University of Missouri
4-H Center for Youth Development
2008 Annual Report

Missouri 4-H Foundation Celebrates 60th Anniversary
Dear Friends:

I am so pleased to share with you highlights of programming reported in the University of Missouri Extension Center for Youth Development 2008 annual report. While impressive, it is only a snapshot of our programs and partnerships that make 4-H the nation’s premier youth program. It is the only youth development program affiliated with a university system to bring the both the relevant content and the science of youth development to the citizens of Missouri.

The 4-H program reaches one in every 11 young people, ages 5 to 18. In fact, 4-H is in the only youth organization in every county in the state and nation. 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.

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 fundraisers for our program. I want to thank those donors and trustees for investing in Missouri's young people.

As we evaluate our programs, the data support what we have known in our hearts for nearly 100 years. Young people in our programs not only do better, but they thrive. Young people in 4-H make better choices than their non-4-H peers by rejecting the temptations to use drugs, by delaying sexual activity and by contributing to their communities rather than vandalizing their surroundings. This is because our 4-H’ers report they are significantly more engaged in meaningful leadership opportunities than their non-4-H peers. So not only are our members thriving, so are the communities in which they reside.

Essential in this effort are our volunteers. Since the fall of 2007, nearly 9,000 volunteers completed Making the Best Better: Foundations for Success volunteer orientation. This commitment of our volunteers will continue to create environments where young people are valued, contributing members of their communities.

Together, dedicated faculty, committed volunteers and spirited 4-H’ers will continue to learn and grow together to help our youth and communities thrive. Please join me in this important work.

Best regards,

Ina Metzger Linville, PhD
Director
University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development
Missouri 4-H is...

a community of 94,230 youths across Missouri learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

One out of every 11 Missourians, ages 5 to 18, participated in a 4-H program in 2008.

4-H clubs — 25,806 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.

4-H special-interest programs — 13,409 participants*

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

4-H school programs — 55,015 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 11,232 youth and adult volunteers — their time is valued at $18.5 million

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. National statistics suggest that the average volunteer contributes 96 hours per year. Valuing their time at $17.19 per hour, the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth more than $18.5 million in 2008.

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.

Top 10 projects for 2008 enrollment year*

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**Leadership**

**National 4-H Congress delegates thrive on challenge**

Taking a 14-hour bus ride while their families enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner may sound extreme, but Missouri delegates to National 4-H Congress thrived on the challenge and were rewarded for their effort. Four MU Extension 4-H members were elected to leadership positions during the 2008 congress. Jeanetta Baumer will serve on the National 4-H Congress Design Team; Tyler Lappe joins the National 4-H Congress Leadership Team; Samantha Warner was elected state delegate advisor; and Dustin Wilkerson demonstrated Missouri pride as the state flag bearer.

These 4-H members were among more than 995 delegates from 46 states and U.S. territories who were inspired to “accept the challenge to come together, be aware/learn/know, to care, to share, and to dare!”

“Leadership workshops, community service and cultural opportunities contribute to the development of capable, competent and caring young people,” said Diana Duncan, MU Extension 4-H state youth specialist and Missouri delegation coordinator.

Throughout its 80-year history, National 4-H Congress has been a stage for the very best and brightest, most accomplished 4-H members from throughout the nation. Missouri 4-H’ers earn a delegation seat through a comprehensive essay and interviews at the regional and state levels.

National 4-H Congress delegates are supported by generous gifts from C.O. and Katy Balentine, Doris Thomas-Wiggins and Ed Wiggins, Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement, the Crawford Taylor Foundation, Missouri Pork Producers, University of Arkansas Foundation and Lube Specialties, LLC., the Missouri 4-H Foundation, and MU Extension 4-H.

A national 4-H study is following young people over time to track patterns of growth and change. Youths who had participated in 4-H at some point during 5th-8th grades are 3.5 times more likely to be at highest levels of contribution. Contribution is a measure of volunteering and service activities. At the other end of the spectrum, 4-H youths are 1.3 times more likely to have lower scores on measures of risk behaviors and depression.
2008 State 4-H Congress elects new officers

Derek Brucker of Oak Ridge was elected president of the Missouri State 4-H Council, during the 63rd State 4-H Congress at the University of Missouri. Brucker was among more than 300 young people who attended the MU Extension 4-H event. State 4-H Congress provides a quality learning experience for 4-H youths, ages 14-19, through workshops and other educational opportunities, and introduces 4-H delegates to college life on the University of Missouri campus.

In addition to Brucker, 2008 State 4-H Council Officers include Matt Thompson, Garden City, vice president; Charlotte Jackson, New Cambria, secretary; and Wayne Lane, Kansas City, treasurer.

Collegiate 4-H serves Mid-Missouri Food Bank

Seventy-five collegiate 4-H members from nine Midwestern states donned hair nets and gloves to volunteer at the Mid-Missouri Food Bank in November. The service project was part of the 2008 North Central Region Collegiate 4-H Conference, which was hosted in Columbia by Mizzou 4-H, the local collegiate 4-H club.

“We bagged hot dogs because all their food comes in bulk quantities, but they need to be able to give it to individual families,” said Mike Razim, tri-coordinator for the conference and member of Mizzou 4-H. The group repackaged the bulk food, filling 20-ounce bags with hotdogs that came from 500-pound boxes.

As they were working, John Wampler, food drive volunteer coordinator, reminded the volunteers to bag every part of the hot dog, even the broken hot dogs and shavings, because that might be the only meat some people get. “It definitely reminds you how important the smallest part makes a difference in someone’s life,” Razim said.

While food is vital to the cause, Wampler said volunteers also play a key role in food bank operations. “The importance is that we cannot do what we need to do without the volunteers,” Wampler said. “During the holiday times, the need is incredible. We’re blessed to have groups that come, like 4-H, to help. We got a lot done.”

The group repackaged more than a ton of hot dogs and most of the college students didn’t mind giving up their Saturday to do it.

“4-H has shown me that it’s an enjoyable experience to give back to others and help others out where I can,” said Razim.

Council members represent the 28,345 club members in Missouri. The council also is responsible for the coordination of two major youth leadership conferences each year: Teen Conference, an event for 12- and 13-year-olds, and State 4-H Congress. Missouri State 4-H Council members have a major role in all statewide Missouri 4-H and Lincoln University youth events, including the Missouri State Fair in August.

State 4-H Congress is funded by MFA Foundation, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, and Missouri Corn Merchandising Council. Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Mary C. Davis supports the work of the State 4-H Council.
Missouri 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum trades places in state’s high court

Aside from the Missouri Supreme Court justices themselves, very few people are allowed to sit in the high court’s chairs. The same goes for desks in the Missouri House of Representatives. But sometimes it is necessary to switch places to improve your view. Several 4-H members from around the state changed their perspectives as they learned about Missouri’s government from these significant seats at the Missouri 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum, June 30-July 2, 2008 in Jefferson City, Mo. Fifty-two 4-H members attended the event sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and Lincoln University Extension.

At the Forum, 4-H members took an in-depth look at the three branches of government, and also a media track to teach 4-H’ers what role the media plays in government.

Missouri 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum was supported by the Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri Bar Association, Monsanto, Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart, the League of Women Voters and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

One out of every 11 Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a 4-H program in 2008.
Rewards of 4-H LIFE surpass program boundaries

The nationally recognized 4-H LIFE (Living Interactive Family Education) is a family strengthening program designed to address the needs of children of incarcerated parents and their family members. 4-H LIFE provides a healthy and nurturing family environment during enhanced visits at state correction centers.

While the children of offenders have been the primary focus of the program, a growing number of MU students have also benefited from their involvement with the 4-H LIFE Program. Since 2005, many University of Missouri students have experienced unique and life-changing internships with 4-H LIFE. During her internship, former MU Extension 4-H member Stephanie Schindler used life skills she learned in 4-H.

“I had the opportunity to incorporate many 4-H games while working with the 4-H LIFE program,” Schindler said. “Also, I had been a part of a 4-H youth/adult partnership program and used many of these skills and lessons with the parents and their children.”

Recently, two graduate students also fulfilled their semester-long practicum requirements with the 4-H LIFE program. Yanfang Yue said the experience was a great fit with her interest in diverse families.

“I learned a lot from my experience with 4-H LIFE. I know more about the dynamics of families with incarcerated parents. I am more open, and I appreciate others’ differences. The work experience gave me the opportunity to conduct research and improve my research skills. Besides, I have more understanding of the mission and work of University of Missouri Extension, the 4-H LIFE Program and the Department of Corrections.”

A multi-disciplinary team of University of Missouri Extension educators and their partners guide the program that is based on the 4-H club model. 4-H LIFE currently operates at three state correctional centers in Missouri. The 4-H LIFE program is supported primarily with USDA and University of Missouri Extension funds, with Missouri 4-H Foundation support for youth membership dues and camp enrollment assistance.

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Citizenship

Chief Petty Officer Chester Jones of Clinton, Mo., teaches Nick Kroll of Camdenton and Sebastian Conrad of Columbus, Ohio, about batteries at the electricity skill-a-thon station during 4-H military family camp at Camp Clover Point.

Operation: Military Kids 4-H Clubs make the difference

Think about all the things that happen to a child in a year—baseball games, band concerts, first dates, learning to drive, birthday parties, graduations, weddings, proms. Many military moms and dads have missed these events, maybe more than once, and this takes its toll on families. In Missouri as many as 30,000 military children are living in single-parent homes or with relatives. Military families in the throes of deployment are in every community. When military parents deploy, their children are finding a safety net in Operation: Military Kids 4-H Clubs.

In 2008, 230 military kids were served in 4-H clubs at Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base; 388 military kids participated in 4-H “Discover the Quest” camp. Countless Missouri 4-H clubs created Hero Packs, backpacks or bags filled with various items, for children who are left at home taking on extra responsibilities while their parent is deployed.

These highlights provide a glimpse of how lives have been enriched and how appreciation has grown for families who sacrifice daily because their loved one is serving our country. Operation Military Kids: 4-H programs touch lives and make a difference.

Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child and Youth Services, USDA National 4-H Headquarters and the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Program.
4-H promotes healthy living

At MU Extension 4-H Camp Food and Fitness, 50 4-H members enjoy the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on activities that promote better nutrition and physical fitness. At the University of Missouri, campers explore college majors and careers in food, nutrition and fitness. Best of all, the 12- to 14-year-old young people from across the state make new friends who share their interest in food, nutrition and fitness.

43%

4-H is a community of young people across Missouri. 4-H has no geographic boundaries. While it began in rural America and still proudly serves there, 4-H projects and activities today appeal to all young people. In Missouri, 43% of all 4-H participants lived in towns and cities larger than 10,000 people.
4-H'ers explore the world through a lens

Across the state, 27 MU Extension 4-H members spent the year capturing rural life in Missouri as part of the state 4-H Photo Corps. Ranging in ages from 12-18, Photo Corps members improved their photography skills as they explored the world around them. They experimented with different angles, times of day and subjects. They received comments on their work from professional photographers at Rural Missouri, the statewide publication of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. At the end of their yearlong experience, Rural Missouri and several of Missouri's electric cooperatives supported the group’s efforts by publishing photographs.

4-H Photo Corps and Video Corps are supported by a generous gift from Richard Miller, CEO, Miller’s Professional Imaging.

Robotics makes gains across the state

MU Extension 4-H initiated a statewide 4-H robotics program in response to concerns in political, educational and business circles about the projected shortfall of future scientists, engineers and technical workers. Constructing and programming robotics is an excellent vehicle for building a strong foundation for a wide range of science, technical and workforce skills including electricity, electronics, computer programming, mechanics, physics, geometry, systems design, problem-solving, teamwork and communications. In two years, the MU Extension 4-H robotics club program enrollment has grown to 310 youths and 60 volunteers in 61 counties.

A generous gift from the MFA Foundation makes this 4-H SET program possible.

Chad Evans helps his daughter Audrey piece together a robotic dinosaur at the West Central Region 4-H Energizer in Blue Springs, Mo. Audrey gave her dad the specifications, and he helped her bring her idea to life.
Embracing higher education

MU freshman Jay “B.J.” Spann of St. Louis graduated from Gateway Institute of Technology — a magnet school in St. Louis.

You’ve seen it in the movies: A motivated, young individual — usually a teacher — shows up at an inner city high school. Appalled by the violent, volatile world in which the smart but struggling students live, the teacher helps students graduate from high school and attend college.

You’ve seen it in the news: Urban high schools in the United States face low student attendance and graduation rates. Seventeen of the nation’s 50 largest cities have graduation rates of less than 50 percent.

This is the real thing: MU freshman Jay “B.J.” Spann of St. Louis graduated from high school on May 27, 2008, and moved into College Avenue Hall one week later as part of MU’s Trial Admission Program. Real life blends two story lines: College access doesn’t come easy, but having help improves the odds. Spann’s future now looks brighter.

A serious son
Spann’s grandmother, Ann Usher of St. Louis, sums up Spann’s youth with pride: “We never had any problem with him,” she says. “He’s so sincere and positive. I didn’t have to worry about him. And he has always been so serious about his education,” says Usher. “He’s not going through the paces. He says, ‘I want to better my life,’ and he has the motivation and determination to do it.”

But that’s not to say that circumstances were ideal. Spann’s mother, Sarah McElroy, had a brain aneurysm in 1995. At the time of the aneurysm, Spann was 6 years old. His grandparents cared for him and his older brother while McElroy recovered.

The situation fostered close family ties all around, and Spann often accompanied his brother to after-school activities. Although he didn’t know it at the time, one group activity in particular — an MU Extension after-school program — would affect him for the rest of his life. “It’s like my second home,” Spann says. “We’re a family. We support each other.”

Home away from home
Housed in a city-owned building in need of repair, the basement of 724 Union Blvd, known as the St. Louis City West End Community Center, has a reputation among inner city youth. But it’s not the ghost stories or the occasional burglaries that have them talking. It’s the MU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

At about 3 p.m. almost every weekday, 15 middle school and high school students leave class and make their way to the West End Center. Once there, they discuss the day’s news as it blares on the television. A few play pool on a donated pool table, and others challenge the computer to a game of chess. Everyone is reminded — repeatedly — to do their homework.

This is not a stereotypical 4-H program — there are no farm animals, no barns and no corn. Partnered with 106 land-grant universities across the U.S., including MU, 4-H is a youth development and research program with considerable reach. Although it has historically focused on agriculture and animal husbandry in rural areas, a new breed of 4-H focuses on urban youth development.

“Whether rural or urban, kids are facing the same kinds of issues,” says Jody Squires, MU Extension urban youth development specialist.
specialist and city program director for the St. Louis program. She’s referring to the downward trend in high school graduation rates and the barriers some youth face to attending college.

She and her staff of three — Nicolya Johnson, Kelli Lowe and Charles Lowe — help equip middle school and high school students from the St. Louis public school district with the values and leadership skills necessary to graduate from high school and attend college. Previous participants often serve as mentors for students currently in the program.

Spann has been part of the program for the last nine years. “This is the type of program that helps you define yourself,” he says. “Coming here has kept me off the streets and kept me from doing bad things.”

The learning curve
The program — called STL Educators — teaches students the importance of managing their finances, communicating and collaborating with others, and giving back to the community. The group also visits local colleges and takes other field trips. Each student has to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, fulfill responsibilities at home as designated by a parent, participate in community service activities and help raise money for the trips.

“We try to give them a college experience,” Charles Lowe says. “We want them to know what it’s going to be like when they have to juggle all these things on their own.”

Trial and admission
Spann’s ACT score combined with his class ranking made him eligible for MU’s Trial Admission Program. Students in the program take two college courses from June 9 to Aug. 1. Successful students — Spann among them — then start regular course work in the fall. The transition to college life was fast, Spann says. “I had to adjust to that, but now I know what to expect.”

All of the students who have participated in the STL Educators 4-H Youth Development program over the past eight years have graduated from high school and gone on to college — Spann is the 23rd. He’s determined not to be the last. “I’ll stay involved in the program — of course I will,” he says. “It helped me, and I want it to help others too.”

Story by Sara Garber, photos by Nicholas Benner. Mizzou Magazine.
Dear 4-H Friends:

We hope the New Year is off to a wonderful start for you. The year 2008 certainly presented some challenges for all of us, but we continue to be grateful for all of the blessings in our lives, and for what we know will be a bright future!

In October, we will celebrate the Foundation’s 60th Anniversary! As we begin to reflect on the Foundation’s rich history over the past six decades, the Missouri 4-H Foundation is especially grateful for the support of our 4-H friends and families, both old and new. In many ways, it’s hard to believe that so much time has passed, and yet, when we consider how 4-H and the 4-H Foundation have evolved and grown, we are amazed at the progress that we have made on behalf of thousands of young Missourians spanning multiple generations. We hope you enjoy reading about the founding of the Foundation while reflecting on your own memories of how 4-H has touched your life.

We continue to focus on growing the Foundation’s Annual Fund, increasing support for existing and new 4-H programs, and ensuring that the future of Missouri 4-H is secure through planned gifts. The Foundation recently expanded its fundraising efforts to support 4-H in addressing our nation’s critical needs in science, engineering and technology, and to prepare our state’s young people for the workforce in the 21st Century. Thanks to those of you who have already committed to this important fundraising endeavor, and we hope to join forces with many more of you.

Of all the things that we are grateful for, we are most indebted for your support, and we thank you so much for your continued partnership. The Foundation continues to thrive because of you. We ask that you keep the Missouri 4-H Foundation in your philanthropic plans for 2009. Please call the Missouri 4-H Foundation if you have questions about how you can support 4-H members at 573-882-2680.

You may also now make your gift online to the Missouri 4-H Foundation at 4hfoundation@missouri.edu.

As we look forward to the next 60 years of the Missouri 4-H Foundation, congratulations to all of you, our 4-H family, who have made Missouri 4-H what it is today.

With best wishes for 2009,

Robert E. “Bud” Hertzog, Chair
Missouri 4-H Foundation
Board of Trustees

Cheryl Reams, Executive Director
Missouri 4-H Foundation
Sixty years ago, a group of citizens established the Missouri 4-H Foundation, incorporated as a non-profit on October 10, 1949. Their mission was to “best meet the needs and advance the interests of 4-H Club and Older Youth work throughout the state.” D. Howard Doane of Point Lookout chaired the first foundation board, with members representing every part of the state. Frank Graham of Columbia, one of the first board members, continues to serve as an honorary trustee. (Pictured below is the first board.) The foundation recruited an advisory committee, which assisted “to the best of their ability, [which seems to be unlimited for some] in carrying out the broad purposes of the Foundation — that of finding ways and means of furthering 4-H Club work.” Among the members was J. C. Penney.

The foundation tackled major projects, particularly in recognizing 4-H Club Leaders, establishing scholarship endowments, and encouraging young entrepreneurs. During the 1950s, the foundation funded purchases of breeding ewes for 4-H projects; club members repaid the loans with their shearing profits. Through Trustee Don Spalding, local banks made loans that helped establish many fine dairy and beef herds.

Higher education got a boost in 1961, when a $3,000 gift started the MU 4-H student loan fund, under the direction of 4-H supporter Allan Purdy. In 1962, Mrs. William A. West established a memorial trust that seeded the foundation endowment. Missouri 4-H Foundation Heritage Club members, among others, have continued Mrs. West’s development efforts.

Throughout our history, the founding vision has guided our mission: The Foundation hopes that time will provide it with a history and several traditions that will be accepted with pride by its members, and will be recognized by the general public as a truly benevolent organization.
Missouri Department of Conservation supports 4-H Outdoors

Few states can match the support given 4-H camping by the Missouri Department of Conservation,” according to 50 Years of 4-H in Missouri, published in 1964. “Outstanding specialists from the field service, educational and administrative staffs of the department often led classes during the entire camp period.” Today, the Missouri Department of Conservation continues to offer major support to the Missouri 4-H outdoor education program.

“We’re trying to connect with the next generations of Missourians, especially in the case of outdoor education, and we know 4-H is doing an exceptional job at reaching kids and connecting them to the outdoors,” said Lorna Domke, outreach and education division chief of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

In the past year, more than 11,000 4-H members have had the opportunity to learn about the outdoors through projects such as shooting sports, sport fishing, wildlife management and outdoor adventures. The largest project is shooting sports, with nearly half of the outdoor youths participating. 4-H Shooting Sports is also supported by Big Game Hunters Foundation, Federal Cartridge, Midway USA, National Wild Turkey Federation, Friends of the National Rifle Association, National Rifle Association Foundation, Inc., and Ralph and Mary Ann Gates.

Other projects in the outdoor education program include sport fishing, wildlife management and outdoor adventures. Sport fishing includes aquatic education about clean water and watersheds, and the science of fisheries, as well as fishing skills.

University of Missouri Extension 4-H State Youth Specialist Gerry Snapp, who oversees the Missouri 4-H outdoor education program, notes that the outdoor adventure program, which features hiking, camping and backpacking, is “starting to take off. A lot of areas in the outdoor education program have been an area of growth for 4-H.”
Turners endow Missouri delegation travel to national conference

When 4-H history’s in the making, the Turner family is there. In 1927, Nellie Turner attended the first National 4-H Conference — then called 4-H Club Camp — and took part in adopting the 4-H pledge and motto. On June 16, 1959, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower in attendance, Nellie’s son, Ed Turner, presided over the dedication ceremony of the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C. Ed’s sister, Joan Hickman, was present at the dedication of the national center’s courtyard statue.

The Turners are now making it possible for others to attend the conference. Currently Nellie Turner is funding delegate expenses, with a gift of $3,000 per year. The Turner family has made a gift commitment of a $60,000 endowment, to provide perpetual support for a Missouri delegation to the National Conference. Hickman said that the weeklong experience is unlike any other.

“In addition to giving 4-H’ers tools to sharpen their leadership skills and promote 4-H, they’re also providing input on parts of the program that could be expanded and generating new ideas,” she said. Today’s 4-H’ers will “be active participants in the future of the program. We know that young people participate more readily when they have a voice in how the program goes. It’s one of the basic tenets of 4-H, and on a national level, this is where that occurs.”

“Missouri has an important place among the represented states, and we are committed to ensuring that our state is able to send delegates every year. The Turner family has made this possible, with their generous support,” said foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

The Turner’s gift will fund three MU Extension 4-H club members’ attendance at the conference. Quintin Binder, a 2007 4-H National Conference attendee from Pettis County, appreciates the support. “I am very grateful for the experience, as I learned many skills I can use now and in the future,” Binder said.

Nellie Turner (right) and her daughter, Joan Hickman (left) continue the family’s commitment to 4-H by endowing perpetual support for a Missouri delegation to attend the National 4-H Conference each year.
Missouri 4-H is helping a new generation of young people to be prepared with the science, math and workforce skills necessary for the 21st Century. Missouri’s 4-H SET program, created by the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development, is nationally recognized for offering aerospace camp, after-school computer lab projects, computer simulation contests and GIS service learning activities.

To enhance science education, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, MU Extension 4-H and the University of Missouri are joining forces to launch the Missouri 4-H SET initiative. Already, the Missouri 4-H Foundation has forged new partnerships to support the SET program.

The MFA Foundation is supporting the new statewide robotics program. Miller’s Professional Imaging, a photo imaging service in Columbia and Topeka, Kan., has generously supported the Missouri 4-H Photo Corps, Video Corps and videography workshops, which enhance learning in technology. Brewer Science Inc., of Rolla, a major innovator of high-technology solutions for the semiconductor/microelectronics equipment and chemicals marketplace, also will support the SET initiative.

Over the next few years, the Missouri 4-H Foundation and its SET partners will seek funding for the $3.3 million Missouri 4-H SET budget. An additional $5 million in endowments is included in that goal.

“The foundation is pleased to be a part of this important initiative to improve our youths’ literacy and abilities in science, engineering and technology. We are encouraged by the interest that existing and new partners have already shown in 4-H SET,” said Cheryl Reams, executive director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation.
Fridleys provide opportunities for youth futures

Rising tuition costs and other barriers often make a youth’s dream of attending college seem unattainable. That’s why former Missouri 4-H Foundation trustee Bob Fridley and his wife, Gloria, donated $5,000 to support 4-H Youth Futures: College Within Reach. The program helps students who are less likely to attend college — such as first-generation students — to enroll and achieve success in college.

“We can identify with the dreams of young people and can remember the days of our own youth when times were difficult,” said Bob Fridley. “We had good examples around us that encouraged us to dream and take advantage of opportunities when they were presented.”

Since 2002, the 4-H Youth Futures program has helped more than 200 high school youths in St. Louis, Kansas City and mid-Missouri to make their dreams a reality. In 2007, 77 percent of the 31 participants who graduated from high school enrolled in college.

The Fridleys’ generous gift helped enhance the mentoring portion of the program, said Alison Copeland, program coordinator. “The additional funding supported the program at the local levels,” she said. “It really jump-started their programs.”
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 charitable gift annuity.

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Robert R. and Gretchen Thompson, Rolla
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Nelson and Lorene Trickey, Columbia
L. Jo Turner, Columbia
Walter T. and Norma Wilkening, Columbia
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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**REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT:**

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<th>Total 2008</th>
<th>Total 2007</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$ 433,151</td>
<td>$ 421,882</td>
<td>$ 290,509</td>
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<td>Membership and other fees</td>
<td>309,666</td>
<td>300,993</td>
<td>307,698</td>
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<td>Investment income, net of $13,055 of investment management fees in 2008</td>
<td>149,046</td>
<td>124,931</td>
<td>83,064</td>
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<td>Net realized and unrealized gains on investments</td>
<td>(147,259)</td>
<td>375,193</td>
<td>219,547</td>
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<td>Total Revenues</td>
<td>$ 744,604</td>
<td>$ 1,222,999</td>
<td>$ 900,818</td>
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**EXPENSES:**

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<td>Operating expenses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program</td>
<td>$ 532,307</td>
<td>$ 557,858</td>
<td>$ 507,818</td>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
<td>147,803</td>
<td>112,530</td>
<td>73,569</td>
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<td>Fund raising</td>
<td>140,623</td>
<td>73,028</td>
<td>54,588</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Operating expenses</td>
<td>$ 820,733</td>
<td>$ 743,416</td>
<td>$ 635,975</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
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<td>Payments to beneficiaries</td>
<td>$ 13,686</td>
<td>$ 12,859</td>
<td>$ 12,444</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
<td>$ 834,419</td>
<td>$ 756,275</td>
<td>$ 648,419</td>
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<td>Increase (Decrease) in net assets</td>
<td>$ (89,815)</td>
<td>$ 466,724</td>
<td>$ 252,399</td>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>5,040,128</td>
<td>4,573,404</td>
<td>4,321,005</td>
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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td>$ 4,950,313</td>
<td>5,040,128</td>
<td>4,573,404</td>
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The condensed financial statement information above have been derived from financial statements audited by Casey and Company, LLC for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006. The audited financial statements and auditors report are available at the Missouri 4-H Foundation administrative office, 819 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

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**Outside Grant Funding July 2007 - June 2008**

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<th>Title, Sponsor</th>
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<td>Kansas City 21st Century Community Learning Center -- Cohort II, Local Investment Commission</td>
<td>$326,304</td>
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<td>Missouri Afterschool State Network, Missouri Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education</td>
<td>$662,095</td>
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<td>CYFERNET Technology, University of Minnesota</td>
<td>$7,067</td>
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<td>Military 4-H Clubs, Kansas State University</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
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<td>Character Counts! Auburn University</td>
<td>$104,185</td>
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<td>AmeriCorp VISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service</td>
<td>$35,500</td>
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<td>Operation: Military Kids 4-H Clubs, Kansas State University</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>4-H Positive Youth Development Study, National 4-H Council</td>
<td>$72,944</td>
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<tr>
<td>Afterschool METS/HEALTH/WELLNESS Program, Missouri Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,338,095</strong></td>
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The Missouri 4-H Foundation inducted 31 individuals, eight couples and one business into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony August 10 at the 2008 Missouri State Fair. “The foundation is especially grateful to the supporters who make it possible to continue this program every year,” said Cheryl Reams, executive director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation. “This year we extend a special thanks to FCS Financial for their support.” Congratulations to the 2008 inductees to these Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame.

Ronald L. Adam, Clinton
Mary Baumann, Andrew
Anna Brinkhoff, Jasper
Ruth Bunton, Barton
Jo Burrow, St. Clair
Joanne Cowan, Boone
Floyd Dieker,* Shelby
Sherry Ellison, Linn
Patty Fisher, Pike
Galen and Becky Gazaway, Vernon
Lois Grace, Gentry
Alice Harvard, Boone
David and Alice Huenefeldt, Henry
Jane Hunter, Macon

Dennis and Pat Hyle, Putnam
Martin J. Johns, St. Francois
Al Kennett, Ralls
John and Robin Koenig, Lafayette
Donald R. LaRue, Marion
Georgette and Jim Leach, Laclede
Lumley Locker, Lewis
Betty George McCullough, Mercer
Mary Jo McMullin, Pettis
Pat Moore, Scott
Mae Oehring, Cole
Gene Olson, Cass
Anne R. Patrick, Johnson
Mae Schlotzhauer, Howard

LaFern Schoen, Cape Girardeau
Neva and Charlie* Selway, Clark
Dorothy Stumpe, Franklin
Norma Lee Sugg, Carroll
Mary Donna Toomay,* Caldwell
Merrill and Norma Jean Townley, Osage
Vickie Troyer, Randolph
Harry Vieth,* Jackson
Dale Whiteside, Livingston
Milton Wood,* Shelby
Carl and Marilyn Wright, Lawrence
Elmer Zimmerman, Saline

*Awarded posthumously