated in the Healthy Soils Carbon Soil Investigation Challenge as part of the 2017 4-H AIE activity. As part of the 90-minute science activity, Michigan 4-H'ers worked in teams to determine overall soil health and implement good production practices while farming and tilling the land. The teams then developed tiny robots to create a no-till planter with minimal negative impact on the environment, such as soil disruption, equipment drag and soil compaction.

"The Ag Innovators Experience allows participants to become better leaders and presenters and allows them to help the youth of their county and state become more knowledgeable about agriculture," said Nathan Laurenz, Midland County 4-H'er and Ag Innovators teen leader.

"Since participating in Ag Innovators Experience I have learned the benefits of using hands-on activities in my presentation to help the kids learn and keep them engaged."

Commodity Carnival and the Ag Innovators Experience would not be possible without the continuous support of the National 4-H Council, CME Group and Monsanto. Educating Michigan youth about preparing for their future is essential for the success of 4-H clubs, our community, our country and our world, and corporate National 4-H Council partnerships make it a possibility.

MSU EXTENSION MOURNS THE LOSS OF RETIRED LEADERSHIP

Michigan State University Extension is mourning the loss of two retirees and former Michigan 4-H Foundation trustees: Arlen G. Leholm, former MSU Extension director, and Russell G. Mawby, former Michigan 4-H state director.



Arlen G. Leholm

also served as the dean and director of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension Service totaling more than 30 years of experience in higher education. As a consultant to the World Bank, his work had influence in India and other countries. Leholm earned his bachelors and master's degrees from North Dakota State University and his doctoral degree from the University of Nebraska in the field of agricultural economics. He received the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the North Dakota State University College of Agriculture and was a recipient of the American Farmer Award from Future Farmers of America.

Arlen G. Leholm, of Apple Valley, Minnesota died Oct. 16, 2017. Leholm served as MSU Extension director from 1997 to 2000 and in that role also served as Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee. While at MSU, Leholm along with Chris Peterson was central to establishing the MSU Product Center. He

Honorary Trustee **Russell G. Mawby**, of Augusta, died Oct. 20. Mawby was a Kent County 4-H'er, a 4-H Emerald Clover Society member and a *Campaign for 4-H's Future* Leadership 10 member. In 1952, he joined the Michigan State faculty and in 1956 succeeded A.G. Kettunen as assistant director of Cooperative Extension responsible for statewide 4-H programs and Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee. In 1961, he was recruited by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek to become director of the Division of Agriculture. Mawby became Kellogg Foundation president and CEO in 1970 and chairman and CEO in 1982 until his retirement in 1995. He served on the Kellogg Company board from 1974 until 1998. Mawby's personal leadership led to the formation of the Council of Michigan Foundations and the Michigan Non-Profit Association and he served both organizations as a board member. He was a member of the Michigan Community Service Commission, providing leadership for the commission's support and advocacy for volunteerism in Michigan. Mawby received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Purdue University.



Russell G. Mawby

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Outright Gifts

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- **As pledge payments** – a promise to make annual or bi-annual payments of a certain amount for up to 5 years.
- **As monthly gifts** through an automatic electronic funds transfer of money from the donor's bank account to the foundation's bank account.
- Payments can be by **cash, check or credit/debit card**. Credit/debit card donations can be made online at www.mi4hfdtn.org.
- As **gifts of securities and stock**. Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation for gift instructions.
- The **IRA Charitable Rollover** allows traditional or Roth IRA owners – aged 70½ years or older – to make an annual tax-free distribution from an IRA directly to a charity such as the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

In-kind gifts, including certain gifts of valuable **property or assets such as residences, farmland, equipment and agricultural products** (e.g., grain) can also provide immediate support for 4-H programs.

Shop online to support Michigan 4-H

- **AmazonSmile** – Visit smile.amazon.com each time you shop the Amazon store to have Amazon donate a portion of your purchases to your favorite charitable organization, such as the Michigan 4-H Foundation.
- **Shop 4-H** – Visit <http://bit.ly/2zllj2y> to shop for 4-H supplies, apparel and other items bearing the 4-H name and emblem. Five percent of purchases from this custom link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H through the new Shop 4-H affiliate program of National 4-H Council.
- **Giffluence.com, Goodshop.com, iGive.com*, Shop2care.com*** – Earn donations for charity every time you search or shop online. Visit the individual websites listed or download the *mobile app for details.

Planned Gifts

Estate and other planned gifts can be explored to support 4-H in the future. See inset on page 11 for more information about planned gifts, or contact Amanda Masters at (517) 884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu.



CHAPINS MARK RETIREMENTS WITH NEW 4-H ENDOWMENT

Julie and Larry Chapin have created a new 4-H endowment in honor of their retirements.

Participation in the Ottawa County 4-H Program as a youth started Julie on a lifelong journey of engagement with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development. Julie and Larry both were engaged as 4-H volunteers in Ottawa and Ingham counties. Julie’s career with MSU Extension included work with 4-H at the county, departmental and state levels. Each of these experiences contributed to a commitment to support these three aspects of 4-H work. It is their hope that this endowment will be used to help provide support to youth, volunteers and the staff members who recruit, train and support them.

“We believe giving back is as important as receiving the many gifts and benefits our engagement with MSU, Extension and 4-H have provided,” Julie said. “This endowment gift completes the cycle of the true purpose of 4-H and MSU Extension – ‘Making the Best Better’ – and improving lives through education.”

The Julie A. and Larry T. Chapin 4-H Endowment will provide unrestricted support for Michigan 4-H youth programs with priority to assisting with costs associated with 4-H program participation fees for youth participating in 4-H programs, volunteer training, or staff professional development.

“This endowment will be a source of funding for future state 4-H leaders to help advance the 4-H program in Michigan,” she said.

Julie Chapin, an Ottawa County 4-H alumna and 4-H Emerald Clover Society member, has dedicated her 36-year career toward the positive development of young people through multiple MSU Extension and 4-H roles. Since 2010, she has served as director of the MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute and in that role also serves as Michigan’s state 4-H leader and secretary of the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. In 1981, she began her career as an MSU Extension 4-H youth agent, then became a youth animal science specialist before serving as state 4-H program leader for volunteer development. Chapin is recognized nationally for her leadership in convening and directing the



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National Center for Action in Science and Technology and the National Network for Science and Technology, both dedicated to expanding youth opportunities to explore science and technology through formal and nonformal learning opportunities. She also helped launch the 4-H Club Read youth literacy initiative in response to Michigan’s commitment to have every child reading by grade three. She has been honored for her Extension service with the Michigan and National Distinguished Service Awards. Chapin is as active in supporting positive youth development in her private life as she is in her professional life. She has announced her retirement at the end of January 2018.

Larry Chapin retired earlier this year from the MSU Department of Animal Science where he conducted research. He also served as a 4-H volunteer and until recently, the Chapins worked with youth as Tae Kwon Do instructors and volunteered in their local community for the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity and the local band boosters.

“We encourage others to commit to helping make this world a better place for our next generations and give freely of their time and treasure throughout their lives,” Julie said.

Additional gifts are welcome to help grow the Julie A. and Larry T. Chapin 4-H Endowment. To contribute, mail a check, written to Michigan State University including the fund name above, to 535 Chestnut Road, Room 300, East Lansing, MI 48824. Donations may also be made online at givingto.msu.edu.

CHAPIN HONORED BY MSU EXTENSION

Julie A. Chapin, Michigan state 4-H leader and director of the MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute received the Outstanding Service to MSU Extension Award Oct. 24 at Fall Extension Conference in recognition of her 36-year career in Extension. This is the highest honor given to MSU Extension staff members.

ENDOWMENTS: MAKING A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

Two new endowments will leave a legacy and provide perpetual support for 4-H

Two new endowments were recently established with the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

An endowment is a fund that is permanently restricted – the corpus of the fund is invested and held intact, and the earnings from the fund are used for program support. Endowments provide a dependable and perpetual source for funding, that combined with other annual support, assures that 4-H opportunities are always available.

Nicholie Ashcraft, of Harrison, created the **4-H Staff Development Endowment Fund**. This fund will support 4-H staff volunteer management training to prepare 4-H staff members in how to best recruit, train, nurture and recognize volunteers.

Ashcraft believes that since the training of volunteers is provided by staff, staff need to be better equipped to provide streamlined training across the state. This endowment will help fund the most recent, cutting-edge staff training.

Ashcraft, a Clare County 4-H alumna, served as a 4-H agent in Gratiot County and later as a statewide 4-H program leader. The latter part of her career focused on 4-H program evaluation in six states.

This past summer, **Basil and Coralene Bloss**, of Howell, established **The Echo Endowment Fund**, named for Coralene's first calf, Echo. Through Livingston County 4-H, Coralene and Echo had great adventures participating in 4-H and at the Fowlerville Fair. Coralene also participated in 4-H Dairy Judging and won both the Michigan 4-H State Home Improvement Demonstration Contest and the Michigan 4-H Public Speaking Contest, winning trips to Washington, D.C., and to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

With this endowment, the Blosses look forward to future generations having similar opportunities to grow and expand their skills and life opportunities. The fund supports 4-H livestock or dairy judging or other programs that encourage and provide opportunity for 4-H members to develop their knowledge of livestock and refine their public speaking skills.

These newly established endowment funds will not only support 4-H but also provide permanent tribute to the donors. Building local, state and facility endowment funds is a priority for *The Campaign for 4-H's Future*.

BE A 4-H SUPER HERO: LEAVE A LEGACY!

4-H has loyal community supporters. Supporters who care about longevity and legacy – not only within our personal families, but within our 4-H family and community. 4-H also has generations that have grown up through the program and have become an extended family.

Those who care deeply about 4-H can be a 4-H super hero by leaving a legacy through a planned gift. Examples can include everything from a simple bequest – leaving a percentage of your assets – to stock gifts in support of 4-H.

While a survey conducted by Care.com indicates only 42 percent of U.S. adults currently have a will, it can be a rewarding process to work through for you, your family and causes you care deeply for.

Estate planning is critical to managing your assets and protecting your family. A will provides clear direction for the distribution of your estate. Donors may bequeath a specific amount, a percentage of the estate, or a residual after other distributions from an estate are fulfilled to support Michigan 4-H.

In addition to bequests and stock gifts, additional types of planned/deferred gifts include:

- Testamentary charitable remainder trusts.
- Charitable remainder unitrusts.
- Charitable gift annuities.
- Life estate contracts.
- Gifts of life insurance policies or retirement funds.
- Charitable lead trusts.

Additional Planned Gift Considerations

- Planned gifts may establish a new or grow an existing perpetual named endowment or fund.
- Gifts of any type may be designated to support a specific 4-H program area, county 4-H program, Kettunen Center or the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. Unrestricted gifts may also be made to support future and emerging needs of 4-H youth development.
- Documented planned gift donors qualify for recognition in the A.G. Kettunen Society during their lifetime.
- Both future and realized planned gifts can count toward the *Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future* \$12.5 million goal.

If you are interested in exploring planned gift options in support of 4-H, please contact Amanda Masters, assistant development director for 4-H, at (517) 884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu, to verify that your gift intent can be met. Consulting with personal legal counsel and/or a tax adviser for definitive assessment of the tax benefits of and limitations on planned gifts is also recommended.



MCQUESTIONS HONOR ROSE LOCKHART

This past year, **D.J. McQuestion & Sons** made a special gift in honor of **Rose Lockhart**, Kettunen Center's long-time food service manager.

D.J. McQuestion & Sons, of LeRoy, has been a regular supporter of Kettunen Center's Breakfast with Santa event for nearly two decades.

Specializing in a variety of construction projects, D.J. McQuestion and Sons strive to help their community by giving to organizations that support their community's development and provide employment to the area's residents.

"The McQuestions are supportive of the Kettunen Center community and wanted their donation to benefit the dining room or kitchen because of Rose's longstanding time with that particular part of the Kettunen Center," said Chris Gentry, Kettunen Center director.

D.J. McQuestion & Sons' donation replaced 175 chairs and furnished 200 new chairs for the dining area and the Red Oak room. The gift will allow many Kettunen Center visitors to be comfortable

during their meals and meetings for years to come.

Lockhart served as food service manager from 1996 until she retired in December 2016 to pursue her own catering business. She was an integral part of every visitor's experience at the Kettunen Center because of her devotion to not only making good food, but encouraging a positive dining atmosphere.

"For long-time visitors to the Kettunen Center, the news of the retirement of Rose Lockhart, who has expertly managed dining services for Kettunen Center for 20 years, was bittersweet," Gentry said. "She established a standard of hospitality and food services that visitors will long remember.

"Rose is very a conscientious person and very guest-focused. Kettunen Center's whole dining room experience was enhanced because she made people feel welcome and she enjoyed interacting with guests. Quite simply, she made people feel at home," Gentry said.

Many recognize Rose as a cornerstone of Kettunen Center because of her



D.J. McQuestion & Sons made a special gift in honor of Rose Lockhart (pictured above), Kettunen Center's long-time food service manager who retired in December 2016.

involvement not only in the Kettunen Center but also in the community, where she is active in her church's food service needs. She left a legacy at the Kettunen Center that will continue to be honored in many ways, including the chairs, thanks to D.J. McQuestion & Sons' gift.

THANK YOU TO THE 2016-17 4-H WORKSHOP SPONSORS

Each year, 4-H training workshops are offered, most of them at Kettunen Center, Michigan's 4-H training center in Tustin, Mich. These workshops provide 4-H members and volunteers with a professionally conducted training experience guided by experts from Michigan State University Extension and many other organizations.

We would like to extend our thanks to the 2016-17 4-H workshop sponsors:

- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- Land O'Lakes Foundation
- Michigan Milk Producers Association
- Michigan Pork Producers Association
- National 4-H Council
- Tkachik Sisters Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan
- Tractor Supply Company
- United Dairy Industry of Michigan

Annual support for 4-H volunteer training is also provided by individual donations and these Michigan 4-H Foundation endowment funds:

- James H. and Dorothy A. Anderson Fund
- Jack and Betty Barnes Tribute Fund
- Thelma and Leonard Burleigh Fund
- William J. and Ruth D. Collins Fund
- Donald J. and John H. Hawkins Memorial Fund
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SEEKING 2017-18 4-H WORKSHOP SPONSORS

4-H workshop sponsorships are available for \$5,000; partial sponsorships are \$2,500. If you or your organization is interested in sponsoring a 4-H workshop, visit <http://mi4hfdn.org/4-h-workshop-sponsors/> or call the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.

ESTATE GIFT HELPS THE 4-H CHILDREN'S GARDENS GROW!

The Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens has received several distributions from the estate of **Owen G. Barr**, of Grand Ledge.

Barr was born July 15, 1921, in Delaware Twp., Ohio, and passed away Sept. 3, 2014, in Lansing, Michigan. Owen was the owner of Lansing Ice and Fuel and a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army. He took great pride in caring for his house and yard along with giving back to his community.

Estate gifts can make a difference by meeting critical needs for 4-H, and in this case, the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.

"The gardens exist on private funding. When estate gifts are received, they are turned right back around to developing the program and supporting the staff that works at the gardens," said Norm Lownds, Michigan 4-H Children's Garden curator. "The 4-H Children's Gardens depend on donations for it to even exist."

Thanks to Barr's generosity, several upgrades to the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens have been made possible in preparation for the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens' 25th anniversary next year. The renovations being made will help enhance and expand the efforts to connect kids to plants and the environment.

"Estate gifts allow us to enhance and expand both the physical 4-H Children's Gardens and the programs that we offer. These gifts allow us to continually meet the changing needs of teachers, students and parents in ways that enable kids to experience plants in new and exciting ways," Lownds said.



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Estate gifts are considered a type of planned gift. Planned gift donors who provide documentation of their legacy commitments for 4-H in advance are recognized as members of the A.G. Kettunen Society. Established in 2007, this society allows donors to share their wishes and the impact they would like to see their gift make to benefit Michigan's youth. A.G. Kettunen Society members receive a recognition certificate, permanent acknowledgement as legacy donors in the foundation's annual report, and, for gifts that exceed \$25,000 at maturity, recognition as Cornerstone Society members.

"An estate gift to the 4-H Children's Gardens is an excellent way to leave a legacy that will impact the community and next generations. Support will ensure that our world-class children's garden and its world-class educational opportunities are available to children and families for years to come. Support provides opportunities for children to experience plants in ways that will impact them for the rest of their lives. Estate gifts help to ensure that the amazing space that is the 4-H Children's Gardens will be here for kids to experience for the next 25 years and beyond," Lownds said.

If you are considering any type of planned gift, please contact Amanda Masters, assistant development director for 4-H, at (517) 884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu to verify that your gift intent can be met.

MICHIGAN HOSTS 4-H YOUTH SCIENCE DAY IN GARDENS



In celebration of National 4-H Youth Science Day Oct. 4, Michigan 4-H hosted hands-on activities in the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. A variety of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities were offered in the fields of aeronautics, engineering, environmental science and animal science.

2017-18 MINI GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Each year, the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees approves the distribution of competitive grant funds to encourage development of innovative 4-H opportunities in local communities. For the 2017-18 program year, 4-H mini grants were awarded in five grant categories.

Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants

Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants, funded by the *Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund endowment*, encourage creativity and support the implementation of great ideas that promote positive youth development in communities.

The **4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County** received a \$1,000 grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills, reduce risk factors and build assets. The program will foster innovation, teamwork and responsibility as youth work together to solve problems and collaborate on the creation of their robots.

The **Kalkaska County 4-H Dream Team** also received a \$1,000 grant to support the creation of a Dream Team baseball team and summer day camp in 2018. The team and camp will allow for special needs youth to be paired with peers in middle and high school to create an active learning environment in which all youth can grow together.

4-H Educational Garden Grants

Two 4-H Educational Garden Grants were funded by the *Albert A. Albright Endowment for 4-H Plant Science and Gardening Education*.

Shiawassee County's Pleasant Valley Community Garden project received a \$1,000 grant to build a garden in a local economically depressed trailer park that will benefit many families and senior citizens. The youth involved will learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and eat their produce while working together and building confidence throughout the project.

Iosco County's 4-H Community Garden project also received a garden grant to provide youth an opportunity to prepare a garden, plant seeds and harvest the crop to support the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Youth and Family Services Department. The youth participants will also learn about responsibility, food and nutrition, and physical activity.

Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant

The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant is funded by the *William J. and Ruth D. Collins Endowment Fund* to advance local 4-H club work in plant science and horticulture activities.

Oakland County's Alcott Spring Time 4-H Club received a \$350 grant to plant and grow a large quantity of daffodils and tulips in the Alcott Elementary's barren garden areas and courtyards. The 4-H Tech Wizards Program at the school will be



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able to develop relationships with their mentors and garner a better understanding of service to their community.

4-H On-Target Grants

Two On-Target county grants were funded by the *Thomas H. Cobb Shooting Sports Fund* to help enhance county 4-H shooting sports programs.

Archery Grows Here in Houghton/Keweenaw counties was granted one of the \$500 grants to support the Copper Tips 4-H Archery Club, which currently serves over 100 youth in the area. The grant will expand and further develop the club, providing new space and equipment for club activities, which aim to increase coping, competencies and contributory life skills.

Also receiving an On-Target grant is **Aiming for Archery in Schoolcraft County** to develop an archery club geared to 7- to 12-year-olds. The club will allow youth to develop skills that help them succeed by actively engaging in their own development through archery, a very individual-based discipline.

4-H Participant Scholarship Grants

The Michigan 4-H Foundation also awarded \$5,000 in 4-H Participant Scholarship Grants across 4-H programs in 18 counties: **Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Clinton, Crawford, Emmet, Gratiot, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Macomb, Mecosta, Monroe, Oakland, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Clair and Washtenaw**. These grants provide scholarship support for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participant fee per county. The 4-H Participant Scholarship Grant Program is made possible by gifts to the *Michigan 4-H Foundation 4-H Participation Fee Scholarship Fund*.

4-H EMERALD CLOVER SOCIETY RUNS DEEP IN ADAM FAMILY

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors former Michigan 4-H members whose professional leadership and community service reflect the ultimate outcome of 4-H membership – extraordinary use of an individual’s head, heart, hands and health to make communities, the country and the world better places in which to live. This recognition, provided by Michigan 4-H Youth Development with support from the Michigan 4-H Foundation, is a tradition in Faye and Wayne Adam’s family.

Wayne Adam, the family patriarch; Alan Adam, the family’s younger son; and Dawn Reid, the family’s oldest daughter, have all been inducted into the Emerald Clover Society. Their induction allows them to proudly have their names engraved on the 4-H Emerald Clover Society wall at Kettunen Center, and to each to have a recognition award, an exclusive Emerald Clover Society membership pin and individual biographical recognition on the society’s website.

Wayne Adam, Alan Adam and Dawn Reid were selected because of their outstanding professional and business achievements, leadership in community service and philanthropy, contributions to or impact on American society, and significant leadership and achievements as Michigan 4-H members for three or more years – all requirements for nominees.

Faye Adam, although not a past 4-H member herself, recognizes the importance of the Emerald Clover Society through



Pictured above are Wayne and Faye Adam with their daughter, Dawn Reid (center), at the 2008 4-H Emerald Clover Society induction ceremony.

her family’s participation in Michigan 4-H and her service as a past president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Mrs. Adam said her family’s induction into the Emerald Clover Society has allowed them to identify “how they have impacted their community by what they have done because they have learned through 4-H the importance of being a volunteer and helping others what they have benefitted from.”

As a family of five – Faye, Wayne and their three children – four of the five are eligible for the Emerald Clover Society, and to date, three of them have been inducted.

“It’s just a real special honor for our family to have,” the family says. “It’s a great opportunity for all of us to be involved with Michigan 4-H today in various ways.”

Emerald Clover Society members include former 4-H’ers whose careers vary from politics, teaching and farming to entrepreneurs, community leaders and those who have dedicated their lives to 4-H. Emerald Clover Society members include former Gov. John Engler, former Michigan first lady Janet Blanchard, Mary Ellen Sheets and Fred Meijer. (For the complete list of members, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs.)

Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society members are inducted every two years. The inaugural class of 62 members was inducted in 2002 in honor of the national 4-H centennial. Subsequent classes were inducted in 2004, 2006 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

Nominations for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society class of 2018 are due April 30, 2018.

For more information on the 4-H Emerald Clover Society or to nominate distinguished 4-H alumni, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs or call the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.



Know an outstanding Michigan 4-H alumna?

Nominate a deserving 4-H alum for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society class of 2018!

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors individuals who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities. Nominations are being accepted now for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2018. **Deadline for nominations is April 30, 2018.**

Nominee selection is based on evidence of three or more years of Michigan 4-H youth membership, professional and business achievement, leadership in community service and philanthropy, contributions to or impact on American society, and significant leadership and achievement as a 4-H member. Nominees must be living.

Nominate a deserving 4-H alumna today! For more details or to nominate distinguished 4-H alumni, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs or call the foundation at (517) 353-6692.

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IN THE NEWS

Michigan 4-H alum Peter McPherson becomes 4-H Luminary

In March, **M. Peter McPherson** was inducted into an elite group of former 4-H'ers: 4-H Luminaries. Created by National 4-H Council, this exclusive group of influential 4-H alumni will help raise awareness of and support for 4-H. McPherson served as president of Michigan State University from 1993 to 2004. McPherson was a Kent County 4-H'er and is a 4-H Emerald Clover Society member.

Michigan's first Borlaug-Ruan interns credit 4-H for success

In just three years, two Michigan 4-H alumni have received the prestigious Borlaug-Ruan International Internship, which sends students on an eight-week, all-expenses-

paid internship to agricultural research centers around the globe. **Francine Barchett**, of Benton Harbor, and **Kayla Zhu**, of Farmington Hills, both credit 4-H for igniting their passion for addressing global food security and preparing them to make a difference in the world. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/BRinterns>.

New JOANN 4-H Reward Card offers 15 percent off

With a new National 4-H Council partnership, JOANN now offers a 4-H Reward Card for current and alumni members, parents, volunteers and 4-H staff members to receive 15 percent off their total purchases every day. In return, JOANN will donate a minimum of 2.5 percent back to National 4-H Council. Sign-up at www.joann.com/4-h/ or download the JOANN app to your mobile device.

CORPORATE Clover Club

The Corporate Clover Club is an annual giving program recognizing corporate and business gifts over \$1,000. From July 1 to Oct. 31, 2017, gifts were received from:

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