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WORLD FOOD PRIZE: BUILDING YOUNG FOOD LEADERS

There's no minimum age for making a difference.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute, a yearly event held at Michigan State University (MSU), encourages students in grades 8–12 to research and share solutions to global food security issues, and so gain the skills and confidence to influence resolutions for such problems.

“The idea of it is to engage Michigan youth as active global citizens in understanding and solving critical global challenges, especially as they relate to food security, and to provide opportunities for young people to explore academic and career pathways to end global hunger, poverty and other interrelated challenges,” said Brian Wibby, MSU Extension educator and institute co-director.

This year's Michigan Youth Institute took place May 10 and drew 54 student participants from around the state. For the first time, the event was split between two sites: MSU's main campus in East Lansing and the MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Students, MSU experts and facilitators at the two sites communicated via video conference. The MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, MSU International Studies and Programs, MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and Michigan FFA sponsored the event.

Participants in the Michigan Youth Institute are asked to select a food security issue and developing country from a predetermined list. The students write essays about how their chosen issue affects citizens in that country. They discuss their essays in roundtable

format, where they engage in conversation designed to help them think deeper about their topic.

The event also provides an opportunity for high school students to explore the MSU campus and facilities and gain an understanding of the degree programs offered at MSU and potential career pathways related to their interest in addressing global food security issues. All students who fully participate in the event's activities also receive recognition as Borlaug Scholars.

“Everyone had similar interests and great ideas to help solve global scale issues,” said Grace Schmidt, a Livingston County 4-H'er who just finished her senior year of high school. “It didn't matter what organization you represented, what grade you were in or what issue you wrote about, everyone was there to network and learn from each other.

“World Food Prize challenged me to learn about a completely new subject, analyze it, and create or endorse ideas to help solve it,” Schmidt said. “In this sense, I learned how to tackle something very complicated and break it down into a workable subject. It also taught me to not be afraid to have an opinion on something as large scale as global hunger.”

The Michigan Youth Institute is part of the World Food Prize's Global Youth Institute, a three-day summit that occurs every October in Des Moines, Iowa. Seven youth from **Huron, Monroe** and **Shiawassee** counties were chosen to represent Michigan at the Global Youth Institute on the basis of essay scores given by the World Food Prize board of reviewers, feedback from MSU experts during the event and their level of interest. Michigan's 2018 delegates to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute are:

- **Casey Baranski**, of Huron County, will present her research on water and sanitation in Ghana.
- **Elisabeth Brockman**, Monroe County, malnutrition in Nigeria.
- **Haili Gusa**, Huron County, malnutrition in Fiji.
- **Brooke Helvie**, Shiawassee County, on human rights in Afghanistan.
- **Ashley Koglin**, Huron County, water and sanitation in Angola.
- **Autumn Merrihew**, Shiawassee County, animal health in Mexico.

“Overall what we're looking for is the students that come across as the most interested and engaged in food security issues,” Wibby said. “We take a look at the feedback that we get from the experts on the presentations and how the youth engage in the dialogue with other students during the program.”



2018 World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute delegates in Chatham, Michigan, toured the North Farm.

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MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees elections were held at the Oct. 5 Michigan 4-H Foundation annual membership meeting.

Trustees are volunteers who serve as community advocates for 4-H and lead the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Trustees manage foundation policies and operations with oversight of staff members and work on committees developed to facilitate foundation operations.

Reelected to three-year terms on the board were: **Pamala R. Babbitt**, of Muskegon; **Mary F. Draves**, Midland; **Jennifer L. Kiel**, St. Johns; and **Sheila W. Kneeshaw**, Detroit.

New trustees elected were: **Shawn M. McNamara**, Centreville, and **Andrew Walker**, West Branch.

McNamara is a St. Joseph County 4-H'er who comes from a multigenerational family of 4-H members and leaders. He has been very active locally as well as statewide. In May 2018, he graduated from Centreville High School and was dual enrolled in Glen Oaks Community



Shawn McNamara

College. He has served as a part-time on-call maintenance assistant at the St. Joseph County Grange Fairgrounds, worked with the Centreville Athletic Boosters concessions stand and volunteered with the Centreville Fire Department.

An Ogemaw County 4-H alumnus, Walker currently serves as staff attorney at Legal Services of Eastern Michigan in Saginaw. He became an attorney in 2014 after passing the Michigan bar exam. He received his juris doctor degree from the Michigan State University College of Law, cum laude, and his bachelor's degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from James Madison College at MSU. While attending MSU as an undergraduate, he was active in Student Senate, Collegiate FFA, Leadership in Environmental and Agricultural Fields Club and the MSU Block and Bridle Club.



Andrew Walker

Additionally, four trustees retired from the board and were recognized for their service: **Alondra Alvizo**, of Detroit; **Loren G. King**, Burr Oak; **Ian G. McGonigal**, DeWitt; and **Michael T. Wehner**, Pigeon.

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

PRESIDENT – Sara (Sally) A. Stuby, Centreville



Stuby retired from MSU Extension in 2008 as the Southwest MSU Extension regional director. Currently, Stuby and her husband, Dale Stuby, co-own and operate Dale Stuby Farms and Legacy Land Farms, a 1,000-acre crop farm in Constantine. Stuby is a St.

Joseph County 4-H alumna, a 4-H Emerald Clover Society member and a longtime 4-H volunteer. Since 2014, Sally and Dale have been members of the Leadership 10, serving as leadership supporters and public advocates for the Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future.

VICE PRESIDENT – Sheila W. Kneeshaw, Detroit



Kneeshaw serves as the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association (WNF&GA), Michigan Division, representative on the foundation's board, a tradition that began with the incorporation of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. This past year Kneeshaw served as president of the Indian Village Branch, WNF&GA. Before retiring and transitioning to community volunteer leadership roles, Kneeshaw worked for 40 years as an employee of the city of Detroit, serving in roles that included economic development manager and project manager.

TREASURER – Melissa Humphrey, Fowler



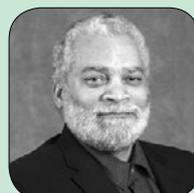
Humphrey serves as regional vice president of sales and customer relations for GreenStone Farm Credit Services. A graduate of Michigan State University (MSU), Humphrey received a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management and graduated from the Great Lakes Leadership Academy at MSU in 2015.

SECRETARY – Jacob M. DeDecker, St. Johns



DeDecker was appointed to the board as the acting state 4-H leader for Michigan 4-H Youth Development. An Illinois 4-H alumnus, DeDecker received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in animal sciences, along with a certificate in business administration, from the University of Illinois.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Douglas E. Lewis, Milan



Lewis is 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 (CARET) and serves on the MSU Extension District 12 Advisory Committee. He is also a Washtenaw County 4-H volunteer and member of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Council. He received his law degree from Cooley Law School in Lansing.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Oct. 15, 2018, total giving for the Campaign for Michigan 4-H's Future totaled \$11.98 million – 96 percent of the \$12.5 million campaign goal – with just over \$500,000 to go by December 31.

Here's how you can make an impact and support 4-H through one or more of the following:

- **4-H program support** provides science literacy, healthy lifestyles, leadership and civic engagement, workforce readiness and financial literacy.
- **4-H volunteer development** ensures that 4-H volunteers are recognized, trained and supported for their work with youth.
- **Facilities improvement** maintains place-based learning at Kettunen Center and/or the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens.
- **Endowments** established provide perpetual support for 4-H program or facilities.

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 a local or statewide endowment, or documenting a planned or estate gift in support of Michigan 4-H can leave a legacy for years to come and help toward the campaign goal.

Gifts must be received by Dec. 31, 2018 to count toward campaign totals.

For more information on the campaign and ways to support 4-H, contact Amanda Masters at 517-884-4691 or amasters@msu.edu.

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MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION AND MSU APPROVES NEW MOU

The Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees voted Oct. 5 to approve a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Michigan 4-H Foundation and Michigan State University.

The MOU sets the standard for the collaborative relationship with the university. It was signed by Douglas E. Lewis, outgoing Michigan 4-H Foundation president; Jeffrey Dwyer, MSU Extension director, and Satish Udpa, executive vice president of Administrative Services for Michigan State University.

The MOU describes the partnership between the foundation and MSU:

MSU Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation wish to collaborate to generate financial support for the Michigan 4-H Youth Development Program. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code primarily as educational in nature. The Foundation is organized exclusively for the purpose of promoting and supporting the 4-H Youth Development Program in Michigan by soliciting and holding funds and assets which are used for leadership training, scholarships, trips and awards, program support, and other purposes as defined in Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.

The University, through its College of Agriculture, Extension and the Children and Youth Institute, is responsible for the planning, organization, and administration of 4-H Youth Development programs in the State of Michigan and the conduct of educational programs in adult and youth leadership development and 4-H and youth learning experiences.

The University and the Foundation jointly recognize the benefit of a collaborative relationship to further both of their missions. The parties recognize that genuine good faith, mutual trust and respect are required to be successful in their support of the 4-H Youth Development program in Michigan.

To support this collaboration, a 4-H Development Officer charged with the development of financial resources to support 4-H Youth Development programs in Michigan, will work in conjunction with the MSU Extension Director of Development.

The MOU goes on to outline responsibilities of each party, cost and payments, staffing, physical and financial assets, etc. The agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2018, and will automatically renew on July 1 of each year unless either party provides written notice of their intent to renegotiate or terminate the agreement at least 90 days before the termination date.

JAHNS ESTABLISH CHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

Martin and Patricia Jahn, of Burr Ridge, Illinois, have established the **Cheboygan County 4-H Endowment**. “We are investing in youth – we firmly believe in strong moral values and good education for children,” Patricia Jahn said. “We hope they can become successful adults and give back to their communities. If we don’t invest in our kids – what better investment is there?”

For the past few years, the Jahns have provided annual gifts to help provide 4-H participation sponsorships for Cheboygan County 4-H members. Now, by establishing the Cheboygan County 4-H Endowment, their endowed gift will provide a perpetual source for local 4-H participation sponsorships.

“Funding is often a roadblock for youth attending 4-H programs outside of the local county,” said Leigh Ann Theunick, MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator in Cheboygan County. “The local 4-H council, committees and youth members spend a significant portion of their time raising funds for scholarships and to support the program. This endowment will help to alleviate some of the stress and pressure of fundraising and enable the program to put more energy towards developing local programming that meets the needs of the youth and the community.”

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 of funding that, combined with other annual support, assures that 4-H opportunities are always available for youth.

“The endowment will provide scholarships for children who couldn’t be involved in 4-H otherwise,” Patricia Jahn explained.



Martin and Patricia Jahn created the Cheboygan County 4-H Endowment to support local 4-H participation sponsorships. Pictured above are participants from Cheboygan County’s Bouncing Bunnies 4-H Cloverbud Camp.

“We wanted to establish the endowment because it will continue [to support 4-H] after we are gone. Having a certain amount of money each

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— Patricia Jahn

year is comforting, especially in time of down economy.

“In places like Cheboygan, 4-H is more known. 4-H has wonderful programs! I know it’s hard to raise money today.”

Martin Jahn’s mother grew up in Cheboygan County on his grandparents’ farm. He recalls visiting and helping out on the farm each summer growing up. Although Martin and Patricia Jahns live in Illinois, they still frequently visit northern Michigan.

“We have a place there and have been going up there forever and visit year round. Now our nieces and nephews have houses there – it’s become a second home for all of us.”

During her youth, Patricia was an Illinois 4-H’er.

“I was a 4-H’er in the city of Chicago. I didn’t raise animals but did take cooking, sewing, crafts and so on,” she said. “We moved and then I don’t recall a 4-H program available in my new neighborhood.

“There are limited funds in Cheboygan, so we have concentrated our giving in that area.

“When they’re at 4-H, parents know they’re safe and the kids are doing something productive. It’s just a wonderful program.

“I think sometimes as parents, we ignore how effective the volunteers are that give our kids a bit of knowledge that they can accomplish things. We overlook just how big of an impact they have on our kids. The more we support our leaders, the more we support our children.

“I hope others will think about helping their local 4-H groups to help them grow.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 31 – The outdoor Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens closed for the season. The indoor garden is open year round.

Nov. 27 – #GiveGreenDay. Donate to help raise \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support 4-H participant sponsorships. Visit mi4hfdn.org for details.

Dec. 31 – Donation deadline for 2018 tax year credit and for Campaign for 4-H gift counting.

Feb. 24, 2019 – 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Join us for a reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event. Visit mi4hfdn.org for additional details. Registration is required.

Feb. 24, 2019 – 4-H Day at the Breslin. The Michigan State women’s basketball team will host the Michigan Wolverines. 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 free tickets.

FINAL CALL TO MAKE THE MATCH

Including matching gifts, over \$2 million has been committed to support local 4-H endowment funds across the state, thanks to the *Make the Match County 4-H Endowment Campaign*.

Since 2013, 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.

As a result of this effort, 22 of the 31 counties have met or exceeded their initial campaign goals. All of the counties met or exceeded the \$10,000 endowment minimum, with 11 counties raising \$50,000 or more.

Participating counties which have not yet met the \$50,000 maximum for matching funds, can still receive a dollar-for-dollar match on eligible gifts through Dec. 31, 2018, on a first-come, first-served basis until match funds are depleted. See chart to right for county 4-H endowment campaign totals by county.

Qualifying gifts to the participating county 4-H endowments were matched 1:1 by the Michigan 4-H Foundation, ultimately doubling donors' gifts to grow local 4-H endowments. The match opportunity would not have been possible without investments from match pool donors to provide the matching funds. The match pool was built by contributions from the **Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, the Seevers Family Foundation, the Lana Dart estate** and several individual leadership gifts.

The chart reflects Make the Match County 4-H Endowment campaign progress by county through Sept. 30, 2018, for the 31 counties participating in the match campaign. Counties in bold type have met or exceeded their campaign goals.

COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

County	Goal	Committed	% to Goal
Allegan	\$50,000	\$31,451	63%
Arenac	\$10,000	\$11,485	115%
Branch	\$50,000	\$26,223	52%
Calhoun	\$20,000	\$37,652	188%
Chippewa	\$50,000	\$19,292	39%
Clare	\$4,000	\$4,788	120%
Clinton	\$50,000	\$50,361	101%
Eaton	\$20,000	\$21,565	108%
Grand Traverse	\$50,000	\$11,345	23%
Gratiot	\$50,000	\$52,380	105%
Hillsdale	\$20,000	\$20,660	103%
Houghton-Keweenaw	\$25,000	\$15,350	61%
Ingham	\$50,000	\$55,134	110%
Ionia	\$50,000	\$47,536	95%
Kalkaska	\$10,000	\$11,192	112%
Kent	\$50,000	\$54,172	108%
Lapeer	\$50,000	\$25,058	50%
Lenawee	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Macomb	\$15,000	\$16,585	111%
Mason	\$30,000	\$58,010	193%
Midland	\$10,000	\$18,800	188%
Montcalm	\$50,000	\$51,045	102%
Muskegon	\$50,000	\$42,936	86%
Oakland	\$50,000	\$12,804	26%
Osceola	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Ottawa	\$50,000	\$21,546	43%
Sanilac	\$12,000	\$12,040	100%
Shiawassee	\$50,000	\$50,175	100%
St. Joseph	\$35,000	\$53,415	153%
Washtenaw	\$50,000	\$56,373	113%
Wayne	\$10,000	\$14,123	141%

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 \$_____

My/our gift is to help Make the Match for: _____ County 4-H Endowment Fund County 4-H endowment match pool.

Donor Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

County _____ Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

4-H affiliation: 4-H alumnus, 4-H volunteer, 4-H member, 4-H friend, 4-H parent, 4-H staff member.

Payment by:

Check (Make checks payable to Michigan 4-H Foundation.)

Please charge my credit/debit card (check one): MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Name (as on card) _____ Credit Card No. _____

Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____ Signature _____

As a first pledge payment of \$_____ toward a total gift pledge of \$_____. The balance payable in equal amounts over the next _____ (up to 5) years.

Stock/property/commodity/other: _____

Enclosed is my company's matching gift form.

Mail to: Michigan 4-H Foundation, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Dr., Room 160, East Lansing, MI 48824

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'ER TURNED VOLUNTEER SUPPORTS SCIENCE EDUCATION AT 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

For nine of the past ten summers, **Liz Seifert** has attended the 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp (GLNRC) near the shores of Lake Huron at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, Michigan. The experience, which first occurred when she was just 12 years old, has left an impression that will last a lifetime.



Photo credit: Todd Morse, Michigan Sea Grant

Liz Seifert as a 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp counselor in 2018.

Seifert learned about the outdoor hands-on learning camp, a pre-college program of Michigan 4-H, through her 4-H shooting sports club in Macomb County in 2008. At the camp, youth explore the exciting field of natural resources with leading scientists and professionals from Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and others. In addition to discovering more about topics such as coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology, invasive species and wetlands, youth also enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, swimming and snorkeling.

After a little encouragement from her club leader, Seifert applied for and was awarded a scholarship from her county to attend GLNRC for the first time. She loved it so much that she attended for three additional years. Now, 10 years later, she says she doesn't remember what it was like before camp.

"I was nervous the first summer I went to stay-away camp, but every kid is nervous," Seifert explained. "You get to be outside and learn from people who are very passionate about science and natural resources and that is a great feeling. There's really nothing else like it."

In 2011, Seifert aged out of the camp, which is for youth ages 13 to 15, and spent the summer looking back on the memories she made at GLNRC and in her 4-H club as a youth. After reminiscing about the great experiences, Seifert decided to volunteer as a camp counselor to pay it forward to the next generation of 4-H'ers. She has been a counselor at GLNRC for the past six years.

Despite immensely enjoying her years as a youth camper, Seifert's favorite memory of camp is from the first summer she became a counselor and was tasked with supervising the morning watershed sessions.

"Watching how much fun first-year campers were having during those morning sessions made me realize how important it was for me to be there for them and help them learn all that I learned when I was a camper."

Seifert's experience at GLNRC not only inspired her to give back but also inspired her area of study at Eastern Michigan University. She is currently pursuing a career in elementary education with a focus on reading and science.

"Learning in an outdoor environment really solidified my interest in natural resources and science," she explained. "I'm hoping to incorporate what I've learned at camp into my future classroom to give my students the same opportunities I had."

When asked what advice she would give to youth considering joining 4-H or attending GLNRC for the first time, she said just give it a try.

"4-H is a great place to meet new people and to experience new things. You learn so much about yourself and your interests but also how to become a leader, form new relationships with others and expand your horizons."

Seifert will continue to help youth expand their horizons when she begins her student teaching this fall and graduates from her elementary education program in December.

GLNRC is supported by donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation from the **Dow Chemical Company Foundation and the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Michigan Division.** Additional sponsors and partners include the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Sea Grant Extension, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU Extension, Michigan Charter Boat Association, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Photo credit: Laura Potter-Niesen, Michigan State University Extension

Liz as a GLNRC camper in 2010.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE

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Although it's an honor and an achievement to represent Michigan at the Global Youth Institute, the goal isn't to foster competition — it's to teach the value of meaningful, purpose-driven conversation.

"What we hope that they get out of the experience is some communication, critical thinking, and learning from other people, but in the end, being able to have a conversation with other people around topics that are important and really delving into how can they make a difference in this whole picture of global food," said Betty Jo Krosnicki, an MSU Extension educator, who co-directed the 2018 event along with Wibby.

In addition to roundtables where the students discussed their essays, the Michigan Youth Institute also featured immersion experiences at the MSU Beal Botanical Garden, the Student Organic Farm, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Hall of World Cultures at the MSU Museum.

Eric Dobbrastine, MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator in Ingham County, chaperoned the Student Organic Farm immersion experience and served as a facilitator for the roundtable discussions. He said the Michigan Youth Institute helps further 4-H's mission to invest in young people and help them grow to be true leaders.

"Not a lot of high schoolers are thinking about this," Dobbrastine said. "Just the fact that they are thinking about and actively brainstorming solutions to food issues makes them leaders."

Wibby shared a similar sentiment.

"We can see from the youth participating in the program that they really have the ability to think outside the box and come up with innovative ideas to solve the problems," he said. "When they combine that ability with the passion that a lot of young people have for making the world a better place, they're really ideal candidates as global leaders to step into that role today and to start solving these issues."

WAYS TO SUPPORT MICHIGAN 4-H!

Outright Gifts

Cash donations can be made:

- **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.

For more information about exploring gift options to support 4-H, contact Amanda Masters at (517) 884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu.

Shop to support 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.
- **JOANN Fabrics** – Sign-up for 15 percent off total JOANN purchases every day with a JOANN 4-H Reward Card at www.joann.com/4-h/ or download the JOANN app to your mobile device. JOANN will also donate a minimum of 2.5 percent back to National 4-H Council.

Planned Gifts

Estate and other planned gifts are future gifts to support 4-H. Types of planned/deferred gifts include:

- **Bequests and stock gifts**. Donors may bequeath a specific amount, a percentage of an estate, or a residual after other distributions are fulfilled.
- **Testamentary charitable remainder trusts.**
- **Charitable remainder unitrusts.**
- **Charitable gift annuities.**
- **Life estate contracts.**
- **Charitable lead trusts.**
- **Life insurance policies or retirement funds.**

STUCKMANS LEAVING A PLANNED GIFT LEGACY

Noel Stuckman and Sandra Clarkson Stuckman, of DeWitt, have documented a planned gift that will help ensure the viability of Michigan 4-H for the future.

“We had been giving cash gifts regularly, and as we got older we thought we had to get more organized in our approach, and it was time for an estate plan,” Sandy said.

A planned or deferred gift is a donation that is arranged by the donor, typically through a will, trust or estate plan, to be allocated at a future time, often after the donor has passed away. Planned gifts can be funded with cash, equity or property through a variety of gift vehicles.

The Stuckmans had each been donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and Michigan State University prior to their marriage in 1999. Their annual charitable contributions have been through a variety of outright methods including cash, pledges, appreciated stock, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and in-kind gifts of property. Over the years, their annual gifts have supported state and county 4-H endowments, Kettunen Center, the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, the MSU Spartan Fund, the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Department of Agricultural, Food and Resources Economics and the Doris Wetters Endowed Fellowship Fund. They are also donors to the MSU Horticulture Gardens, Wharton Center and WKAR.

“We want those organizations to continue,” Sandy said. “That’s why we give – because we care about the results of these programs for people. And that’s the basis of our philosophy for philanthropy.”

Both Sandy and Noel grew up as 4-H members in Indiana. Noel received his bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics at Purdue University. He had a career with Michigan Farm Bureau affiliate companies.

“4-H was a part of my life,” Noel said. “My first project was a 4-H Victory Garden – World War II home garden. Then my

projects grew into livestock, Berkshire hogs, Ayrshire dairy cattle, county fair, state fair, hogs to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

“I believe that 4-H has a great future,” he continued. “That’s why we’ve decided to direct our money to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. It does a lot of great things, it’s a great support group for 4-H and we believe in it.

“An estate plan is flexible – we can change it as time goes on,” he said. “It’s a working document, and we hope to be around many years to work on our plan.”

Sandy is also a Purdue University graduate. She came to Michigan State University for her master’s degree. She served as Michigan’s state 4-H leader from 1991 to 1998. Under her leadership, the Michigan 4-H China Project and the 4-H Chinese Art Exchange were established; she oversaw the official opening of the Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden; and she was a strong partner through the Kettunen Center Vision 2021 project. During her tenure as state 4-H leader, she also served as trustee and secretary of the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, and in 2014, she was elected honorary trustee.

“I was an MSU Extension staff member when I set up an endowment at the 4-H Foundation for 4-H leadership and community service,” Sandy said. “In addition to giving to that regularly, we have a planned gift that will go there when we’re both gone. I, too, was an Indiana 4-H member for 10 plus years, and part of my career was with 4-H. I was a regional supervisor and was the acting state 4-H leader, so 4-H has been important in my life growing up.”

During this capital campaign, Sandy and Noel have been members of the Leadership 10. They were lead individual donors to the county endowment match pool and co-hosted an event at Cowles House to help grow the match fund. They also helped lead a successful endowment campaign in Clinton County including hosting a kickoff event at the Stuckman farm.



Noel and Sandra Stuckman have documented a planned gift to help ensure the viability of Michigan 4-H for the future.

“We really feel privileged to be in a position to do what we’re doing. And, though it takes time, there is satisfaction to know that we’re going to help 4-H youth, leaders and families.” Sandy said.

Sandy and Noel’s planned gift also qualified them as members of the A.G. Kettunen Society. The society was established in 2007 to provide lifetime recognition to donors who have made documented future gifts to 4-H. It allows donors to share their wishes and the impact they would like to see their gifts make to benefit Michigan’s youth. A.G. Kettunen Society members receive a recognition certificate, permanent acknowledgement as legacy donors in the annual report and, for gifts that bring a donor’s cumulative giving at or above \$25,000 at maturity, recognition as Cornerstone Society members.

“Our comments may reflect that we had these plans in place all these years. It really has evolved over time,” Sandy said. “It is satisfying once you get there and sign the document and know it’s going to help people in the future.

“The most important thing is to start the conversation, no matter where you are in life, and see where the conversation can go. Never feel that it is too early to start the conversation. The staff are very good at helping you think through options and what you might want to do,” Sandy said.

If you are considering a planned or special gift, contact Amanda Masters at (517) 884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu.



SPONSORS MAKE 4-H WORKSHOPS POSSIBLE

Each year, 4-H training workshops are offered, most of them at Kettunen Center, Michigan's 4-H training center in Tustin, Michigan. 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 partner organizations.

We would like to extend our thanks to the 2017-18 4-H workshop sponsors:

- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- JOANN
- 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
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- William J. and Ruth D. Collins Fund
- Donald J. and John H. Hawkins Memorial Fund
- Henning Family Fund
- Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Fund
- Sandra Clarkson Stuckman 4-H Endowment Fund
- Turner-Ousterhout Memorial Fund
- Westrate Family Fund

SEEKING 2018-19 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 <https://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-workshop-sponsors/> or call the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.

KETTUNEN CENTER HOSTS 4-H RETIREES REUNION



MSU Extension 4-H retirees and former 4-H workers gathered at Kettunen Center May 10-11 for a biannual reunion. Attendees were able to catch up with friends and colleagues, learn new skills and received updates on MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation. The reunion planning committee members were Cyndi Mark, chair, Renee Applegate, Nancy Beukema, Larry Johnson, Betsy Knox, Sara Kleon and Dee Williams. A silent auction provided a donation of over \$1,100 to support the Kettunen Center Endowment Fund.

GIVING TO 4-H: IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVERS

Qualifying donors can make tax-free IRA distributions by making a special gift to Michigan 4-H.

Donors aged 70½ or older may donate up to \$100,000 to charity each year by transferring an amount directly from an IRA to that charity and thereby reducing their taxable income for the current tax year. How, why and key notes:

- Instruct your IRA custodian to distribute a gift amount directly to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. The entire gift amount qualifies as a charitable distribution.
- The gift amount is not included in your personal income for federal taxes.
- The gift amount can count toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the tax year.
- Distribution cannot be considered an income tax charitable deduction. The gift is considered a tax-free gift because the donor doesn't pay taxes on the distribution if it's made directly to a charity.
- Distributions can be made only from traditional individual retirement accounts or Roth IRAs. Typically, 403(b), 401(k), pension and other retirement plans are ineligible for the tax-free distribution.

For more detailed information, contact Amanda Masters at 517-884-4691 or by e-mail at amasters@msu.edu.

Remember, this opportunity ends Dec. 31, 2018, for 2018 tax credit.



KETT GUESTS PINE THE LOSS OF TREE REMOVED FOR SAFETY

For half a century, a voluminous white pine tree graced the main entrance of Kettunen Center, the Michigan 4-H Foundation's conference center near Tustin, Michigan. However, last year the tree, which existed long before the center was built, had to be removed because of safety concerns.

"As the tree grew, branches and limbs grew too large. It stretched and created cracks in the middle of the tree, which over time interfered with its integrity," said Chris Gentry, Kettunen Center director.

Wood from the tree has been used in table centerpieces and for firewood, and it continues to be reused and recycled – one of the core missions of Kettunen Center.

Roy Davis has been coming to Kettunen Center since 1989, first as a high school student and for the past 14 years as the St. Johns band director.

"I was sad to see something that had been there longer than me. I had gone by it over a hundred times and I didn't miss it until it was gone."

Davis collected fallen needles and pine cones from the tree and hopes to produce a seedling that could potentially be planted at Kettunen Center in the future. He also presented Kettunen Center director Chris Gentry with a framed photo of the tree.

"I didn't know if they had a photo of the tree," Davis said. "I wanted to make sure, so I took a picture – freezing the moment in time, essentially keeping the memory alive."

Ultimately, Davis felt the tree represented something more.

"I think about all the people who passed that tree, people who enjoyed its shade," Davis said. "That tree had seen things you will never know. It had a legacy."

"Trees are very symbolic to me," Davis said. "I try to plant a tree on my own property each year. We've had a few students of band pass away, and we've planted trees in their memory. The most helpful thing you can do is plant a tree and provide shade for others."

"I feel like trees are subjected to so much – they're like kids – they're subjected to their environment, and their environment affects their growth."

The St. Johns band has held its summer band camp at Kettunen Center for the past 40 years, making the group one of the longest term users of the facility.

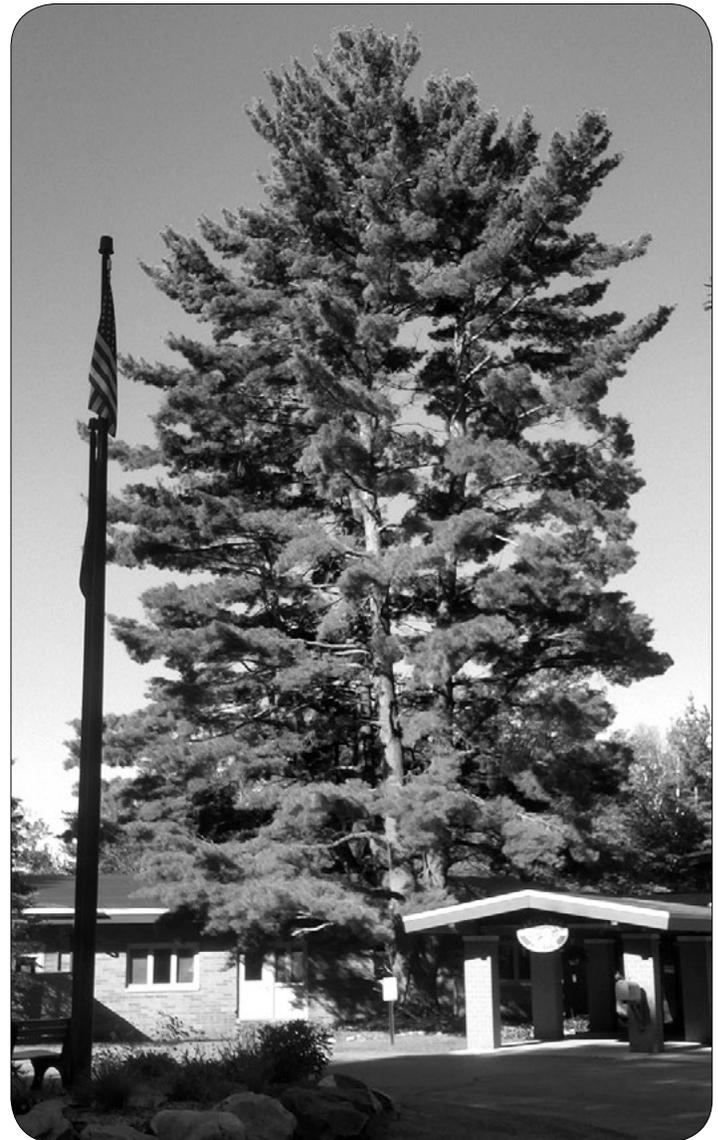
"The band has always gone to Kettunen Center, so we continue to go there – we would never change," Davis said. "There are great trails, a commitment to progress – they are updating all the time. Plus, I think they have the same commitment to the environment as I do."

"The number one reason we return is the people – Kettunen Center has an outstanding staff," he said. "It also has the opportunity for us to be the only band on campus, and they have all the accommodations with everything we need."

"Some kids may not get the opportunity to travel," he said. "Band camp helps develop skills for kids to learn to live with others for a week. It's a precursor for those who may go on to college. It's almost like dorm life."

"I also have an emotional tie – I love band. The connection at Kettunen Center brings me back to my youth when life was simpler. It's just a really good place."

Kettunen Center opened in 1961 and is a full-service conference center owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Although the center is the primary site for Michigan 4-H youth, volunteer and professional development training, other organizations such as church groups, band camps and other youth-serving organizations have become regular Kettunen Center guests.



Last year the tree near the main entrance at Kettunen Center had to be removed due to safety concerns.



COMMUNITY MURAL TO BE DISPLAYED IN 4-H CHILDREN'S GARDEN

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens and the Michigan State University (MSU) Horticulture Gardens, garden visitors were invited to "be a part of the art" by contributing to a community mural designed by local artist **Kelly Boyle** of Okemos. Upon completion, the mural will be displayed in the outdoor 4-H Children's Garden.

"The mural is a colorful celebration of the 4-H Children's Garden," said Norm Lownds, Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens curator. "It will be a wonderful, exciting and vibrant addition to the garden!"

Boyle is a freelance artist, water fitness instructor and adult education teacher. She is an MSU graduate with a degree in English. After graduation, she managed a screen printing operation in Lansing. She has also taught art at the Okemos Nursery School and the Stepping Stones Montessori in East Lansing and hosted summer youth art camps at her home.

"I used to visit the garden all the time with my children. I just love the place," Boyle said. "My kids would catch frogs, go to the fountains, hop on the chimes, and they loved running through the maze and measuring themselves!"

This is one of six Kelly Boyle community murals, five of which are in the Lansing area. In addition to the 4-H Children's Garden mural, three murals were made for Meridian Township, one was for Central Montessori School, and one is at Raven Hill Discover Center in East Jordan, Michigan. Each mural is unique and has its own theme and story based on its location.

"The 4-H Children's Garden mural is inspired by things in the garden," Boyle said. "It will be installed close to the frog pond, so there is a frog and a lily pad in the design. It is a whimsical, playful, childlike design; everybody should be able to recognize something from the garden."

The mural also includes a rainbow, handprints, children,

butterflies, sunflowers, Wilbur the peacock and the Cheshire cat from Alice in Wonderland.

The mural is 32 feet wide by four feet tall and consists of four 4-by-8-foot panels. Youth and adult participants at the 4-H Children's Garden Birthday Bash, as well as attendees at the MSU Horticulture Gardens Herbal Luncheon and Garden Day, were able to paint a section of the mural. A color palette was provided by Boyle for each panel, ensuring a cohesive feel for the completed mural. It will be installed in the 4-H Children's Garden on the fence near the train tracks behind the Alice in Wonderland Maze.

"I love to watch everyone as they paint," Boyle said. "Some approach painting with trepidation, but when nudged they will try it. You can see a deep concentration, joy and satisfaction on their faces as they paint. The colors are so vibrant and rich."

"I recall one boy who was only about 2 who wanted to paint a section of the mural. I was a little hesitant but gave him a brush and colors for the lily pad. He was so careful and meticulous when painting."

To create a mural, Boyle cuts and power sands the panels made of aluminum and plastic. She then draws the design on the panels and paints the black outlines. She might also paint some background colors, if needed. Then the community is invited to paint the panels, either in one day or spread out across multiple days. Boyle then goes back over the outline and touches up the mural. The final step is to apply a protective coating or varnish to seal the mural.

"When I was learning how to do murals, I called Tony Hendrick, who has a mural around the RE Olds Museum in Lansing. He gave me so much help and information. I am really grateful for his help," she said.

The mural was supported by a private donation from **Art and Marlene Cameron**. Art recently retired as the director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens. Marlene is a graphic artist and has assisted Boyle with murals in the past as a "muralista" – a mural painter.



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MONET BRIDGE REBUILT WITH LUMBER FROM CAMPUS TREES

As the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens celebrated its silver anniversary this summer, ongoing maintenance and repair continued for many of the outdoor features of the gardens. The Monet Bridge was no exception.

This past summer, the Monet Bridge was replaced and built using lumber from trees from the Michigan State University campus through the MSU Shadows Program of the Sustainable Wood Recovery Initiative (SWRI), a partnership between the MSU Department of Forestry, Landscape Services, the MSU Surplus Store, and the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden and Campus Arboretum.

"The lumber for the Monet Bridget was from Kalamazoo Street around the river," said Dan Brown, MSU Department of Forestry wood recovery academic specialist. "The trees were leaning over the river and had to come down."

The trees were white oak, which are rot-resistant and good for outdoor applications, he said.

The SWRI promotes environmental responsibility and creates an enclosed loop of sustainability. After campus arborists remove trees, they undergo a three-month process of milling and drying. Then, the lumber is categorized and made into products by artisans for resale or earmarked for special projects on campus.

Additional examples of the MSU Shadows Collection can be seen throughout the MSU campus. Shadows wood was used to craft countertops in Sparty's Cabin, benches in the Natural Resources Building and a life-sized giraffe for the IQ building.

"For those projects like the giraffe, benches and the Monet Bridge, the trees grew on campus," Brown said. "The whole carbon footprint of the Monet Bridge is 3 miles – it never left campus. The trees grew here for 200-plus years and are still on campus and are hopefully at the 4-H Children's Garden for another 30 years."

Brown explained that, in the past, when trees were removed from campus because of decline, safety concerns, storm damage or construction, they were converted into wood chips, used as biofuel or sent to a landfill.

"We partner with the Beal Botanical Gardens – they're the keeper of the trees," Brown said. "Every tree on campus is numbered and tracked in a database. We know where the trees came from, who planted them and where they are located. We also have our own arborists who take care of the trees. They inspect for insect damage, prune and take down the trees when the time comes."

From there the MSU Forestry program runs the sawmill and lumber kilns on campus. Two or three students per semester are responsible for all of the milling and drying. Then they partner with local artisans to repurpose campus trees into handmade, heirloom-quality works of art.



This past summer, the Monet Bridge, one of the most recognizable features of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, was replaced and built using lumber from trees from the Michigan State University campus through the MSU Shadows Program of the Sustainable Wood Recovery Initiative (SWRI) – a partnership between the MSU Department of Forestry, Landscape Services, the MSU Surplus Store, and the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden and Campus Arboretum.

"We have wood species that you won't find anywhere else, and therefore each Shadows item is one of a kind and tells a unique story about MSU history, including markings from lightning strikes and maple syrup tap holes."

Since its beginning in 2014, the SWRI has been an interdisciplinary effort to develop a recovery and repurpose system for campus trees, increase urban wood educational opportunities for students, and produce lumber and create products that provide economic, environmental and social benefits to the greater MSU community.

This is not the first time the bridge has undergone construction. In 2004, the pond liner was replaced. The Monet Bridge was lifted out of place and stored for two weeks in the parking lot. 4-H Children's Garden student interns cleaned and stripped old paint from the bridge, rescued the turtles and fish from the pond and cared for the animals during the renovations.

The Monet Bridge is one of the most recognizable features of the gardens. This bridge is an exact replica of the bridge in Monet's garden in Giverny, France. Monet's passion was his garden, he "painted because of flowers." His favorites were water lilies. Horticulture is defined as the art and science of growing plants. Some of the plants surrounding the pond were grown from seeds from Monet's garden. Nearby plants typically include calliopsis, Russian sage, flax, purple top verbena and yarrow. The Monet Bridge was originally sponsored by the Garden Club of Greater Lansing in memory of Myrtia Higgins Koppelman.

OUTSTANDING MICHIGAN 4-H ALUMNI, VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS RECOGNIZED AT 4-H EMERALD AWARDS CEREMONY

Nineteen Michigan 4-H alumni and volunteers were recognized Oct. 5 during the 4-H Emerald Awards Ceremony in East Lansing. The awards presented at the event are among some of Michigan 4-H's highest honors for 4-H alumni, volunteers and partners.

The ceremony was emceed by **State Sen. Judy Emmons**, a Montcalm County 4-H alumna and 2014 4-H Emerald Clover Society inductee. The awards are provided by Michigan 4-H Youth Development with support from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Learn more about the 4-H Emerald Awards.

Michigan 4-H Citation Awards

The Michigan 4-H Citation Awards, the highest recognition presented by Michigan 4-H, recognizes significant contributions to Michigan 4-H programs, were awarded to **GreenStone Farm Credit Services** and **Dale and Sara Stuby**, of St. Joseph County.

Since its inception in 1946, this award has honored and recognized individuals and organizations whose contributions to and support of 4-H have significantly advanced the work of Michigan 4-H on a multicounty, regional, statewide and national basis to make positive impacts on the lives of Michigan's young people in significant ways.

Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society

Inducted into the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society (ECS) were: **Darwin Booher**, Ewart; **Domonique Clemons**, Flint; **Ronald Hendrick**, East Lansing; **Barbara Haynes Heyboer**, Hudsonville; **W. G. (Mac) McPherson**, Lowell; **Thomas Nugent**, Clarksville; **Maggie Sans**, Clarkston; and **Gretna Van Fleet**, Frankenmuth.

This society – Michigan's 4-H alumni hall of fame – honors alumni whose professional leadership and community service reflect the ultimate outcome of 4-H membership. ECS members receive a recognition award, an exclusive membership pin and recognition on the ECS wall at Kettunen Center. ECS members are inducted every two years.

Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards

The 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards, honor remarkable 4-H volunteers who have contributed substantially to both their county and state 4-H programs. The Lifetime 4-H Volunteer, honored for 10 or more years of volunteer service, is **Cheryl Barton** of Shiawassee County. **Brenda Alverson**, Genesee County and **Gordon Ridenour**, Cass County were recognized as 4-H Volunteers of the Year, an award for volunteers with less than 10 years of service.

Each will have a brick engraved with his or her name to be placed in the 4-H Salute to Excellence trillium walkway at Kettunen Center. Honorees also select a Michigan 4-H program at the county or state level to receive a \$400 recognition grant in their honor, made possible by the Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Fund.

MFB 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards

The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards, funded by the MFB 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment, recognizes 4-H volunteers who exhibit excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership in agriculture-related areas. Honorees designate a \$1,000 grant to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice.

The 2018 recipients are **Mary Hutka** of Oakland County, **Diane Keinath**, of Saginaw County, and **Kathy Grau and Mary Hammer** of Washtenaw County. The 2017 recipients were also recognized at the ceremony: **Melanie Barnes**, Iosco County; **Michelle Barnes**, Calhoun County; and **Tiffany Spedowski**, Mecosta County.

To learn more about the 4-H Emerald Awards, its recipients and to view honoree videos, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org>.



The Michigan 4-H Foundation hosted the 4-H Emerald Awards on Oct. 5. Pictured are honorees, front (L to R): **Tiffany Spedowski**, **Cheryl Barton**, **Dale and Sara Stuby**, **Gretna Van Fleet** and **Barbara Haynes Heyboer**. Back (L to R): **Diane Keinath**, **Mary Hutka**, **Gordon Ridenour**, **Barbara Alverson**, **Kathy Grau**, **Ronald Hendrick**, **Mary Hammer**, **Sen. Darwin Booher**, **Melissa Humphrey**, **W.G. (Mac) McPherson**, **Melissa Rogers**, **Domonique Clemons**, **Maggie Sans** and **Tom Nugent**.

2018-19 4-H 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 2018-19 program year, 4-H mini grants were awarded in the following 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 **West Michigan Home and Garden Show 4-H Children's Program** in **Kent County** received a \$1,000 grant to educate more than 500 urban youth about current environmental issues. The grant will help the program incorporate a one-day field trip, interactive technology and hands-on activities in the classroom.

The **Artnership Program** in **Lenawee County** also received a \$1,000 grant to support a schoolwide peer mentoring program. Activities will be designed for the peers and will focus on team building, communication, leadership, self-esteem and other necessary life skills. The goal of this program is to help the student population understand social cues, work together as a team and communicate productively with others.

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*.

Iron County's 4-H, School and Community Garden Project received a \$1,000 grant to build a garden that will be cared for by community members, 4-H youth and students from the local school district. The intergenerational communication that will be the result of this garden will increase inquiry-based learning and will strengthen community relationships.

Wayne County's Prince Hall 4-H Community Garden Project also received a garden grant to expand the current community garden outside the Prince Hall Apartment community, a home to many low-income families and senior citizens in Detroit. The youth participants will gain a greater understanding of community involvement as it relates to sustainable living and environmental awareness as well as become junior master gardeners.

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.

Wayne County's Savage Spring Surprise Project received a \$350 grant to create a butterfly garden in memory of a former student. The grant will help fund a 4-H SPIN club to introduce gardening and horticulture to incoming elementary students. The youth will have the opportunity to prepare the garden beds, dig holes and plant bulbs.



Wayne County's Pingree 4-H Archers received an On-Target mini-grant which will help the youth learn archery skills, self-control and patience, as well as compete in an archery competition at the Wayne County Fair.

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.

Missaukee 4-H Bullseye Outdoors in **Missaukee County** was granted one of the \$500 grants to help purchase a gun safe for their established gun collection, which is currently stored in a built-in locking cabinet. This purchase will help youth understand gun safety, proper handling, use and maintenance of firearms while promoting the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

Also receiving an On-Target grant is **Pingree 4-H Archers** in **Wayne County** to instruct youth in the Pingree 4-H Archers club on archery practices. Youth within the club will be able to practice archery two times a month and compete in the archery shooting event at the Wayne County Fair. Along with increasing archery skills, the grant will help youth learn about self-control and patience.

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 15 counties: **Alcona, Barry, Benzie, Gratiot, Isabella, Kent, Macomb, Manistee, Mecosta, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Shiawassee, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne**. These grants provide scholarship support for youth who are unable to pay the county 4-H youth participant fee. The 4-H Participant Scholarship Grants are made possible by gifts to the *Michigan 4-H Participant Fee Sponsorship Fund*.

The 4-H mini-grant application period will open April 1, 2019. Visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org> for details and to apply.

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IN THE NEWS

King receives AFA scholarship; becomes Morrill Fellow

Former Michigan 4-H Foundation youth trustee **Loren King** received the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leader and Academic scholarship. King was also named an MSU Justin S. Morrill leadership fellow this fall.

Alvizo selected Forbes Fellow

Former Michigan 4-H Foundation youth trustee **Alondra Alvizo** was selected as a 2018 Forbes fellow. Alvizo was able to attend the annual Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit in Boston.

MSU Extension director launches podcast series

Jeff Dwyer, MSU Extension director and foundation trustee, launched a new podcast, **Partners and Peninsulas**. The podcast series will spotlight MSU Extension programming and feature partners across the state. Listen to one of the first podcasts featuring 4-H in an interview with trustee **Julie Chapin** at: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/partnerships-and-peninsulas-podcast>.

Sign-up for 4-H GROWN e-newsletter

To keep all members of our 4-H grown community informed of the latest 4-H stories, news and events in our state, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development and the Michigan 4-H Foundation have teamed up to offer the **4-H GROWN** e-newsletter. This quarterly newsletter is sent to 4-H alumni, friends and supporters to keep you connected with Michigan 4-H. Vantage recipients are added to the 4-H GROWN mailing list, but to ensure you receive the e-news, sign-up online at: bit.ly/4HGrownNews.

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