

A Gift of GRATITUDE

4-H Experience Translates to Jasper County Endowment

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Photos: Morgan County 4-Hers participate in a wide variety of programs and projects.

Morgan County 4-H Creates Permanent Scholarship Endowment *Additional Funds Dedicated to County Endowment for Local 4-H Needs*

In the spring of 2023, the Morgan County 4-H Council received some very unexpected and exciting news. A long-time Morgan County resident gifted a sizable amount of her estate to Morgan County 4-H.

When the Council met to determine how to utilize the funds, one theme emerged – the desire to do something that would impact Morgan County 4-H youth far into the future. Rena Sheldon, long-time CED and Extension Educator, is grateful for the gift and the impact it will make.

“We were certainly not expecting to receive a large donation from an estate,” Rena said. “But with the help of the Indiana 4-H Foundation, we were able to quickly make it into something very special for future generations.”

The Council used \$100,000 of the gift to create an endowment to be used for youth scholarships.

“This endowment will fund four \$1,000 scholarships each year – forever,” shared John Sichting, who was the Council Treasurer at the time the gift was made. “It will be an honor to see those students receive this funding.”

An additional \$90,000 was used to fully fund the Morgan County Endowment established by Chris Parker, who was also an Extension Educator in the county. That income generated from that endowment will be used to support the greatest need of Morgan County 4-H programs - in perpetuity.

“It’s difficult to know what we will need in 20-50 years, but having that source of constant funding makes all of us feel better about the future,” shared Rena. “When the estate executor gave us the funds, she told us to go do something big, and I’m proud to say we did!”

For more information about county endowments, visit our website at in4h.org/endowments.



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4-H Experience Inspires Jasper County Endowment

"Merci beaucoup, 4-H!" Or, for the non-French speaker, "Thank you very much!" Patti Price credits her 4-H experience for her deep interest in languages and in science. Growing up in Rensselaer in Jasper County, 4-H was a big part of her childhood. From one of her very first meetings, she was exposed to the "Learning by Doing" motto.

"One of our first club projects was to make brownies," Patti said. "The junior leader gave each 4-Her an ingredient that had to be halved or doubled. Then we all tasted them and talked about whether we liked it or not. I thought, 'This is science, how to do an experiment, but with brownies. How cool is that?' It was also about judging ourselves and not just waiting for the teacher to give a grade."

Patti remained active in 4-H through high school, focusing on projects in sewing, foods, and dog training. She also went on to be a Junior Leader, gaining important leadership skills as she planned activities and helped organize the club meetings. But it was her participation in a 4-H exchange program called Teen Caravan that left the biggest mark.

Between her junior and senior year of high school, Patti and a group of fellow students traveled to France where they stayed with local families, and, at the end, had a few days' tour of Europe. "It was an incredibly eye-opening experience for so many reasons. The trip piqued my interest in language, and I was grateful for the chance to experience other perspectives on life," Patti said.

The trip also sparked an interest in attending college, something she hadn't seriously considered before. "My parents told me I shouldn't think about college because it wasn't that important for girls. But in France, college was subsidized by the government, and a lot more people went, including women. I was really inspired to try to go to college from that experience."



Left and below: Patti Price and her 4-H friends were featured in a local newspaper as they prepared for an exchange trip in 1969.



Above: 4-Hers from across the United States participated in an exchange program called Teen Caravan in 1969.

Patti did go on to pursue her undergraduate degree – and then some. The interests she developed in math, science, and language during 4-H led to an undergraduate degree in Math and French, followed by a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania and a postdoctoral in Electrical Engineering from MIT.

Ultimately, Patti landed in California where she enjoyed a successful career in automatic speech recognition, and developing technology to help children learn to read. Though her education and career carried her throughout the United States and the world, her Jasper County 4-H experience was never far from her mind.

For more information about how you can create an endowment to benefit Indiana 4-H, visit in4h.org/endowments.

"Shortly after I graduated out of 4-H, I became a lifetime member," Patti said. "I thought it was such an important program, so I had to remain connected."

Once she fully retired, Patti began estate planning and wanted to honor the significant influence 4-H had on her life. "Those collective 4-H experiences really affected how I behaved, and I truly owe a lot of big things in my life to the program."

It was out of that gratitude that Patti established the Jasper County 4-H Endowment with a \$25,000 commitment from charitable IRA distributions.

"Once I turned 70 ½ I thought this was a great way to create a reliable long-term source of funding for the county 4-H program. It came full circle for me because I received a lot of the stock in my IRA because of my career – a career I may not have had were it not for my 4-H."

Though Patti no longer has family in Jasper County, she is excited to give back to a program that was instrumental in her life.

"Because my head is still pledged to clearer thinking, I remembered that my heart was pledged to greater loyalty," Patti said. "And being loyal to 4-H, I can be of greater service by helping 4-H foster better living, starting with Jasper County."

ENDOWING

The Future of 4-H

Establishing an endowment is the perfect way to leave a lasting impact on 4-H programs in Indiana.

When a donor establishes an endowment, the principal investment remains intact forever. The interest generated from the principal is distributed according to the endowment's designated purpose, which is determined by the donor.

There is a \$25,000 minimum to create an endowment with the Indiana 4-H Foundation. The endowment can be completed as cash gifts over five years or established as a part of a planned gift. An endowment gift of \$25,000 will provide roughly \$1,000 in annual funding for the endowment's purpose – forever.

Endowments are most effective when their designated purpose is broad enough to ensure the funds can be utilized. Examples of endowment designations include:

- Greatest needs of the Indiana 4-H Foundation
- Greatest needs of a specific Indiana county
- Specific 4-H program area
- Scholarships

To learn more, contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org.

FOREVER 4-H

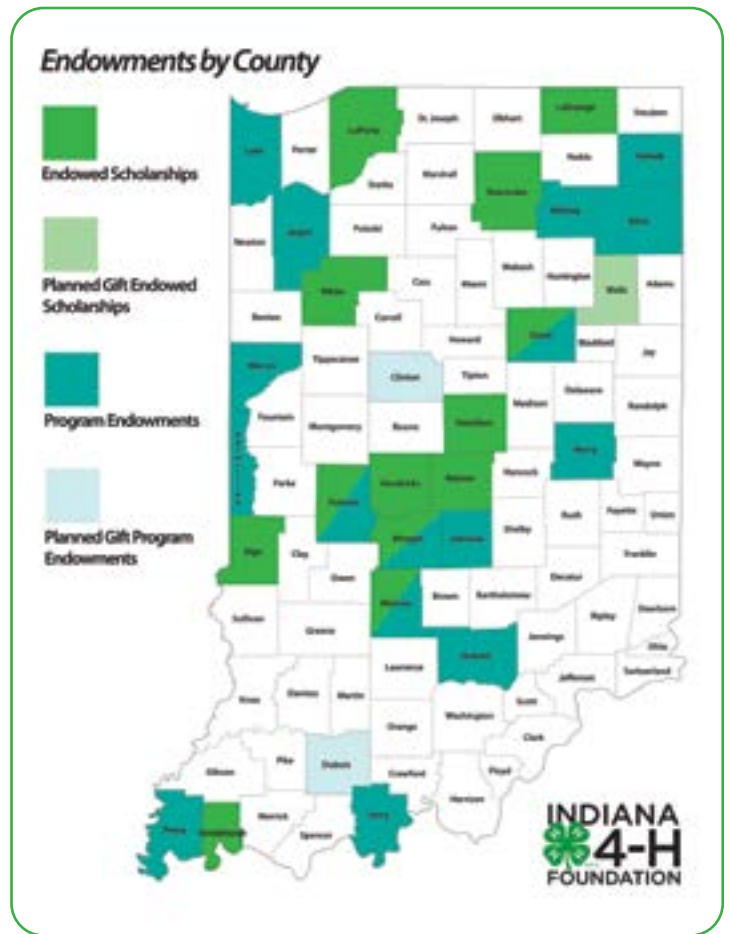
Planning a Legacy



The Indiana Forever 4-H Society is made up of people who have pledged a donation to the 4-H Foundation in the future whether through bequests, life insurance policies, donor-advised funds, farm land, and other methods.

These types of gifts help ensure the long-term future of the Indiana 4-H Foundation and its support for Indiana 4-H programs and youth. It is an easy and affordable way to make a long-term impact on the Indiana 4-H Foundation at any age.

Read more about planned gifts and our Forever 4-H Legacy Society at in4h.org/forever-4h or contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org.



Did You Know...?

Since 2020, the Indiana 4-H Foundation has facilitated the creation of **27 NEW** endowments!

Monroe County 4-H Program Endowment Receives "Friendly" Gift

Local 4-H Supporters Challenged to Match Anonymous Donation of \$25,000

Monroe County 4-H is the recent recipient of an anonymous \$25,000 gift for their program endowment from "Friends of Monroe County 4-H".

Monroe County 4-H Educator Clint Deck says he would like to challenge local supporters to help match the generous donation, strengthening the financial future of the club for many years to come.

For more information about making a donation to the endowment, contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org.

—YES Grants in Action—

LEARN TO GROW

Owen County 4-H Fishing Team Creates Hands-On Farming Lesson for Younger Kids

It started with a post Rain Newman saw on Facebook. “How come we still need farmers when you can just buy things from the grocery store?” Whether the question was serious or sarcastic, it sparked an idea in her mind.

“There are probably some people out there who might believe this,” Rain said. “So, I had this idea to create a hands-on experience for young children to learn about where food really comes from.”

Rain, who grew up eating fruits and vegetables grown on her family farm, knew she had the perfect location for the project. She fleshed out the idea with her fellow Owen County 4-H Fishing Team members and applied for a YES Grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation to make the project a reality.

In the summer of 2023, the group invited four daycare centers to visit Rain’s farm for a day of hands-on learning and fun. “We had more than 100 kids, from two years old to nine,” Rain shared.

Each of the groups participated in a series of five rotations. “At the main rotation, I talked to the children about the food system and how manure can be used and fertilizer. Then they were able to pot their own vegetables and flowers that they could take home,” said Rain.

The children also enjoyed a hayrack ride with Rain’s grandfather, decorated cookies, played in a bounce house and read to the family’s sheep. “Many of the children had never been on a farm, so it was really neat to see how much fun they were having in a new environment.”



Above and below: Local daycare groups spent a day learning about where their food comes from, thanks to a YES Grant.

It was not just the children who learned a lot that day. The entire team walked away with some valuable lessons. “As a group, we learned about time management and solving problems in the moment,” Rain said. “We didn’t have as much time to set up between groups as we thought we’d have, so we had to make some quick changes to ensure the groups had a good experience.”

Overall, the Learn to Grow project was a success. “The daycare center directors were really grateful for the experience,” said Rain. “Some of them kept the plants in the classrooms so they could watch the plants grow together. A lot of the kids asked if they could come back!”

Rain and her fellow Owen County 4-H Fishing Team members are grateful for the donors who helped make the project a reality. “This just wouldn’t have been possible without the support of donors. We put a lot of time and effort into the day, but without the donations we couldn’t have afforded the proper materials, like the plants and pots, and snacks for the kids. We owe them a big THANK YOU!”

For more details about YES Grants, visit in4h.org/grants.



2023 YES Grants sponsored by the **Nola Gentry Charitable Trust** and **Corteva Agriscience**.





2023 Emerald & Crystal Clovers



Giving in any form is invaluable to continuing 4-H programs, but greatest-need funding is vital to flexibility and to support lesser known programs and operations. As a member of one of our giving clubs, you will help Indiana 4-H reach new audiences.

As an Emerald Clover or Crystal Clover, you'll receive personal invitations to special events and personal communication from the Foundation that allows you to be more informed about what is happening with 4-H across Indiana.

You can support Indiana 4-H with a check or credit card donation by making a one-time or monthly recurring gift to reach tens of thousands of Indiana 4-H Youth.

For a complete list of Foundation donors, visit in4h.org/2023-donor-honor-roll.



Your gifts help support Indiana youth! Photo by Henry County 4-H

Giving online is safe, easy, and convenient!
in4h.org/donate

Emerald Clovers

Those individuals who give at least \$5,000 in greatest-need funds to the Foundation within a calendar year earn the designation of Emerald Clover:

- Anonymous
- Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Deborah Bechman
- Mrs. Christy Denault and Dr. Jeffrey Denault
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Shirley Guske
- Dr. and Mrs. Kerry and Betsy Keffaber
- June Ann Ladd
- Ms. Peggy J. Naile
- Mrs. Nancy I. Towner

Crystal Clovers

Those individuals who give at least \$1,000 in greatest-need funds to the Foundation within a calendar year earn the designation of Crystal Clover:

- Mrs. Evelyn Adams
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Kathy Adkins
- Mr. Bowen E. Akers
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Duke and Linda Aldridge
- Dr. and Mrs. Kemal and Cheryl Altinkemer
- Ms. Sara K. Anderson
- Julia Angle Memorial Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Nancy Armstrong
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Glendia Beck
- Ms. Michelle L. Bingle
- Ms. Eleanor D. Bookwalter
- Mr. and Mrs. Ty and Sacha Brown
- Ms. Charlotte Carr
- C. Jack and Linda J.H. Clarkson
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Jill Coleman
- Community Foundation Alliance – Evansville
- Corteva Agriscience

- Mr. and Mrs. David and Brenda Day
- Ms. Jordan R. Downham
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Ruth Frette
- Mr. and Mrs. James and Michelle Geller
- Mrs. Pris M. Gerde
- Mrs. Susan L. Girod
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert and Cynthia Grimm
- Mrs. and Mr. Abby and Mavrick Gutwein
- Mr. and Mrs. Joel and Kara Hartman
- Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and Janet Hedrick
- Ms. Robyn F. Heine
- Dr. and Mrs. Jason and Angela Henderson
- Hog Slat, Inc.
- Dr. and Mrs. Steven and Diana Hubbard
- Mr. and Mrs. John and Gina Huhnke
- Indiana Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events

- Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Susan Jordan
- Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. Epsilon
- Mr. Lawrence E. Klink
- Mrs. Shirley A. Kurtzhals
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Sarah Later
- Mrs. Paulette LeCount-Dowden and Mr. Garry Dowden
- Dr. and Mrs. Norman and Cay Long
- Mr. Daniel Luedke
- Marion County Farm Bureau, Inc.
- Mrs. Jane A. Maxwell
- Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Lais McCartney
- Colonel and Mrs. Lelan and Joy McReynolds
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Joyce Meiners
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Tracy Miller
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Kristen Nagle
- Ms. Kathleen K. Peoples
- Mrs. Gretchen Perigo
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Gail Powell
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cindy Reynolds
- Robert & Maurine Anderson Family Foundation Inc

- Mr. and Mrs. David and Danita Rodibaugh
- Rodibaugh & Sons, Inc.
- Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Charmayne Saylor
- Mrs. Joann Schwartzkopf
- Mr. George E. Screes
- Mr. Todd Sears
- Ms. Sharon E. Semones
- Mr. Roger A. Sherer
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Judy Singleton
- Mr. and Dr. Robert and Erika Slinker
- Mrs. and Mr. Pamela and Jay Smith
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Sharon Sommers
- Ms. Heidi B. Spahn
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Thinh Steinhardt
- Ms. Linda S. Straub
- Mrs. Kathleen Stubbe Truitt
- Superior Ag Resources Cooperative Inc.
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- Dr. and Mrs. Ron and Sally Thieme
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- Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Barbara Vawter
- Mrs. and Mr. Sally and Edward* Veenhuizen
- Ms. Erica Viar
- Warrick County Community Foundation
- Mrs. Annie Watts Cloncs and Mr. Richard Cloncs
- Mr. and Mrs. David and Kendra Weidmayer
- Wells County 4-H Foundation
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Dana White
- Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Jeanne Wise
- Mr. and Dr. Eric and June Wolfe
- Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey and Susan Wood
- Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Anne Young

* = Donor is deceased

Since 2020, thousands of Indiana 4-Hers have benefitted from funds provided through the generosity of Premier Companies. For the 2023-2024 cycle, they committed over \$100,000 to 4-H projects across much of southern Indiana! Here is an overview of some of the most recent projects made possible by the Premier Companies gifts:

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

Educator: Elisabeth Eaton
Funding Received: \$13,500
Educational signage for livestock barn; appliances and kitchen equipment; new display materials for static projects; show arena gates and sound system.

CLARK COUNTY

Educator: Katie Whiteford
Funding Received: \$11,975
Goat pens; livestock mentorship program; livestock workshop series.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Educator: Gail Peitzmeier
Funding Received: \$5,000
4-H experience in the classroom.

DAVISS COUNTY

Educator: Robinson Richardson
Funding Received: \$255
Quality livestock care training (YQCA Training).

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Educator: Elizabeth Simmermeyer
Funding Received: \$1,650
Discover Franklin County project.

HARRISON COUNTY

Educator: Tara Beckman
Funding Received: \$9,750
Vet Camp 2.0.



Above: Lawrence County 4-H

JACKSON COUNTY

Educator: Heather VonDielingen
Funding Received: \$4,097
Dog club equipment; wash rack lighting.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Educator: Britt Copeland
Funding Received: \$3,000
Horse & Pony Club Camp.

JENNINGS COUNTY

Educator: Rebekah Barger
Funding Received: \$2,700
In-school 4-H club.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Educator: Heather Dougherty
Funding Received: \$2,836
Tablets for Sphero robots; 4-H camp transportation.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Educator: Lesley Lodmell
Funding Received: \$3,222
Hands-on experiences during county fair; photo backdrop at fair; computer support to increase accessibility of 4-H materials.

MONROE COUNTY

Educator: Clint Deck
Funding Received: \$10,000
School-to-farm field trips, 4-H Camp, and educational resources for the Children's Farm Festival.

ORANGE COUNTY

Educator: Julie Carrell
Funding Received: \$4,400
New A-frames and display cases.



Above: Clark County 4-Hers are proud to partner with Premier Companies.

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Above: Martin County 4-H

SCOTT COUNTY

Educator: Megan Stone
Funding Received: \$3,200
Start a floraculture project; horse and pony bootcamp.

SHELBY COUNTY

Educator: Bailey York
Funding Received: \$1,375
Fetal Pig SPARK Club; Read, Taste, and Touch (RT2) Program end of year celebration.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Educator: Taylor Chastain
Funding Received: \$5,000
Class to Clover program and Carnival of Fun.

AREA 1: BROWN, DEARBORN, DECATUR, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, OHIO, RIPLEY & SWITZERLAND COUNTIES

Educator: Katie Finney
Funding Received: \$2,600
Area 1 Activity Fund

AREA 2: SOUTHEAST INDIANA 4-H CAMP

Educator: Heather VonDielingen
Funding Received: \$8,000
Area 2 Youth Education Fund

OWEN COUNTY

Educator: Jennifer Abrell
Funding Received: \$2,440
4-H Youth Theatre.

RUSH COUNTY

Educator: Sarah Gettinger
Funding Received: \$5,000
Class to Clover program.

For more information about the Premier Companies gift program, visit in4h.org/premier-companies.

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Meet young future leaders and be inspired by their hard work. Lunch provided by a Hoosier favorite – Jonathan Byrd’s catering!

WHEN:

Saturday, October 26, 2024

WHERE:

502 East: Jonathan Byrd’s Events & Catering
502 East Carmel Drive in Carmel

TICKETS:

\$50 per person



RSVP INFO COMING SOON:

Keep an eye out for more details to be announced in an upcoming e-news!

Partnered with:

Purdue Extension Specialists and county-based Extension Educators who deliver youth development educational programs to Indiana 4-H youth.

Purdue Extension 4-H Youth Development Program

Dr. Angie Abbott, Interim Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension

Dr. Casey Mull, Assistant Director of Purdue Extension and Indiana State 4-H Program Leader