Missouri 4-H’ers in Action
Ina Metzger Linville, director

Dear Friends:

I am so pleased to share with you highlights of programming reported in the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development 2010 Annual Report. While impressive, it is only a snapshot of our programs and partnerships. As the nation’s premier youth program, 4-H is the only youth development program affiliated with a university system, bringing both relevant content and the science of youth development to all citizens of Missouri.

The 4-H program reaches one in every four young people, ages 5 to 18. In fact, 4-H is the only youth organization in every county in the state and nation. In Missouri, our outreach is possible due to strong 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 that 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 youth.

As we evaluate our programs, the data do show a significant difference between active 4-H’ers, particularly teens, and their non-4-H peers. Active 4-H members excel in leadership and have higher educational goals. At the same time, data report fewer unhealthy behaviors such as drinking, smoking and other drug use. Why such results?

Our 4-H members have more caring adults in their lives, to help support and guide them in positive ways. 4-H’ers are also busy with leadership opportunities, as compared to their non-4-H peers. Missouri mirrors national data, in that our Missouri 4-H’ers are more likely to pursue careers in science, and spend more leisure time participating in science, engineering or computer technology programming. So 4-H members are science-ready and leadership-ready to keep our communities thriving.

Essential in this effort are our volunteers. Over 10,000 volunteers are screened and trained. This volunteer commitment 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

ABOUT THE COVER:

Missouri 4-H’ers learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through club projects such as caring for pets, raising and showing livestock, shooting sports projects and competitions, and countless opportunities to engage with community leaders as well as other 4-H’ers in state and national congresses.

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

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri volunteers report they contribute 200 hours per year.

Valuing their time at $18.70 per hour, the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth more than $38.25 million in 2010.

**Missouri 4-H is...**

*a community of 315,409 youths across Missouri learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.*

One out of four Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in an MU Extension 4-H program in 2010.

26,404 participants*

241,705 participants**

47,290 participants*

10,227 youth and adult volunteers

$38.25 million in time contributed

4-H has no geographic boundaries

While 4-H has its beginnings in rural America, 4-H projects and activities today appeal to all young people.

Top 10 projects for 2010 enrollment year*

Food, health and fitness ...................... 239,039**
Science, engineering and technology .......... 36,206
Citizenship, leadership and character .......... 15,743
Environmental education and earth sciences ... 13,893
Communications and expressive arts .......... 11,416
Food and fiber animals ....................... 7,977
Companion animals .......................... 3,979
Consumer and family sciences ................ 2,101
Clover Kids ............................... 2,643

*Duplicates not removed

**Includes Family Nutrition Education Program youth
The new Missouri 4-H Homegrown Community Leaders Project will strengthen rural communities in southern Missouri by providing leadership and educational opportunities to rural youths, especially those from underserved and diverse populations.

Five “homegrown” projects are based in Barry, Dade, Dallas, Polk, Oregon, Dunklin and Ripley counties. Local teams of community leaders and youths will identify social, cultural, economic or environmental concerns, then develop and implement action plans to address the issues.

“This is a great opportunity for youths to build partnerships with adult leaders in the community while tackling an issue of importance in the area,” said Steve Henness, project coordinator. “We hope that 4-H members will not only have an impact on the issue they have chosen to focus on, but that they will develop relationships and long-standing ties to the community.”

Henness said the teams are concentrating their efforts for up to five years on a single public issue identified through town hall meetings or community forums, and will work on solutions, “creating a ripple effect of continuing discovery, learning and dissemination.” The project will help youths gain leadership skills and knowledge, experience civic leadership roles, prepare for college, and make long-term goals for hometown civic and entrepreneurial leadership.

Henness said the five-year goal is for young leaders to go to college, with strong local ties to their communities and entrepreneurial aspirations leading them back home.

The program is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National 4-H Council.

Dade County “homegrown” leaders tackle hunger problem

Dade County youths and adults are making a difference in their community, through the Missouri 4-H Homegrown Community Leaders Project. Working with community partners, 4-H’ers targeted hunger as the major barrier affecting the welfare of community youth.

“Food is a basic need that has to be met before students can focus on learning,” the Dade county team reported, “If we don’t help them, who will?”

Team members discussed how food would be chosen and disseminated to schoolchildren, how the program would be sustained, and made plans for packing food on a weekly basis. A survey of parents indicated that many families would welcome food assistance. To sustain the effort, the team sought and obtained a three-year funding commitment from the Ozark Community Trust/Dade County. Learning that a local elementary school’s free and reduced lunch program served 60–65 percent of students, the team chose that site for a pilot Brown Bag Buddy Program.

The USDA Rural Youth Development team in Dade County packs Brown Bag Buddies sacks. From left are: Becky Fay, 4-H youth program assistant; and LaKrista Souders, state core team trainer, Boone County 4-H. Greenfield community core members: Sarah Abbott, Greenfield FFA advisor; Sara Heverns; Michael Long; Gordon Campbell; Brian Savard; and Steve Henness, state core team trainer and 4-H youth specialist, state office.

How the Brown Bag Buddy Program works

Each week, youth team members fill brown paper bags with nutritious food. On Friday, the brown bags are placed in the school teachers’ workroom; the teachers gather participating students’ bags, and discreetly place them in backpacks. Healthy snacks also are provided for participating students who need after-school tutoring.

School officials are excited about the program, because it serves a need, makes a positive impact on student achievement and improves the lives of children and families.
“The adult is the ‘guide on the side’ on the State 4-H Council, creating opportunities for youths to step into the spotlight where they can explore and exercise leadership.

Through these experiences, council members identify leadership strategies that fit them best as individuals. They are encouraged to develop skills in decision-making, relationship-building, management, group process, and communication.

The result is enhanced self-understanding, greater confidence, and an expanded view of how they relate to the world as active, contributing citizens.”

— Bradd Anderson, state 4-H youth specialist and state council member

**Kids Helping Kids beats the challenge**

Difficult times and disasters can strike everyone. When times are at their worst, it is reassuring to know that someone cares and wants to offer help. The Missouri 4-H Kids Helping Kids program helps 4-H members and their families in times of need by providing small financial grants to 4-H members for family and medical emergencies, or natural disasters. Through fundraising efforts of Missouri 4-Hers, Kids Helping Kids has made a difference for more than 100 families.

This year the program reached a milestone, surpassing a goal of $60,000 and endowing the fund.

State 4-H Council officer Amy Wilsdorf reflected on her tenure as 2009-2010 Kids Helping Kids coordinator, “I want to personally thank Missouri 4-Hers from the bottom of my heart for their hard work and success at beating my challenge for Kids Helping Kids. I have the honor of announcing that together Missouri 4-H raised about $26,000 from August 2009 to April 2010, making the ending total over $72,000! Together we were able to beat the $60,000 goal!”

With caring and compassion, Kids Helping Kids will be lending a hand for years to come.
4-H is a community of young Missourians learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

MCIA — Missouri Citizenship in Action!

4-H’ers took over the state capitol in June for MCIA 2010, stepping into the roles of legislators, judges and media reporters.

This isn’t just another spectator sport; the MCIA conference puts youths in the action as they train with state legislators, legal staff and journalists. As legislators, 4-H’ers debated and voted on bills, while those serving as Supreme Court judges “tried” the cases that made headlines.

Youths enrolled in the Media Track interviewed key players, and reported 24/7 through digital media.

The program is funded by Monsanto Company.
Community service has lasting impact on 4-H’ers

Rallying ’round the bandstand

The DeSoto Farmers’ Market Bandstand community project drew city-wide civic involvement. After volunteers constructed the market’s bandstand, three 4-H clubs got in the act: they stained the bandstand, designed a sign recognizing contributors, and planted shrubs and perennials. A community service grant from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. helped 4-H’ers and their families make a sustainable contribution in Jefferson County.

Saving a schoolhouse

For the Liberty 4-H Club in Livingston County, restoring a “piece of history” would save their clubhouse and benefit their rural community. Since 1950, the club has met at the 1878 Swain Schoolhouse, south of Chillicothe. The building needs extensive work, so club members started fundraising for improvements. The Missouri 4-H Foundation responded with funding from the Doane Endowment, as well as Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and William T. Kemper Foundation community service grants. Liberty 4-H Club members and families invested 400 adult and 400 youth volunteer hours on the project. “The Swain Schoolhouse Project has made a difference in the lives of Livingston County 4-H youths and community members by allowing them to experience a culture that is a forgotten aspect of American history,” said MU Extension 4-H Youth Specialist Shaun Murphy, who works with the Liberty 4-H Club.

Making dreams come true — through service

When children everywhere were dreaming of sugar plums, the Lawrence County 4-H Teen Council collaborated with local businesses and organizations to make sure that no families were overlooked during the holidays. Teens spent a day at a family shelter in Joplin, designing crafts and writing letters with children, doing makeovers for mothers, taking and framing family portraits. Teens raised money for the event, including funds from the William T. Kemper Foundation Community Service Grant.

Growing a community garden — from the ground up

Like all gardens, this one started with a seed. Members of the Boyd Green Team afterschool 4-H club had a great idea — a community garden. With help from volunteer club leader Michelle Billionis, the club reached out to partners in Springfield, and before they knew it, the idea took off like Jack’s beanstalk. By planting time, the garden coalition grew to include a short list of community movers and shakers. Buoyed by funds from the William T. Kemper Foundation Community Service Grant, and with local support, Greene County community gardens are on the rise.

“Community service projects have a lasting impact on 4-H members. Service learning opportunities like this [work at the family shelter] connect 4-H members with those in their community who are in need, and it is a win-win for everyone. Our members not only appreciate their own opportunities, but feel really good about helping someone have a better day,” said Karla Deaver, MU Extension 4-H youth specialist in Lawrence County. “And we all have memories that will last a lifetime.”
Youths score goals at Afterschool Soccer Academy

Learning has never been so fun!

The Afterschool Soccer Academy, piloted this year in northeast Kansas City, motivates underserved, at-risk students to “be excited about learning,” using soccer as the incentive. The soccer academy offers a safe school environment where education meets physical activity, leadership and counseling — along with nutrition and health. Program staff report that participants engage in positive peer pressure to make healthy choices. For instance, “when one of the students pulled out an energy drink, the others told him how bad it was for him.”

In addition to helping students, the academy aims to raise parents’ expectations about education. The academy uses soccer as its organizational tool, with anticipation of expanding to other areas — such as art, music, cultural exploration and technology — to promote healthy lifestyles, leadership and citizenship.

“Participation in prevention programs at an early age links students and their families with post-secondary educational organizations, and is a key to their success,” said Elver Pardo, state 4-H Latino Hispanic outreach coordinator.

“In northeast Kansas City, 31 students benefited from the innovative and attractive afterschool soccer program,” Pardo said. The following outcomes demonstrate how engaged education can affect students’ lives:

- 50 percent of the students improved their school attendance during the first semester.
- 57 percent of the students improved their school attendance during the second semester.
- 30 percent of the students reduced their behavior incidents at school in the first semester.
- 33 percent of the students reduced their behavior incidents at school in the second semester, with zero behavior incidents for all participants during that semester.

The Afterschool Soccer Academy demonstrates another application of the longitudinal study conducted by the Institute of Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University. Study results show that youths engaged with 4-H are nearly twice as likely to get better grades in school, 41 percent less likely to engage in risky behaviors, and 23 percent more likely to contribute positively to their families and communities.

The Afterschool Soccer Academy has powerful ingredients that guarantee success in leverage, innovation, scalability and sustainability for the next five years. Program leaders are seeking funding and support to develop and expand the program in the Kansas City metropolitan area and across Missouri.
MU Extension 4-H LIFE (Living Interactive Family Education) program is one of three projects named to the National 4-H Mentoring Program. With national support, other states can access tools to replicate Missouri’s model program for serving at-risk youth and families. Missouri’s program leaders will provide training and technical assistance to other states interested in duplicating 4-H LIFE.

As a family-strengthening project, 4-H LIFE is designed to address the needs of children of qualifying incarcerated parents and their family members; the program’s key components include mentoring, parenting skills classes and 4-H club participation.

“4-H LIFE is very important to young people who are facing separation from their parents through incarceration,” says 4-H LIFE Lead Advisor Lynna Lawson. “4-H LIFE helps them remain connected to their parents in a skill-building setting; interaction with adult mentors will help them make good decisions for their future.”

Currently operating at three state correctional centers, 4-H LIFE also will expand operations in three additional state facilities, with support of the Missouri Children’s Trust Fund. Through this grant, MU Extension 4-H LIFE Coordinator Tammy Gillespie will direct program training, research and expansion.

The 4-H LIFE Program partners with a wide range of stakeholders, including the USDA Children, Youth and Families at Risk initiative, University of Missouri Extension, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, the Missouri Department of Corrections and the Missouri Children’s Trust Fund.

4-H LIFE has earned kudos for innovation and effectiveness; in 2009 it was named a National 4-H Program of Distinction, and recently was cited as a promising parent education program in the Council of State Government’s Federal Action Plan on Children of Incarcerated Parents. Land grant universities in five other states are being funded to replicate MU Extension’s 4-H LIFE program.

Incarcerated parents who participate in the 4-H LIFE program attend parenting skills classes to develop and improve the skills needed to interact in a positive, age-appropriate way with their children. The 4-H LIFE family club meeting takes place monthly during visitation at the correctional center. Working together as a family on 4-H activities gives the parents an opportunity to show their children that they can provide capable and caring parental guidance.
While the first 4-H members learned how to feed, groom and care for animals, today they’re mastering animal nutrition requirements and herd health.

At the annual Southwest Missouri 4-H Dairy Camp, 4-H’ers care for dairy animals and learn about many aspects of dairy production. Campers work in pairs under the direction of adults, and take part in workshops to learn about judging dairy animals, dairy management, animal care ethics and showmanship.

“We believe that it is very important for young people to learn how to feed an animal and care for it,” said Charlie Sharpe of Heartland Dairy. “They learn a lot about the animal, but they also learn how to relate to other young people.”

“Campers have a great opportunity to develop their people skills. When they travel to camps and competitions, they get to network and share ideas with others. These experiences will help them in whatever career path they choose,” said Ted Probert, MU Extension dairy specialist, who coordinates the dairy camp with 4-H Youth Specialist Karla Deaver.

“Dairy Judging teaches skills of decision making and oral reasons. These are valuable life skills for 4-H members that propel them to success in their chosen life fields. We are proud to support 4-H Dairy Judging,” said Jodi Wright, executive director, Missouri Holstein Association.

According to Bob Idel of FCS Financial, the judging events are a great “hands on” learning experience for the 4-H youth to recognize desirable traits in dairy cattle, while interacting with other youth and adults.

Every part of the way, the caring support of adult volunteers and mentors inspires young people in 4-H to work collaboratively, take the lead on their own projects, and set and achieve goals with confidence.

“We believe in the future of agriculture and in our agriculture youth,” said Dave Drennan, executive director of the Missouri Dairy Association. “4-H is a great vehicle to educate our kids and get them involved at an early age.”

Heartland Dairy, FCS Financial, the Missouri Dairy Association and the Missouri Holstein Association support the Missouri 4-H dairy judging winners at regional and national dairy judging events and camps. Qualifying competition is held annually on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.
Fifty enthusiastic Missouri 4-H teens embarked on the fourth annual 4-H Equine Career and Horse Industry Tour in late May, 2010. “Saddle your dreams before you ride them” is the focus for 4-H youth who hope to couple their equine passion with a career.

Each year, MU Extension 4-H staff and chaperones find unique opportunities for Missouri 4-H teens to explore careers and facets of the equine industry. Equine welfare was a common thread throughout the 2010 tour, which explored the equine world in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

“I have had the privilege of attending all four of the equine tours. For my entire high school career, I have looked forward to the last week of May, not for the end of school, but for the beginning of the 4-H equine tour. Learning about the equine industry, meeting with world-renown horsemen and women, going to top equine facilities, bonding with amazing and caring chaperones, and making friends of a lifetime have all been part of the magic of the 4-H equine tour,” said Breanne Brammer.

The group learned about the Cloud Foundation wild horse rescue near Colorado Springs, met Pryor Mountain Mustangs, and visited the federal Bureau of Land Management Horse Center near Elm Creek, Neb. The group was privileged to hear a presentation by renowned animal scientist Temple Grandin, and tour the Equine Reproductive Center and School at Colorado State University.

Two days at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch near Estes Park offered an inside glimpse of equine career opportunities. Rodeo careers were explored at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Museum, which included a visit with a professional rodeo clown.

The 2010 tour ended at the Pony Express Stables in St. Joseph to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express. 4-H participants have credited their trip experiences having significant impact upon their life decisions.

Sonja Perry summed it up, “When I first decided to attend the Missouri 4-H equine trip I never dreamed I would have learned so much. I have been inspired to become an equine reproduction veterinarian. This trip has been the most influential experience in my 4-H career.”

The Equine Career and Horse Industry Tour won the 2010 National Association of 4-H Agents Animal Science Award for the North Central Region, and tour coordinator Debbie Davis was recognized with the 2010 MU Extension Vice Provost’s Award for Outstanding Achievement – Off Campus Faculty, for her work.
Dear 4-H Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope this finds you well, with 2011 off to a wonderful start for you. As we reflect on the past year, we count our blessings in you, our new and long-time Missouri 4-H Foundation family members. We are very grateful for the continued investment in Missouri 4-H by our long-time supporters, Walt and Norma Wilkening, who established the first National 4-H Congress Endowment Fund to help ensure the continued participation of the Missouri delegation for generations to come. Many thanks to Dr. Hal and Carolyn Vandiver Jenkins of Tempe, Arizona, for sharing their family’s special history with 4-H, and for their outstanding annual support in honor of Carolyn’s parents Mary and Virgil Vandiver.

We welcome to the Missouri 4-H Foundation family Starline Brass and Sierra Bullets, of Sedalia. We extend our gratitude to each of these organizations for joining our team of supporters who ensure the presence of the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports team at the National Invitational, where Missouri placed first in 2010! This new partnership also allows us to introduce the Western Heritage Cowboy Action Shooting program to Missouri 4-H, only the second program of its kind in the country.

A new partnership with Affordable Equity Partners, of Columbia, has made it possible to offer statewide grants for Missouri’s nationally recognized 4-H habitat program. Union Pacific extended its support to the Kansas City Global Summit. The Morrell Foundation, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is enhancing the State Horse Judging Contest through its support. Monsanto continues its longtime support of Missouri’s young people through the new America’s Farmers Grow Communities project. Longtime supporter Missouri Beef Industry Council has partnered with the 4-H Foundation to support healthy lifestyles through the MOVE Across Missouri program.

The Foundation is proud to recognize Heartland Dairy, FCS Financial, the Missouri Dairy Association, and the Missouri Holstein Association for all they do to support the Missouri 4-H Dairy Judging programs and camps. Our 4-H youths continue to excel because these organizations are there to support them every step of the way, and we greatly appreciate these partnerships!

A very special thanks to our 2010 Clover Classic Golf Tournament sponsors, supporters, participants, and volunteers. We had a very successful inaugural tournament that would not have been possible without each of you. Mark your calendar for June 7, 2011, when you can come out to play golf and benefit Missouri 4-H Youth Development programs at our second annual tournament.

Thanks so much to each of you for your continued support of Missouri 4-H! Please keep the Missouri 4-H Foundation in your philanthropic plans and pledge your support to dedicated 4-H members today via mail, online at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation or call us at 800-642-8041.

Warm regards,

Ruth Toftle, Chair
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Wilkenings ensure future of Missouri 4-H delegation to National 4-H Congress

Representing Missouri at the 1944 National 4-H Club Congress was a thrill Walter (“Walt”) Wilkening never forgot, from the moment Walt and other Missouri 4-H’ers caught the train in St. Louis and headed north to the Windy City.

“It was a tremendous experience!” Walt remembers. At the time, the hit musical Oklahoma was playing in Chicago, and congress sponsor International Harvester offered to send national 4-H delegates to see the show. The theater couldn’t seat 1,500 4-H’ers, so the musical cast was brought to congress! Walt remembers that a friend insisted they get autographs from the Oklahoma cast, and the rest is history — a photo of Walt getting the coveted autograph landed in newspapers and publications.

“Growing up on a farm, you might see a movie or two, but Chicago was really something to see,” said Walt. “One of my early ambitions was to help other boys and girls enjoy many of the benefits and pleasures of 4-H, including the Chicago trip.”

Through their commitment to 4-H, Walt and his wife have established the Walter T. and Norma R. Wilkening National 4-H Congress Endowment Fund. This is a milestone that will inspire others to help ensure Missouri’s representation at national congress for many generations to come.

“Walt’s experience as a member of the 1944 congress delegation had a significant impact on him, and it is the value of this experience that led him and Norma to embrace future Missouri delegations with a gift to establish this new fund,” said Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

For the farm boy from Cape Girardeau County, a trip to Chicago crowned Walt’s eight-year membership in 4-H, and kicked off his college career at the University of Missouri. “Those early years in Cape County 4-H led me in directions which I could not have dreamed,” Walt wrote. Following graduation, Walt became a county extension agent, then spent 30 years with the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Walt earned a master’s degree at MU and his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. He helped to establish research farms in India.

Retiring in 1990 after a 40-year career with the University, Walt and Norma spent 17 years in their “second career” as volunteers at 17 agencies in 15 American locations and overseas — including stints in Nepal, Hong Kong and Mozambique. They also have provided financial resources to many of those agencies and numerous others.

Closer to home, Walt and Norma started the Fairview Friends 4-H Club in Columbia. While serving as a 4-H project leader, Norma taught the boys cooking. “4-H offers training in a lot of areas in life, and it’s been fun,” she said.

Walt also served the Missouri 4-H Foundation board as treasurer, and he and Norma became Foundation Heritage League members, providing for the future of Missouri 4-H through their legacy gift.

“4-H has always filled an important need for the boys and girls in Missouri and elsewhere,” Walt notes, “and my guess is that even though we don’t have many youngsters on the farms anymore, 4-H is perhaps filling an even more important role in the ‘busy lives’ of today’s youngsters.”

Walt and Norma Wilkening
MBIC helps 4-H MOVE Across Missouri

A partnership with the Missouri Beef Industry Council will help Missourians develop healthy lifestyles through friendly competition. Through a gift to the Missouri 4-H Foundation, MBIC will support the “4-H MOVE Across Missouri” program, which encourages youth and adults to eat healthy meals and get physical exercise. Top “movers” win county and state awards, but all participants benefit from the program.  

“We are pleased to partner with Missouri 4-H to promote healthy lifestyles for both youth members and adult volunteers,” Whitney Wallace, MBIC consumer outreach director, said. “Living a healthy lifestyle requires several considerations, including physical activity and nutritious foods. This partnership is a great opportunity to educate 4-H Move participants about the healthy ways to eat the beef we all love. As with all of the programs available through Missouri 4-H, this is an outstanding way to help Missouri youth develop healthy habits they can carry into the future.”


Affordable Equity Partners and 4 Habitat build family futures

Through a partnership with Affordable Equity Partners of Columbia, Mo., the MU Extension 4 Habitat: Building a Better Future program will soon extend throughout the state. An online 4 Habitat resource guide will be available to all Missouri counties, and local 4-H programs will be eligible for grants sponsored by the generous support of Affordable Equity Partners.

As a pilot program in 2008-09, 4 Habitat teamed 4-H youth, volunteers and staff with Columbia Habitat for Humanity homeowners and MU Extension Architectural Studies in designing and implementing a home environment plan.

Working with a Habitat for Humanity or other low-income homeowner family, 4 Habitat: Building a Better Future engages youth and volunteers in a service experience that enhances youth skills in the areas of collaborative project planning and implementation, home maintenance, interior design, energy efficiency, landscaping and nutrition.

“We are pleased to partner with 4 Habitat to support the creation of educational and service opportunities for local youth. In conjunction with University of Missouri Extension, we are confident that Habitat for Humanity will continue to positively impact the lives of its participants while also encouraging interest in the housing industry. Affordable Equity Partners believes everyone involved in 4 Habitat and Habitat for Humanity, including the volunteers, local service providers, and youth participants, will embrace that this is a win-win situation for all.” — Director of Acquisitions Brian Kimes

A National 4-H Program of Distinction, 4 Habitat has made a lifelong impact on the lives of mid-Missouri families. With Affordable Equity Partners support, 4 Habitat will extend these benefits throughout the state.

Affordable Equity Partners is a financial resources company that helps developers and investors utilize state and federal low income housing and historic rehabilitation tax credit programs to create enduring value in neighborhoods and communities, simultaneously reducing tax liability.
Missouri 4-H shooters are national champs

Missouri 4-H members packed their bags, bows, and firearms for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational, held June 28-July 2 in Kerrville, Tex. They returned with lots of shiny hardware, including the coveted Tom Davison trophy for winning the competition. Since its inception, the traveling trophy had been awarded only to Texas 4-H, but after eight years it changed hands — Missouri 4-H ranked first among 516 youth from 31 states. Hurricane Alex made for wet and miserable shooting conditions, but Missouri 4-H shooters made the most of it and shot well.

Nine Missouri teams, each with four youths and a volunteer coach, competed and were recognized for their performances. Missouri teams placed top five overall in each discipline: Shotgun, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloading, Compound Archery, Recurve Archery and Hunting Skills.

Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports has the highest enrollment of all projects. As one of the fastest growing national 4-H programs, Shooting Sports has more than 150,000 boys and girls learning life and shooting skills under the guidance of caring adult volunteers.

Support for the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports national team included Big Game Hunters Foundation; Federal Cartridge Co.; George Clark Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation; Mid America Mortgage/Clay Golf Classic (Ralph and Mary Ann Gates); Midway USA (Brenda and Larry Potterfield); Missouri Department of Conservation; National Wild Turkey Federation; NRA Foundation and Friends of NRA; Poet Biorefining; Powder Horn Guns & Sporting Goods; Sierra Bullets; Starline Brass, Inc.; Wal-Mart (Delanna Branson) and Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.
Morrell Foundation supports 4-H State Horse Judging Contest

The Morrell Foundation is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to support the 2011 Missouri 4-H State Horse Judging Contest. The annual contest provides a platform for learning project and leadership skills. During the event, the top senior division team is selected to advance to the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky.

Ben Gallup, associate state specialist/agriculture programs, says the support of the Morrell Foundation will help to streamline the day-long event by providing on-site meals for participants. “We are so appreciative that the Morrell Foundation has agreed to partner with us to support the horse judging contestants, who have worked so hard throughout the year to achieve this level of accomplishment,” says Gallup.

“We are proud to support Missouri 4-H because of the strong leadership skills it teaches to young people. These skills contribute to the greater good by broadening the perspective of young people who very likely will have a role in helping to preserve Missouri’s natural resources and way of life.” — Morrell Foundation Board Member Walt Morrell

Since 2003, the Morrell Foundation, founded by Salt Lake City entrepreneur Phil Morrell, has been helping families and individuals around the world who have been devastated by natural disaster, war and poverty.
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The inaugural Clover Classic Golf Tournament was held June 8, 2010 at A.L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia. Twenty teams vied for prizes on the 18-hole course, enjoyed a barbecue, and met Truman the Tiger. Foundation trustees teamed up to plan the Clover Classic Golf Tournament, and made it a memorable event. Mark your calendar for June 7, 2011, for the Clover Classic Golf Tournament.
## Outside Grant Funding: July 2009 – June 2010

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Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame honors 50 inductees

Making the best better for generations of Missouri 4-H’ers, 57 4-H luminaries joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on August 15. Inductees from 42 counties established a legacy totaling 1,664 years of service to generations of 4-H’ers. A record crowd attended the fourth annual event at the Missouri State Fair, cheering for mentors, colleagues and friends. The Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Missouri 4-H Foundation, FCS Financial Services and the Missouri State Fair.

2010 inductees and counties:

Mirenda Long, Adair
Hugh and Fran Nutt, Barton
Wesley and Sue Merritt, Bates
Elaine George, Boone
Carrie McBee,* Caldwell

Jan Leakey, Carroll
Chester Long, Jr.*, Cass
Nellie and Allen* Woodruff, Clark
Beverly Lehman,* Clay
Thelma Van Buren,* Clinton
Steve and Lucy Suthoff, Cole
Steve and Marsha Root, Cooper
George and Lula Smith,* Daviess
John Murphy, Dekalb
Paul Schoene,* Franklin
Christeen Birdsell, Gentry
Vicki Maples, Greene
Ann Cunningham, Grundy
Lois Selby,* Harrison
Bernardine Stockman, Howard
Esther Brandt, Jackson
Floyd and Dorothy* Youngblood, Jasper
Karol Meyer, Lafayette
Charles and Marilyn Brougher,* Lawrence
John and Phyllis Bracey, Lewis

Pat and Vivian Cody, Lincoln
Mike and Becky Sensenich, Livingston
Stan and Carla Grant, Macon
Browning Family/F&T Livestock Auction, Marion
Karen Conley, Monroe
Sarah Schad, Morgan
Jim and Loretta Russell, Newton
Thelma Brunkhoarst Kraft, Pettis
Charlie Becker, Pike
Dale Cox, Polk
Gary and Patsy Shipley, Putnam
Ann Wideman, Ralls
Jack and Maxine Thornburg,* Randolph
Marge Poe,* Schuyler
Stanley Hatfield,* Scotland
Carol Sue Copenhaver,* Shelby
Shirley Charles, Vernon

*awarded posthumously