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Dear Friends:

What you read in the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development 2006 annual report is only a snapshot of our programming and the partnerships that make 4-H the nation’s premier youth development program.

The 4-H program reaches one in every nine young people, ages 5 to 18. This is a direct result of the partnerships between MU Extension campus and regional 4-H youth development specialists, 4-H program assistants and associates, University of Missouri and Lincoln University faculty, donors, volunteers, parents and young people.

Missouri 4-H is reaching more young people than ever. Our private sector partner, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, is invaluable in helping MU Extension provide the breadth and quality of 4-H opportunities it does. Foundation trustees are tireless advocates and fund-raisers for our programs. I want to thank those donors and trustees for investing in Missouri’s youth.

New research from Tufts University shows that 4-H stands out because it teaches 4-H’ers to contribute to their communities more so than any other organization. The opportunities to value and practice community service could not happen without the guidance of caring adults. In 2006, each of our 4-H members benefited from a conservative estimate of 208 hours given by 11,850 volunteers. This investment of time is valued at more than $43 million, according to the independent sector. We are expanding the positive influence of youth-adult partnerships to children of deployed military families, to youth who thought higher education was unattainable and to youth enrolled in more than 200 afterschool programs.

Together, dedicated faculty, committed volunteers and spirited 4-H’ers will continue to learn and grow, resulting in a world that is a better place now and in the future. Please join us in this important work.

Best regards,

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

On the cover:
John Schad, Missouri 4-H Council State Representative, helps Dalton Elder, Boonville, build and operate a robotic car at the 2007 Central Region 4-H Energizer. Photo by Amanda Schad.
Missouri 4-H . . .

4-H is a community of 100,700 youths from across Missouri, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. One out of every nine Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a 4-H program in 2006.

4-H clubs — 28,333 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 — 18,323 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 — 61,700 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 11,850 youth and adult volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of the 4-H community. National statistics suggest that the average volunteer contributes 208 hours per year. Valuing their time at $15.71 per hour, the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth more than $38.7 million in 2006.

**Top 10 projects for the 2006 enrollment year**

1. Shooting sports 5,322 7. Wood science 2,198
2. Arts and crafts 3,280 8. Swine 2,081
3. Horsemanship 3,007 9. Clothing 1,718
4. Beef 2,672 10. Cake decorating 1,588
5. Photography 2,547
6. Foods 2,364  (Clover Kids — 2,377)

**Scholarships**

62 scholarships 148 applicants
Total value: $60,300

**Investment in Missouri’s young people**

For every public dollar invested in University of Missouri Extension, Missouri 4-H leveraged $10.35 in additional resources. MU Extension invests an average of $548 for each of the 100,700 youths enrolled in 4-H youth development programs.

A community of young people across Missouri . . .

4-H has no geographic boundaries. While it has its beginnings in rural America, 4-H projects and activities today appeal to all young people.

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“The project has shown me that doing something nice makes you feel good.”
— Megan Lee, Pleasant Hill

4-H helps communities grow young entrepreneurs

Marcia Cunningham is spreading a message of homegrown entrepreneurship throughout Brookfield. Her message to young people is “Come back to Brookfield.”

A retired high school teacher, Cunningham saw a trend: young people leaving the community in search of jobs and better pay. She knew Brookfield’s future depended on those young people becoming part of the local workforce. “We are starting to make a connection between our school and our community, and we are embracing the fact that youth retention and youth enterprise are our town’s hope,” says Cunningham, who works as an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer in University of Missouri Extension’s Youth Enterprisers Program.

The Youth Enterprisers Program is a collaborative effort between MU Extension Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (exCEED) initiative, the MU 4-H Center for Youth Development and local groups like the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership.

“Extension Youth Enterprisers is about helping communities send the message to young people that you can live here and be successful,” says Steve Henness, 4-H extension assistant. “It’s about helping young people see opportunities they can create in their own backyards.”

In Brookfield, that means pairing young future entrepreneurs with established businesspeople to provide advice and encouragement.

Five VISTA volunteers are working with exCEED communities and at MU. An additional 25 volunteer positions are available for 2007.

Visits with gifts brighten days in Cass County

A simple gift such as home-baked cookies or a handmade picture frame is a fun way to brighten someone’s day — Cass County 4-H members learned this firsthand. Each year, 4-H members fill baskets with homemade gifts, food and other small presents that they deliver to area senior citizens and disabled residents.

As part of the Cass County Projects on Wheels program, 4-H members delivered 15 baskets filled with chocolate mixes, stationary, plants, cookies and crocheted blankets.

“Some of the people couldn’t believe we were giving the stuff away,” says Alex White, 16, of Belton, who co-coordinated the program.

“They are people who really don’t get a lot of visitors, so it makes them feel good that people do things for them.”

About 100 Cass County 4-H members participated in creating gift items, either on their own or during meetings. Each club decided what type of gifts to make.

“The project helps youths remember that people in the community don’t have the same things they do, and it may help them connect with people they wouldn’t come in contact with on a regular basis,” says Sarah Staude, 4-H youth specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

Elaine Meyer, a 4-H volunteer from Harrisonville, says her group made windowsill peat pots and stationary sets for the baskets. “They had to think in the shoes of someone who couldn’t get out,” she says.

Megan Lee, 17, of Pleasant Hill, made candy jars for the baskets and delivered them to a local retirement community. She was thrilled to see the residents’ reactions. “The project has shown me that doing something nice makes you feel good,” Lee says.

Local 4-H’ers share passion by refurbishing fishing poles for Polk County charity

Polk County 4-H members shared their passion for fishing with other children by donating refurbished rods and reels to a local charity. “We cleaned up a few rods and reels,” says Derek Welch, 16, of Bolivar. “I had fun because I got to talk and do stuff with my friends. It’s also a benefit because I got to help people who’ve probably never had a fishing rod. I thought it was a good idea to help fix up rods for other kids.”

The group of 10 donated the refurbished rods to the Polk County Christian Social Ministries’ holiday program. “The kids enjoyed tearing apart the rods, seeing how they work and putting them back together,” says Dale Cox, a volunteer 4-H project leader and retired University of Missouri Extension specialist. “It’s an opportunity for them to do something for someone who enjoys the same thing they enjoy.”

The fishing pole project builds on ongoing community service activities organized by local 4-H clubs. Since 1998, Polk County 4-H’ers have donated hot chocolate and popcorn for family food baskets. “This is a great opportunity for all our young people to learn the importance of giving and to create awareness of the needs of other community members,” says Pat Kirby, MU Extension 4-H youth program assistant.
St. Charles 4-H’ers have drive to help others

When 4-H volunteer Lola Brand, of O’Fallon, delivered toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, deodorant and other items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Wentzville, the boxes — filled with more than 2,000 items — filled every inch of her pickup truck’s bed.

St. Charles County 4-H members collected the items during National 4-H Week in 2006 and donated them to the local charity, which assists more than 1,700 area families each year.

“We were in need of personal care items,” says Luellen Gierer, a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Society.

“Youths give input at local extension programming

While Boone County 4-H member Liz Holle was aware of the University of Missouri Extension Council, she knew little about what the council did even though her mother served on the local governing board.

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Today, Liz and Amy Wilsdorf, both 15, are the first people the council consults before making decisions that affect young people. 

Boone County is among 11 county extension councils that are mentoring youth representatives and encouraging young adults to run for open seats. Five young adults and 18 teenagers are participating in the Extension Council Youth Leadership Program.

The youth-adult partnerships allow councils to make decisions with young people instead of for them, says Steve Henness, an extension assistant with the MU 4-H Center for Youth Development. “These young people brings fresh ideas, new perspectives and enthusiasm that extension councils need to do their work effectively,” Henness says.

Although Missouri law does not allow those under age 18 to vote on extension councils, youth representation is becoming popular, says Tony Delong, extension council coordinator. “With five generations sitting around the table, the realization is that people of all ages bring assets to the process,” he says. “Councils view young people more as resources in the decision-making process and not just as recipients.”

Not all teens are self-centered

Instead of wish lists for themselves, Morgan County 4-H members bought gifts for a local charity, Toys for Kids, this past holiday season. The three Morgan County 4-H clubs received a Missouri 4-H Foundation community service grant and an anonymous donation to purchase the gifts. “Most of our club members are girls, so they were excited about shopping, period,” says Lauren Schad, 15, of Barnett.

Schad and other members of the Radiant Rascals 4-H Club selected gifts for two boys and two girls. The Gravois Cardinals 4-H Club in Gravois Mills donated about 30 presents. The Kountry Kids 4-H Club members in Stover also bought gifts.

“It gave our club a chance to get out and help other organizations,” says Bailey Marriott, 15, of Stover.

“The project gave our younger members an opportunity to give to someone else, and it lets them know how it feels to give back to the community.”

The 4-H members also helped sort the toys, clothing and other items community members donated to Toys for Kids.

Volunteering has reached a 30-year high across the U.S. according to the Corporation for National and Community Service and teenagers are driving the growth, says Mary Anne Patten, 4-H youth specialist with University of Missouri Extension in Morgan County. “I hope that after they’ve helped with Toys for Kids and have had a good experience, they’ll continue to volunteer as adults,” she says.
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When Casey Morrow learned that her 4-H club leader’s home had been destroyed in a fire, she jumped into action. Rallying behind leader Audrey Hash and her family, Morrow organized a 4-H crew to clean the family’s temporary home and created a gift registry to help replace household items.

Morrow, of Mansfield, also applied for a Kids Helping Kids grant to replace the 4-H projects and supplies that Hash’s granddaughter lost. The Kids Helping Kids Fund is coordinated by the State 4-H Council and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Before joining the Hartville Jolly Jump Ups three years ago, Morrow was not nearly as confident. New to Mansfield, Morrow’s parents searched for social organizations that Casey and her five younger siblings could join and found 4-H. Without the push from her parents, Morrow might not have enrolled in 4-H.

“She can now speak without having to work her way to it,” Hash says. “She’s learned to control her nervousness, so if it’s there her audience doesn’t see it.” Morrow’s confidence has grown along with her public speaking skills.

Morrow is in her second year as a regional representative to the State 4-H Council. The youth advisory group coordinates the State 4-H Congress and Teen Conference as well as regional events.

Planning events gives 4-H members a chance to exercise decision-making and organization and leadership skills, says Doralee Ely, 4-H youth specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

“You built skills and used opportunities that have come her way,” Ely says. “Her 4-H career may end this year, but her skills will never end.”

**Young leader brings out the best in others**

Just being a 4-H member was not enough for Julia Shuck of Perry. She wanted to do more and jumped at the chance to work with Monroe County’s youngest 4-H members.

“My favorite part is getting to know them,” Julia says. “I have these little people (continued on page 8)
who are my friends, too. And they really look up to me, so that’s neat.”

Six years ago, Julia became the Clover Kids leader for the Mark Twain 4-H Club. Clover Kids introduces children, ages 5 to 7, to the 4-H concept of learning by doing. A freshman at the University of Missouri, Julia travels home each month.

Julia plans crafts, food presentations, games, demonstrations and community service projects for her Clover Kids to do each month.

Diana Heinecke, a 4-H parent from Stoutsville, says: “She’s always got several projects to keep them busy and entertained, and she’s full of energy. She really works with them and brings out the best in the kids.”

Heinecke’s daughter, Kelly, is proof.

“Kelly was very reserved, and now she will actually get up in front of people on her own,” Heinecke says.

“Julia has given her the confidence to do it and not be afraid.”

Julia says she will continue leading the Clover Kids until other 4-H’ers are ready to take over. “I’m too old to be a member, but I can still work with the younger members and help develop their skills,” she says.

Tiger Zone 4-H is a winner

Carla Grant knows firsthand that 4-H creates opportunities for young people. She financed her college education with proceeds from 4-H animal sales. Nearly 32 years later, the retired teacher is making those opportunities possible for Macon youngsters.

Three years ago, Grant started a 4-H club that meets during Macon Elementary School’s after-school program.

Tiger Zone 4-H Club members — third, fourth and fifth graders — meet two or three times a week. The 4-H club has introduced the children to new experiences like being a club officer and conducting a business meeting.

“They think the parliamentary procedure is really neat,” says Grant. “They really like to slam that gavel down to start the meeting.”

After-school programs like Macon’s represent a national movement to make the most of learning opportunities during out-of-school time, says Jeff Buehler, an after-school program specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

Buehler says after-school programs complement classroom learning because students work in small groups and learn skills like teamwork.

In Macon, kindergarteners through sixth-graders can get help with homework in a safe and supervised place after school and before their parents arrive home.

The Tiger Zone club has opened up new opportunities for older 4-H members, like sisters Charlotte and Nancy Jackson of New Cambria. Last year, the Jacksons taught cake-decorating techniques to 10 members, which encouraged their creativity, planning and persistence.

“I’ve always wanted to lead a project and always looked up to the older kids when I was younger,” says youth leader Nancy. “It’s another chance for me to share my skills.”

The Tiger Zone 4-H Club is a win-win endeavor, says Julie Baker, 4-H youth specialist with MU Extension.

The young members are exposed to new experiences through food, woodworking, horticulture and photograph projects. And for the older members, Baker says, “It allows them to build leadership skills and develop timelines for project. It teaches them patience and understanding.”

Splish! Splash! Slap! That’s the sound a Funnoodle makes when it hits the water, but Missouri 4-H’ers learned the many ways that these colorful flotation devices can be used besides playing in the pool.

Six members of Mizzou 4-H, a collegiate 4-H club, presented a leadership workshop at 2006 State 4-H Congress. Using Funnoodles, often called just “noodles,” the members demonstrated how to incorporate them into relay races, get-to-know-you games and variations of tag. The games encourage participants to communicate and work as a team.

Inspired by a National 4-H Congress workshop, the collegiate 4-H members designed their own workshop.

They combined ideas from the national meeting with activities from 50 Ways to Use Your Noodle by Chris Cavert and Sam Sikes, and adapted already popular games for noodle use. The team has conducted more than a dozen leadership-building workshops, including one for the 2006 Teen Conference.

“The purpose of this workshop is for you to take it back and teach it in your counties, at your club meetings, wherever you may go,” Christine Tew, Mizzou 4-H president, told participants.

“Most of these games are adaptable,” added Stephanie Schindler, Mizzou 4-H member. “You don’t necessarily need a noodle. You can use the supplies you have.”

The key to noodle workshops is to allow time for participants to reflect on the game and apply what they have learned to other parts of their lives. “We try to empower the teens,” says Melissa Scheer, Mizzou 4-H advisor.
Weighted blankets work wonders

A chance encounter between University of Missouri Extension and Joplin Regional Center employees has developed into a long-standing community service project that has benefited young people throughout Missouri.

Since that conversation six years ago, Mount Moriah 4-H Club members have been assembling weighted blankets and vests for clients of the Joplin Regional Center, which serves children with autism spectrum disorders.

“The blankets have a calming effect,” says Teresa Thaman, community resource specialist with Joplin Regional Center. She explains that the blanket’s pressure is soothing to a distressed child.

Autism spectrum disorders affect brain functioning and are characterized by some degree of speech, language or communication deficit; developmental delay or uneven development; impaired social functioning; and sensitivity to touch, sounds or smells.

“I think making them is important because to buy them costs so much,” says Cherokee Vinson, 13, of La Russell.

Club members also have educated the community on the need for blankets and vests, Cherokee says.

The weighted-blanket project has caught on with other 4-H groups, both in Missouri and other states. Mount Moriah clothing project members and leaders made an instructional video and give workshops.

At the 2006 State 4-H Fashion Revue, contestants assembled 35 blankets using materials purchased with a Missouri 4-H Foundation community service grant.

“The project has taught them that they have skill sets to not only do things for themselves, but to help others,” says Karen Moll, a 4-H volunteer from Jasper. “It has given the 4-H members a real sense of pride because they don’t have to be older or really very experienced to help others.”

International trips open up the world and new perspectives

Not many people can say they’ve met a kangaroo up close. Teri Walker, who spent one month in Australia as part of a 4-H international exchange, can.

While camping with her host family, Teri opened the front door to retrieve a bag of groceries and came eye-to-eye with as
kangaroo munching on celery.

“Their kangaroos are like our deer,” the Canton 4-H member says. “They would be hit on the road and eat farmers’ crops. I thought they were cute, but they were definitely a problem.”

Teri was one of five Missouri 4-H members to participate in international exchanges organized by the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development in summer, 2006. The 4-H Global Education program allows members to dive into the cultures of Australia, Finland, Puerto Rico and Japan during month-long stays with a host family.

Joyce Taylor, global education coordinator, says exchanges help young people understand themselves and open their eyes to different ways of life.

“The things you value as a person you soon learn to appreciate more,” Taylor says. “The exchange program helps them understand and to appreciate other cultures.”

Walker lives with her grandparents, who have hosted more than 10 exchange students. This past summer, she wanted to be the one to experience a different culture. At first, Walker, 16, was concerned with fitting in, but with time,

While in Japan, Johnson missed having a conversation without having to explain little details. She remembers the cultural immersion the most.

“I learned how to communicate with people even if I don’t speak their language,” Johnson says. “The friendship and relationship — it’s amazing you can connect so much in a month.”

After hosting high school students from other countries, Kayla Morton, of Nelson, traveled to Australia and spent one month on a family dairy farm in Victoria. “I wanted to see what agriculture was like in a different part of the world,” she says.

Australians, she discovered are diligent about conservation. Because water is scarce, her host family collected rain to drink and took five-minute showers every other day.

Walker says her trip gave her a new perspective. “It changed me a lot because I have this whole new view that there is more out there than the U.S. and Missouri,” she says.
More than just fun and games

About 9 million young people attend day or overnight camps every summer; and nearly 18 million youths attend school or church retreats, environmental education programs, scout outings or other forms of “camp” throughout the year.

Camp is always equated with fun. But more importantly, 4-H camps offer a nurturing environment where youth can mature socially, emotionally and intellectually. Unequivocally, 4-H camps help young people develop important life skills. A 2006 statewide evaluation further validated the value of 4-H camp in youth development programs.

In both 2005 and 2006, the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development evaluated the perceived impact of camp among 10 to 13 year olds. More than 300 adolescents from 25 camps participated in the survey, which examined life-skills development in four areas — learning to learn, self-responsibility, social skills and teamwork.

This positive evaluation directly reflects the investment of time and energy from regional University of Missouri Extension faculty and staff.

Here are some of the responses that 4-H campers gave to some open-ended camp evaluation questions.

The most important thing I learned about myself at 4-H Camp this year is:

“It was easy to make new friends when you are just being yourself.”

“I know I can work in a team if I try hard, even working with people I don’t know.”

The most important thing I learned to do at 4-H Camp this year is:

“To have fun no matter what — even if it rains.”

“Respect others and yourself.”

Because of 4-H Camp this year I know I can:

“Treat others as I want to be treated.”

“Finish projects with other people without arguing.”
The 4-H Horse Bowl might best be described as equine academics. The quiz-show format competition tests contestants on their knowledge of equine-related topics. As a moderator poses questions, teams of four face off in front of a panel of judges. Like a TV game show, the competitor who hits the buzzer first gets to answer.

Local, regional and statewide competitions give teams and individuals a chance to compete for awards in the junior division, for ages 8 to 13, or the senior division, for ages 14 to 18. At the State 4-H Horse Bowl, the senior division’s top four individual winners go on to compete in the Easter National 4-H Horse Roundup.

“Horse Bowl contests create an environment for both individual and group work activities,” says Ben Gallup, interim Assistant Director of University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development. “Parents indicate that their children attain social skills, teamwork skills, self-responsibility and self-satisfaction by participating.”

Even though Liddell faced challenges, he chose community service with University of Missouri Extension’s after-school program at the West End Community Center.

It was a choice that transformed Liddell from a troubled teen to a role model for other kids who faced the same challenges that he did.

While volunteering, Liddell met Kelli Lowe, an MU Extension 4-H program assistant. Lowe’s mentoring and guidance helped Liddell see his future differently. "If I was in trouble, I had people around me who could help me,” he says.

Soon, Liddell was taking more initiative and responsibility in the 4-H after-school program. He became a mentor with the STL Educators, a teen group organized by MU Extension, that tutors inner-city students and organizes community service projects.

“It gave me a good outlook for what I could do for the community, despite what I had been doing,” Liddell says.

Lowe says mentors like Liddell help younger kids see where they can go and how to get there.

Many of those kids are interested in sports medicine, which Liddell is studying at Western Missouri State University. “I don’t think it’s something they thought of before Sean did it,” Lowe says. “Now that they see Sean do it, they think it’s something cool.”

Until Liddell met Lowe and Jody Squires, a 4-H youth specialist, he wasn’t thinking about college. Since 2003, Youth Futures: College Within Reach has introduced college life and opportunities to kids who might not otherwise consider further education.

“It’s a life-changing program for kids,” says Alison Copeland, state 4-H youth specialist with MU Extension. “It helps young people achieve their dreams, in terms of going to college and sometimes having a different life than what they’ve known.”

Sixty-eight percent of 2005 high school graduates who participated in Youth Futures enrolled in college.

Liddell is now a junior and making the dean’s list. “I am not going back to where I was before.”

While attending the 2006 National 4-H Technology Leadership Conference, six Missouri 4-H members helped refurbish 160 computers, which were distributed to low-income families in Nebraska. This service-learning activity was part of the technology conference at the
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University of Nebraska in Lincoln, July 24-27. Missouri delegates included Robby Zeller of Independence, Becky Guffey of Green Castle, Lucas Jaster of Concordia, Allison Hamm of Richmond, Sarah Smith of Kirksville and Tim Parris of Fulton.

They joined more than 200 young people from across the nation in learning about science, engineering and technology.

Through hands-on workshops, participants learned technology applications in remote sensing, emergency readiness, movie production and animation, food engineering, sports and robotics. Working with mentors, delegates discussed ethical issues, career opportunities and the application of technology in daily life.

A new partnership is bringing 4-H character education, in the form of the 4-H CHOICES Club, to the Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD). The SSD provides special education services to more than 30,000 students with disabilities in kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as technical education for high school students.

University of Missouri Extension 4-H faculty worked with the school district for more than one year to launch the innovative program in the 2006-07 school year. More than 100 teachers participated in leadership training to learn about 4-H youth development program goals and how to implement 4-H activities in the classroom.

Across the district, more than 1,000 students are participating in two CHOICE projects focused on aerospace and foods. The curricula are modified to meet the district’s technology and literacy initiatives. After completing classroom project activities, club members receive recognition buttons.

Club members will take part in a 4-H achievement day this spring. The event will include exhibits, demonstrations, judging and hands-on activities on food and aerospace topics.

In Mary Craig’s language class at Point Elementary in the Mehlville School District, we have used the literacy materials to act out stories [that we read]. We made props to use along with the books. This has been especially helpful in building language and social skills. It has proven to be a valuable teaching tool.

— Sharon Hingle, teacher assistant

New 4-H program offers CHOICES to St. Louis students
Dear 4-H Friends:

The last time I wrote to you, I was beginning my term as chair of the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Some things haven’t changed, like the high standards we set for our 4-H members and our commitment to help them become the self-directed and productive members of society that 4-H represents. These goals are achieved through enriching experiences for our 4-H members, their families and our many dedicated volunteers. As always, we are indebted to you, our 4-H family, for making this possible through your support of the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Yet, what a difference a year can make. The Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees and staff has been strategizing on how best to position the Missouri 4-H Foundation to provide our 4-H members the brightest future possible. We are enthusiastically planning and have made great progress in determining what we need to do to meet our ever changing and growing program needs. The more progress we make, the more excited we are about the future.

In the next year, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will enter a new philanthropic chapter and count on you more than ever to partner with us to reach our goals. Please continue your support of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H program through your gifts to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Whether you choose to support the annual fund, designate a gift to your most cherished 4-H program, create an endowed scholarship or leave a legacy by including the Missouri 4-H Foundation in your will, you will help us to ensure a strong future for our 4-H members.

As always, I am available to answer your questions at 800-642-8041. The best is yet to come!

Your friend in 4-H,

Dale R. Ludwig
Chair

Have you included the Missouri 4-H Foundation, Incorporated in your will or living trust?
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Missouri 4-H Foundation Builders Club
(July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)

New faces join Missouri 4-H Foundation

The Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees welcomed Robert Idel of Owensville, Jerry Dowell of Columbia and Marla Tobin of Warrensburg as its newest members in 2006.

Founded in 1949, the 4-H foundation provides financial support for the education programs of the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development. In addition to awarding more than 60 scholarships annually, the foundation provides funds for State 4-H Congress and public speaking contest, community service grants and volunteer training.
Enriching lives with a scholarship

Dick and Joyce Taylor know that 4-H can enrich the lives of young people just as their own lives have been enriched as lifelong 4-H participants — from young members to adult volunteers and now scholarship donors — so they established an endowed scholarship with a gift to the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

“We thought it was time now for us to provide the avenue for someone’s child to have a scholarship opportunity,” Joyce says. “I hope I’m being productive and changing the lives of young people by giving back a little to what 4-H has done for us.”

The Fayette couple’s gift provides a scholarship to a 4-H member who lives in central Missouri or serves on the State 4-H Council. In 2006, the first Joyce and Dick Taylor Scholarship was awarded to Matt Kahrs of Hughesville.

“The Missouri 4-H Foundation is forever indebted to Dick and Joyce for their generosity and lifetime support of the 4-H youth development program,” says Cheryl Reams, executive director. “It is the loyalty of donors like the Taylors that ensures the 4-H program will continue to grow and meet the changing needs of youths for generations to come.”

Joyce says her most rewarding experience as a 4-H member was serving as secretary of her Carroll County club. “I loved to do the paperwork,” she says, “and I loved to keep all the records and write up the minutes.”

Dick took numerous 4-H trips, but nothing compared to his International Foreign Youth Exchange to Switzerland. “Of the things I have done throughout life, the maturity I gained from those six months in Switzerland has meant a lot,” he says.

The Taylors have passed on the 4-H tradition to their children. “It has opened doors for them,” Joyce says. “They’re old enough now to see the importance of how 4-H affects children. “It has opened doors for them,” Joyce says. “They’re old enough now to see the importance of how 4-H affects your life forever.”

Dick is the veterinary science project leader in Howard County. Joyce, who has worked for the University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development since 1987, organizes the global education projects, advises the State 4-H Council and coordinates the State 4-H Congress.

“Joyce has taken good care of our international programs,” says Nelson Trickey, retired assistant 4-H director. “I know Dick had been instrumental in getting veterinarians from Missouri to contribute to 4-H so we can have a good program. Both are wonderful and have done a lot of good.”

In September, the Missouri 4-H Foundation presented the Taylors with the Nelson Trickey 4-H Bridge Builder Award.

Jerry Dowell
Darrell and Cheri Dryer
Diane L. Dudley
Dr. Robert and Martha Ebbesmeyer
Edgecombe County 4-H Exchange
Doralee Ely
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George F. Fischer

Owen and Vera Fox
Robert Gallup
Dr. Norman and Victoria Garton
Town and Country 4-H Club
Mark Godfrey
Dr. Nelda and Darrell Godfrey
Jerry and Shirley Goos
Graf and Sons Inc.
Frank and Olive Graham
Quentin and Ann Greenley
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Gale and Joyce Hanks
Hannibal Carbidie Tool Inc.
Janie A. Harmon
Harrisburg 4-H Club
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Hecker Animal Clinic
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Henry County 4-H Clubs
Hermann Veterinary Clinic
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Dr. R. Kent Jackson
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Jolly Jump Up 4-H Club
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Keystone Masonry Inc.
Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder
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Mark and Patricia Koenigsfeld
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Kimberly Lakin
Lifetime Animal Center
Dr. Mike and Ina Metzger Linville
Sen. John Louden
Wilma Jean Lower
Don and Barbara Lucietta
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McAcon Electric Cooperative
Madison 4-H Club
Magic City Clovers 4-H Club
Manila Willing Workers 4-H Club
Julia Marsh
Bruce Martin
Maryville Veterinary Clinic
Robert L. McNary
Connie Meford
Kim E. Mehl
Mexico Animal Hospital
Miller County 4-H Council
Missouri Dairy Association
Missouri Federation of Animal Owners
Montgomery County 4-H Council
Dr. Cecil P. and Gerri Moore
Morgan County Radiant Rascals
Mt. Zion Country Clovers
N.W. Electric Power Cooperative
Napoleon Bank
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Don J. Nicholson
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NorthStar Bank N.A.
Olde Tyme 4-H Club
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Eugene Olson
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Earl and June Padgett
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Kristin Perry
Perry State Bank
Phelps County 4-H Council
Robert A. Pierce II
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Carl and Virginia Poehlman
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Randolph County Junior Leaders
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United Electric Cooperative Inc.
University of Missouri Extension Council of Henry County
University of Missouri Extension Council of Ste. Genevieve
Fred Vahle
Whiteman Air Force Base 4-H Youth Programs
Dr. Donald M. Walsh
John L. Watt
Russ Weathers
Dennis Weaver
West Central Electric Cooperative
Lad, a fat calf grand champion in 1933, captures the imaginations of today's 4-H'ers

Riding in a red Packard through wide-open pasture, Dorothy Horstick Stumpe found herself taken with one calf in particular — his yellow hide stood out among the red and white Herefords.

The year was 1933, and little did Stumpe know that the calf, selected to show at the 4-H fair in Franklin County, Kan., would become a champion. It was a blue-ribbon summer for Stumpe and her calf, Lad, who won fat calf grand champion at every fair that year.

That fall, Dorothy and Lad traveled to the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., where Hereford breeders quickly saw that the calf was something special. Stumpe still remembers the day. “When I got into the ring, it wasn’t long for them to get me off to the side, and I knew then Lad was one of the best,” she says.

Sure enough, Lad was named grand champion in all divisions of fat calves.

“We grew up on the story of Lad,” says Stumpe’s son, Lester, of Cleveland. “She always had great 4-H stories.”

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“The kids just adore her. They’re in awe of her,” says Linda Saunders, a club leader from Washington, Mo. “When she talks, they listen because she’s so interesting.”

The key to Stumpe’s longevity as a 4-H volunteer is simple. “It’s a nice group of people to be with because they want to work and do something,” she says.

Seasoned volunteers add to the value of the 4-H youth development program, says Dave Hileman, 4-H youth specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

“Those who stick around a long time help bridge the gap in how 4-H has changed, help us remember the old ways and transition to the new ways,” Hileman says. “Dorothy is very adaptable and changes as we change.”
C.O. and Katy Balentine have always lived the 4-H principles of head, heart, hands and health. Recently, the couple used their hearts to establish college scholarships through the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

The Balentines’ gift provides four $2,500 scholarships for 4-H members from Cass and Bates counties. Brad Arnold of Drexel, Rachel Bartholomew of Archie, Janine Castillo of Hume and Danielle Roach of Harrisonville are this year’s recipients.

C.O. Balentine was an extension specialist in his home state of Oklahoma for five years before moving into a banking career. “To this day, the motto of 4-H ‘to make the best better’ is still with me,” he says.

“I think one of the greatest things 4-H does is teach children to participate, compete and try to be the best in the class, so to speak. That competitiveness is a wholesome competitiveness,” he says.

Katy Balentine still remembers participating in the state 4-H club demonstration contest in Stillwater, Okla. “Making bread was one I loved,” she said. “I still make bread.”

The Balentines are active in 4-H, managing stock shows and sales for 4-H and FFA youth. Their children are also 4-H’ers. C.O. is chairman emeritus of Bank 10 in Belton, and says his extension background has allowed him to better understand his bank’s customers.

“It is a service to people and serving them as an adviser as a county extension employee was something special,” C.O. says. “The background I had gave me the opportunity to know more about a farmer customer than the normal person would have.”

The scholarships also include summer internships at county University of Missouri Extension offices.

“Extension service — where they work — they’re helping other people and that is one of the best trainings you’ll have,” C.O. says. “Students will see the impact that the office has in making a better life for families.”

### Missouri 4-H Foundation Heritage League

The Missouri 4-H Foundation Heritage League honors individuals whose gifts provide for the future of University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth development programs through an estate gift or a charitable gift annuity. 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.
## THE MISSOURI 4-H FOUNDATION
### STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
(Only the total of net asset classifications are displayed)

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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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Young 4-H members get a little help prior to their "No Bake Cookies" demonstration at the Missouri State Fair.