“Thanks very much for making this opportunity available to me. Life experiences like this are rare.”

— 4-H Food and Fitness Camp participant
Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our 2005 Annual Report of the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development. As always, this report reflects only a small fraction of the work of many 4-H partners — the campus and regional 4-H youth development specialists, program assistants and associates, and other faculty members at the University of Missouri and Lincoln University, as well as volunteers, parents and youths. Our invaluable private-sector partner is the Missouri 4-H Foundation, which passionately and tirelessly raises funds to support all Missouri 4-H programming. Special thanks to all the donors and trustees this year. (See pages 11-14 for a listing.)

We know from research that young people need the guidance of caring adults to grow, develop and thrive. In 2005, each of our 4-H members benefited from 208 hours of time donated by more than 11,000 volunteers, and that is a conservative estimate. This investment of time is valued at more than $42 million, according to the Independent Sector, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of charities, foundations and corporate philanthropy programs. We are expanding this positive influence of youth-adult partnerships to children of deployed military families, to youths who thought higher education was unattainable and to one in nine youths ages 5 to 18 in Missouri.

The synergy of effective programs, passionate staff, dedicated volunteers and spirited young people will continue to support our vision of a world in which both youths and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

Best regards,

Ina Metzger Linville, Ph.D., interim director
University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development
Missouri 4-H...

Is a community of 107,371 youths from across Missouri, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. One out of every 10 Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a 4-H program in 2005.

4-H clubs — 23,138 participants*

4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences where members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and sport fishing. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.

Special-interest programs — 18,469 participants *

4-H special-interest programs include conferences, distance learning programs, day camps and other educational activities such as school-age care. They often reach youths with special needs, such as those living in group homes or youths who are physically or mentally challenged.

School programs — 74,293 participants*

4-H school enrichment programs are short-term educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom. Most are led by teachers or 4-H volunteers.

*Duplicates not removed

4-H members are supported by 12,461 youth and adult volunteers

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. National statistics suggest that the average volunteer contributes 208 hours per year. Valuing their time at $15.24 per hour, the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth more than $39.5 million in 2005.

Top 10 projects for the 2005 enrollment year

1. Shooting sports 5,329
2. Arts and crafts 3,533
3. Horsemanship 3,417
4. Foods 3,100
5. Beef 2,720
6. Photography 2,484
7. Woodworking 2,271
8. Swine 2,114
9. Clothing 1,823
10. Cake decorating 1,608

Scholarships

41 scholarships
89 applicants
Total value: $33,300

Investment in Missouri’s young people

For every public dollar invested in 4-H, University of Missouri Extension leveraged $8.48 in additional resources. MU Extension invests an average of $425 for each of the 115,900 youths enrolled in 4-H youth development programs.

Statewide 4-H events

4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals — 2,455 participants
4-H Day with the K.C. Royals — 403 participants
Architecture and Interior Design Workshop — 40 members
Camp Food and Fitness — 37 members, 7 chaperones
Dairy Judging — 76 members
Fashion Revue — 98 members
Hippology — 195 members
Horse Bowl — 129 members
Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking — 27 members
Horse Judging — 393 members
K.C. Global Conference — 97 members, 27 chaperones
Livestock Judging — 186 members
Meats — 27 members
Missouri Forum — 121 youths and chaperones
Missouri State Fair livestock show — 3,773 entries, 1,190 exhibitors
Poultry Day — 87 members
Public Speaking — 185 participants and guests
Shooting Sports — 801 members
State Congress — 247 members
State Fair Horse Show — 2,050 entries, 357 exhibitors
State Livestock Judging Day Camp — 42 members
Teen Conference — 244 members, 44 chaperones
Youth Futures — 48 delegates, 13 chaperones
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Officers for the Missouri State 4-H Council are elected each year at the State 4-H Congress held at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The council is an advisory group for MU Extension’s 4-H youth development program. Current officers are: from left, Nolan Fischer of Rockville, treasurer; Elizabeth Schellhorn of Springfield, secretary; Dustin Buell of Liberty, vice president; and Sky Vanderburg of Moberly, president.

For many 4-H teen conference participants, it’s the first time they’ve been out of county in an educational experience.

State 4-H Congress gives green light to leadership

The 2005 Missouri State 4-H Congress theme — “Green Means Go” — inspired participants to make the most of their 4-H experience and take advantage of opportunities.

Keynote speaker Dave Zimmer, a former Nebraska teacher, reinforced the theme. His presentation focused on “Ten Points to Success,” by being a person of character and leading a significant life.

Some 247 young people participate in the annual event, held on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus for 4-H members ages 14 and older. While the theme changes, the focus on leadership and communication skills remains constant from year to year, said Alison Copeland, an MU Extension state 4-H youth development specialist.

“They learn things that are going to help them be higher functioning adults,” she said.

“For many 4-H teen conference participants,” Copeland said, “it’s the first time they’ve been out of county in an educational experience. Most striking is that kids from very small rural communities and the urban inner city have very similar reactions.”

In 2005, 4-H members participated in workshops on managing stress, conflict mediation and self-defense. A community service project — creating Hero Packs for children whose parents are deployed in the military — was a highlight for many participants. Hero Packs contain books, stationary, crayons, pens, disposable cameras and other items that help children maintain communication with their deployed parents. Items for the packs were donated by 4-H members.

The State Congress is the capstone event for members of the State 4-H Council. It also marks the beginning of a new year as new representatives are elected to serve on the council for the next 12 months.

During 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council members are elected. These 35 teen leaders serve as advisors to the Missouri 4-H Program and have a primary role of planning and implementing two major state 4-H events – 4-H Congress and 4-H Teen Conference.

The council is made up of four officers, four state representatives and 27 regional representatives. Regional representatives are elected by the delegates from their region attending the annual State 4-H Congress. Officers and state representatives are nominated from current regional representatives each year and elected by the delegates to the State 4-H Congress.

The 35-member council, which serves as an advisory group to MU Extension’s 4-H program, plans the agenda for the State Congress, as well as the 4-H Teen Conference for younger members. Council members also represent 4-H at the state and local levels, assisting with state contests, the Missouri State Fair and serving on the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees.
“The council in its purest form is the symbol of the 4-H program. It’s what 4-H is all about — youth in action — developing leadership skills, learning to communicate effectively,” Copeland said.

For state council president Sky Vanderburg, 4-H has paved the way for many opportunities. Vanderburg was selected as one of two Missouri delegates to the 2006 United States Senate Youth Program. The prestigious program includes a trip to Washington, D.C. to experience government in action, as well as a $5,000 college scholarship.

“4-H gave me the skills,” said Vanderburg, a member of the Little Dixie High Hopes 4-H Club in Moberly. “I believe it was my skills learned as a 4-H’er that allowed me to receive this prestigious award.”

Missouri Afterschool State Network

It’s 3:15 p.m., and the phone at the office has not rung yet letting mom know that the kids are safely home from school. Her concentration is on the clock until at 3:30 p.m. the phone rings and she learns all is well. Hopefully, there will be no further phone calls refereeing her two kids as they go through the routine of doing homework (hopefully) and their assigned chores (wishful thinking) before she gets home from work. This scenario typifies the need for afterschool programs.

Missouri has a strong need for high-quality afterschool programs.

“The gap between regular school hours and parental work hours can be as much as 25 hours each week,” said Ina Linville, interim director of the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development. “With more than 77 percent of Missouri’s school-age students living in single-parent or dual-working parent homes, as many as 800,000 kids are at risk during non-school hours.”

Afterschool programs that receive systematic technical assistance have both social and academic benefits for the children who participate. These students show academic improvement rates twice that of their peers and are three times less likely to be held back. In addition, their school attendance increases by an average of 17 days per year.

Researchers also have found marked improvements in social behavior.

The Missouri Afterschool State Network was formed to bring together public and private resources for the ultimate goal of an integrated and strategic system involving schools, communities and government working together to improve the well being of children and youths during the out-of-school time.

“As a fledging non-profit, MASN found government and foundations supportive of the cause but reluctant to fund such a new entity,” Linville said. “The University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development is incubating the afterschool network by providing the fiscal and personnel infrastructure until the time the organization can stand on its own.”

The Missouri Department of Elementary Secondary Education and the C.S. Mott Foundation have provided $830,000 to the network.

The network has developed a unique and innovative approach to engage communities in the development of an integrated system of quality improvement and staff development, said Harry Kujath, director of the network.

“Quality standards have typically focused on the program, and core competencies have focused on the people,” Kujath said. “Missouri’s holistic approach uses quality standards and ongoing assessment as a foundation for a comprehensive technical assistance system focused on both programs and people.”
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When civic leaders involve young people in planning and decisions about community improvement projects, the outcomes are better for everyone.

“Young people need opportunities to gain knowledge and develop skills for active citizenship throughout adulthood,” said Steve Henness, an extension assistant with University of Missouri Extension’s 4-H Youth Development Program.

More than 75 people from 20 Missouri communities participated in workshops on how to develop youth-adult partnerships for community action. MU Extension held four workshops on using the Building Community Toolkit and similar resources.

“The toolkit helps youths and adults recognize the assets and strengths they bring to the community,” Henness said. “Once aware, they can help their communities bring all their resources to the table for visioning, planning and decision-making.”

Organizations that involve youths are better able to connect and respond to youth issues, ensure tasks and decisions are consistent with group goals, and have greater success at fundraising and outreach, he said, adding that adults who work with young people feel more competent at their jobs and less isolated from youths.

The workshops have helped participants launch new community projects.

In Douglas County, a coalition of community leaders and young people formed a coalition to turn an old warehouse into a community center. The local high school is sponsoring one of Missouri’s first 4-H leadership clubs.

Adults and teens from the West End Community Center in St. Louis organized a health fair to encourage parents to get involved with the center’s after-school program. More than 500 people, including St. Louis aldermen, attended.

Missouri 4-H honors ‘heros’ in our own backyard

It didn’t take long for young Abraham Numeric to put his new gift to proper use.

After bravely walking up to the stage and receiving a backpack filled with school supplies, activity books and toys from Gov. Matt Blunt, 3-year-old Abraham was quickly oblivious to onlookers and speeches. He was checking out the goodies inside the Hero Pack.

Seven Missouri children received Hero Packs during a kickoff ceremony during the Missouri State Fair. Blunt, who was a Navy officer, handed out the backpacks as youngsters were called to the stage.

“These packs are designed to give the children something to occupy their minds and be motivating while their parents are away,” said Mary Jo Williams, MU state 4-H youth specialist.

A young person’s world can be turned upside down when one or even both parents are deployed by the National Guard or Military Reserves. Many of these kids suddenly have less support and more responsibility. Often they may be the only “military kids” in their school or community.

The backpack project is part of
Operation: Military Kids, a national partnership between 4-H programs in each state and the U.S. Department of Defense to create support networks for these families who become “suddenly military.”

Through Operation: Military Kids, University of Missouri Extension’s 4-H Youth Development Program is reaching out to help young people and their families deal with the stress of having a loved one deployed in the military.

For older children, Missouri Speak Out for Military Kids fills the void by creating positive experiences and relationships with other kids in the same situation. Speak Out gives teens the training and opportunity to speak in front of groups of people, raising awareness among the public about the unique circumstance faced by families of guard members or reservists.

“The youths gain a greater sense of control over their own situation by speaking out for themselves and other National Guard and Reserve families,” said Bill Pabst, an MU Extension state 4-H youth specialist.

Williams said, “What I have found interesting is that the Speak Out teens are really passionate about the issue, and so they are willing to get up and speak in front of adults, even when they don’t feel comfortable.”

Beth Vandergriff, a Speak Out ambassador from Windsor, Mo., who has a father and stepfather deployed, said: “SOMK is so important because it gave me a place to feel like when I talked, others understood. I am so happy to have made new friends.”

Speak Out ambassadors have a mobile technology lab — including laptop computers, digital cameras and video equipment — that is used at fairs and other drop-in events to explain deployment issues and encourage people to write letters of support to service members and their families.

Teens also attend meetings for military families and lead activities, such as making memory boxes. They also help younger children write letters.

“The mobile tech lab program teaches skills that enable these youths to connect with one another and become advocates for themselves and other military youths,” Pabst said.

Missouri 4-H program helps children of offenders overcome challenges, earns national awards

Children whose parents are incarcerated often bear the stigma of their parent’s crimes.

“People have a tendency to focus on what the parent did,” said Rob Wilkerson, a University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth educator. “It’s not the kid’s fault that their parent is in prison. The kid’s just a victim, too.”

MU Extension’s Living Interactive Family Education (LIFE) program counteracts the negative impact of those stereotypes by helping children and their incarcerated family member create stronger relationships. The program at the Potosi Correctional Center takes the learn-by-doing approach of the MU Extension’s 4-H youth development program and combines it with parenting education.

Children of offenders are six times more likely to become offenders themselves, according to Wilkerson. Close family ties, along with coping skills, can reduce the chances that children of offenders will follow in their parent’s footsteps.

“There are really not a whole lot of programs out there for children of offenders,” Wilkerson said. “There are even fewer that work with families.”

The unique program attracted national attention in 2005 from youth-focused organizations, including the National Collaboration for Youth. The 4-H LIFE program was selected for “Making a Difference in the Lives of Youth,” a compendium of successful programs across the country.

The LIFE program was also recognized as a National 4-H Program of Distinction by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

That honor led to the 4-H Life Program being nominated and selected as one of the five programs for a Family Strengthening Award from the Anne E. Casey Foundation. The award honors innovative 4-H youth development programs that improve outcomes for rural, disadvantaged families and comes with a $15,000 stipend.

Developed jointly by 4-H faculty members and incarcerated fathers, the 4-H LIFE program helps families create a nurturing family environment for their children and allows those fathers to become positive role models and mentors.

During the meetings, children and their fathers work together on traditional 4-H club activities, including games and craft projects. The focus is on conflict resolution, substance abuse resistance, teamwork and character development.

Life skills assessments, conducted every six months, have shown improvements in academics, goal setting, problem solving, communication and self-esteem. Children in the 4-H LIFE program have made the most significant improvements in decision making, communication and social competencies.

“Even kids who have the worst parents want to have a relationship with that parent. These men are committed to having a relationship with their kids and helping the child’s caregiver.”

— Lynna Lawson, MU Extension 4-H youth development specialist
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4-H members put Missouri landmarks on the map

4-H youths know where it’s at. Literally. Last summer, many 4-H members spent part of their time at summer camp brushing up on their geography but not with compasses and paper maps.

Instead, they used handheld global positioning system units to pinpoint the longitude and latitude of various landmarks. Those coordinates are then used to create computer-generated maps.

These activities are more than fun and games. Incorporating technology into 4-H projects helps young people understand how classroom subjects like science and math are part of the everyday world and helps them explore careers.

Scientific literacy is rapidly becoming critical to a well-prepared work force. The U.S. Department of Labor predicts that that science, engineering and technology jobs will account for half of the fastest-growing occupation between now and 2014. Jobs in geospatial technology are among the top three.

Geospatial technology uses a wide range of technologies, including global positioning systems and remote sensing, to gather and interpret information about the earth. These technologies can be used to generate maps and digital photographs that are used for everything from tracking urban sprawl to mapping the location of street signs.

“These technologies are rich with possibilities for 4-H and youth development,” said Bill Pabst, University of Missouri Extension state 4-H specialist.

“GPS, GIS and remote sensing add new dimensions to traditional 4-H agriculture, community and environmental projects.”

Missouri 4-H and the MU Department of Geography are creating a community mapping curriculum to learn about geospatial technology and their community. The project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NASA, also incorporates service learning.

Club members participating in the community mapping project will work with professionals, decision makers and other citizens to develop graphical maps of safe walking and wheeling routes, emergency shelters, tourist spots and waterways.

“Geospatial skills, combined with knowledge of community issues, enables 4-H youths to have a greater impact,” Pabst said. “Not only are 4-H’ers learning, but they are contributing to their community.”

4-H events balance competition with personal development

A team of 4-H members from Franklin County, Mo., demonstrated their horse sense, earning third place at the 2005 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

HorseWise 4-H Club members Stephanie Doorack, Emily Piontek, Audrey Tihen, Kate Crombie, and Courtney Aholt won the right to represent Missouri by placing first in the state contest held in April. Adult club leader Dennie Doorack accompanied the team to the three-day event in Louisville, Ky.

Doorack led the team by placing third individually among 99 competitors. Tihen placed 10th, followed by Piontek in 14th place.

“It was an outstanding performance and showed the hard work the girls put into studying for the event,” said David Hileman, a University of Missouri 4-H specialist.
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Using a quiz-show format, the horse bowl tests 4-H members’ knowledge of horse health, anatomy, nutrition, breed characteristics and horsemanship. The Franklin County team members were among 129 young people who enrolled in Missouri’s horse bowl project.

Equine science projects are some of the most popular among Missouri 4-H’ers, with a statewide enrollment of 3,500 young people.

Some 500 youths participated in local, regional and statewide horse bowl events.

After a three-year hiatus, MU Extension reinstated the 4-H Horse Bowl in 2004. The program is kept running with the help of 70 certified adult volunteers throughout the state who manage county, regional and statewide events, led by Sue Knutz, a Missouri 4-H volunteer from Kingston, Ill.

The Franklin County horse bowl team came away from the event with more than just a top finish. “Through competition, balanced with cooperative learning, 4-H members learn skills that will last a lifetime,” said Ben Gallup, MU Extension state 4-H youth development specialist. “Competition helps young people set goals, motivates them to succeed and builds self-esteem through achievement.”

4-H camp teaches personal responsibility

4-H camp — kids love it. Parents think its great. University of Missouri Extension 4-H faculty and staff think its important. But does 4-H camp meet educational and youth developmental goals? Do kids really benefit from their camp experience?

Yes, according to a statewide evaluation of campers ages 10 to 13 and their parents. Based on more than 500 responses, the study found that the summer camping experience contributes to life-skills development in four areas — learning to learn, self-responsibility, social skills and teamwork.

Nearly all parents — 99.2 percent — said they were glad they sent their child to camp, and 94 percent said their child was more confident as a result of the experience. 4-H camp also received high marks from participants — 95.4 percent said they wanted to return next year.

Across the board, responses from parents and children were similar and positive on the 11 areas of social skills, self-responsibility, teamwork and learning to learn that were covered by the evaluation.

The young people also said they had learned to respect and accept people who are different. One camper said: “Sometimes being different is the most important thing to do. Just imagine what the world would be like if we were all alike.” Another said: “I can finish projects with other people without arguing.”

Parents cited greater respect and tolerance for others, as well as improvements in their child’s ability to make new friends and work in groups. Parents also said their children had taken more responsibility in caring for themselves. One parent said the child had “learned some independence and how to get along without her parents taking care of her needs.”

Campers said the most important things they learned included making and keeping friendships, taking care of themselves and their belongings, and working with others. Several campers said they could “do anything I set my heart on.”
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Dear 4-H Friends,

Missouri 4-H is alive and well!

It is indeed a pleasure to serve as chairman of the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. The trustees are a group of talented volunteers whose mission is to raise and manage funds to support and grow Missouri’s premier youth development program, 4-H.

The year 2005 was another very successful year for both new funds, as well as building our endowment to ensure that the 4-H program will continue to develop youths into successful young women and men for generations to come. In 2005, 43 college scholarships — totaling more than $35,300 — were given to 4-H members across the state.

If you are listed as a donor in this report, I say thank you and ask for your continued support. If you are not, I sincerely ask you to become a donor. Our vision of hope for a brighter future depends on it. Please consider 4-H to be a part of your future through your estate plan or annual gift.

As always, if you have any questions, please call our office at (800) 642-8041.

Together, we can achieve new heights for young people, 4-H and our future.

Your friend in 4-H,

Dale R. Ludwig
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Trickey inducted into National 4-H Hall of Fame

Nelson Trickey of Columbia retired from University of Missouri Extension in 1985, but he has never stopped working for the youth development program he devoted his career to building.

In October 2005, Trickey was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in honor of his dedication to Missouri’s young people both on the job and off. Missouri colleagues celebrated his induction Oct. 11 in Columbia.

Trickey retired from MU after 36 years in which he started as a county youth agent and eventually served as assistant state 4-H director.

Known for telling others “I’d rather wear out than rust out,” Trickey has spent his retirement years as a volunteer fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

The Columbia, Mo., resident has raised more than $1 million for the 4-H foundation, which provides scholarships, funds for community service projects conducted by local 4-H clubs, and supports statewide activities and events that help young people become competent members of society.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 as part of the organization’s centennial celebration. Trickey joins department store magnate J.C. Penney and former 4-H director Frank Graham of Columbia as Missouri inductees into the hall of fame.
Hunt receives MU award for promoting global understanding among young people

Sharen Hunt received the University of Missouri’s first Ronald J. Turner Global Education Award for helping young people broaden their understanding of the world beyond their community.

Hunt, an MU Extension 4-H youth specialist in Platte County, has been a driving force in the Kansas City Global Conference held each January. Teens from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma explore careers, technology, environment and cultural diversity in a global society.

Hunt also worked with organizations and businesses to develop the Northland Ethnic Enrichment Festival in North Kansas City, Mo. The first festival in 2004 drew 2,000 people.

The Turner award, named for the former director of cooperative extension, recognizes an MU Extension faculty member for promoting global understanding and international education.
Moon receives MU award for boosting academic achievement in Kansas City

For more than 10 years, Leon Moon has worked to provide after-school activities for children and teens living in some of poorest neighborhoods of Kansas City, Mo. In recognition of that work, Moon received the University of Missouri Vice Provost’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in October 2005.

Moon, an MU Extension 4-H youth development specialist in Jackson County, Mo., developed the 4-H After-School Academic Program in 1994 as an educational intervention program for youth living in the urban core.

The graduation rate among ASAP participants has risen to 95 percent with three-fourths of those students continuing their education as first-generation college students. The program also has helped reduce juvenile arrests and school suspensions, as well as improved participants’ self-esteem.

ASAP has evolved from four sites initially located in public housing developments to serving more than 500 students at 10 elementary and middle schools. Moon has raised nearly $5 million in financial support for the program.

The Vice Provost’s Award recognizes an MU faculty member who delivers high-quality educational programs that are responsive to Missourians’ needs.
Alison Copeland was recognized for a University of Missouri Extension 4-H program that encourages minority and low-income high school students to attend college.

Copeland, an extension 4-H youth specialist, received the MU Vice Provost’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in October 2005. The award recognizes MU Extension faculty members who deliver high-quality programs that are responsive to Missourians’ educational needs.

Youth Futures: College within Reach is a weeklong summer program that brings high school students to MU to experience college life, and to learn about admissions requirements and financial aid. In 2005, 47 students from Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis participated in Youth Futures.

In the past four years, 112 students have participated in the annual program. Of the 11 participants who graduated high school in 2002 and 2003, nine went on to college and two joined the military.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Heritage League

The Heritage League honors individuals whose contributions to the Missouri 4-H Foundation provide for the future of Missouri 4-H youth development programs through an estate gift. The league enables the 4-H Foundation to publicly recognize donors, while providing them an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of membership during their lifetimes.

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Susan L. Williams, Roseville, Calif.
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td>$ 1,560,582</td>
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<td>EXPENSES:</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
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<td>Program</td>
<td>$ 701,040</td>
<td>$ 756,722</td>
<td>$ 518,502</td>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
<td>64,850</td>
<td>82,071</td>
<td>87,502</td>
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<td>Fund raising</td>
<td>46,739</td>
<td>95,318</td>
<td>94,802</td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating expenses</strong></td>
<td>$ 812,629</td>
<td>$ 934,111</td>
<td>$ 700,806</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
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<td>Payments to beneficiaries</td>
<td>$ 26,218</td>
<td>$ 10,400</td>
<td>$ 10,406</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>$ 838,847</td>
<td>$ 944,510</td>
<td>$ 711,206</td>
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<td>Increase (Decrease) in net assets</td>
<td>$ 721,735</td>
<td>$ 252,008</td>
<td>$ 261,665</td>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>3,599,270</td>
<td>3,347,262</td>
<td>3,085,597</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets, end of year</strong></td>
<td>$ 4,321,005</td>
<td>$ 3,599,270</td>
<td>$ 3,347,262</td>
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The condensed financial statement information above has been derived from financial statements audited by Casey and Company, LLC for the year ended June 30, 2005 and by Williams-Keepers, LLC for the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2003. The audited financial statements and auditors report are available at the Missouri 4-H Foundation administrative office, 819 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

**Outside Grant Funding**

*July 2004-June 2005*

Delivering a Military-specific Parenting Program Reserve Families in Deployment, CSREES (USDA)......... $50,000.00
Parents Linking to Economic Development, Missouri Department of Economic Development .................... $46,650.00
Missouri Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC), Literacy Investment for Tomorrow .......................... $64,073.00
CYFERNet — University of Minnesota ..................................................................................................... 6,800.00
CYFAR — USDA CSREES ...........................................................................................................................(1) 43,403.00
VISTA — Corporation National Community Service ......................................................................................... 25,000.00
Military 4-H Clubs — Kansas State University ............................................................................................. 30,000.00
ARMY Youth Development Project — Auburn University .............................................................................. 97,866.40
Fight Bac! New Mexico State University ........................................................................................................ 110,000.00
Operation Military Kids — USDA .................................................................................................................... 100,000.00
21st Century Community Learning Cohort — LINC ...................................................................................... 260,703.00
**TOTAL** .................................................................................................................................................. $834,495.00
Missouri 4-H mission
Creating environments in which young people are valued, contributing members of their communities.

The 4-H pledge
I pledge…
my Head to clearer thinking,
my Heart to greater loyalty,
my Hands to larger service,
and my Health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

Partnerships
Missouri 4-H is a program of University of Missouri Extension — a partnership of the University of Missouri, Lincoln University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, and local governments. Private-sector partners provide additional support. These partners include National 4-H Council, Missouri 4-H Foundation, county 4-H councils and local 4-H clubs, as well as corporations, foundations and individuals.

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Eleven Japanese teenagers spent three weeks experiencing American culture, staying with Missouri families and visiting the sites. The exchange program is organized by Joyce Taylor, third from right, global education coordinator for the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development.

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