



University of California
California 4-H Foundation

DONOR UPDATE

Summer 2011

Dear Friends,

It is such a pleasure to bring you these periodic updates on the value of your contribution to the 4-H program across California and to share with you some of the exciting impacts being created through your contributions both as donors and advocates for 4-H in your communities. **As the stories in this newsletter indicate, 4-H is as relevant and necessary to meet the needs of a changing California as it was when it began almost 100 years ago.** We could not do our work without you and the support of the entire 4-H family.

Sincerely,

Annette Leeland
 Executive Director

Going Green? We'd love to provide these updates to you in a paperless form. Please take a minute to send us your current contact information on the enclosed card or email us at almcguire@ucdavis.edu and we'll send your next letter electronically!

California 4H Foundation

Fiscal Year End July 2011

Dollars Raised: \$846,167

Dollars Distributed to 4-H Programs: \$834,818

Where did the dollars go?

Statewide Programs: \$528,111

County Programs: \$277,532

Scholarships:/Awards: \$29,175

4-H Programs Made Possible by Your Gifts

Innovative Projects — Robotics

Curriculum co-authored by Merced 4-H Advisor and County Director, Richard Mahacek, allows youth to develop critical thinking and decision making skills and implement an understanding of scientific and engineering design processes as they build real and virtual robots. Over 23 counties in California are starting robotics projects as funding becomes available.



Training Volunteers

4-H in California is the first youth organization in the nation to promote the latest research on positive youth development called **"thriving"** which is designed not just to help kids succeed but to see that EVERY child in 4-H reaches their highest potential. Teams of "Master Trainers" have been developed in # counties to date with the aim of providing all 20,000 + volunteers statewide with techniques and tools grounded in the most current practices to support



Developing Youth Leaders

Over 500 youth and volunteer leaders attended the State Leadership Conference held on the Davis Campus in July. At this youth-led and youth-designed conference, members and volunteers developed skills, learned about new opportunities, and shared with others. The conference focused on providing high school youth with experiential education around leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions, and other 4-H project areas.



Emily's Story

At 4-H I have received friendship, support, and lots of leadership training—as a club officer, County All Star and 4-H State Ambassador. I have had many opportunities with 4-H but my experiences have always been more meaningful because my dad has Chiari Malformation and has had many medical procedures including brain surgery.

I have always loved working with animals and for a long time thought I would be a veterinarian; however, my dad's condition and having the opportunity to participate in 4H community service projects to reach out to the hungry or raise funds for cancer research or to dig a well in Africa, have changed me and now I want to be a nurse.

4-H is what gets inside your heart. So often we say the 4-H pledge but it is now at the end of my 4-H member days that I truly hear what I am saying. I pledge my head, heart, hands and health and this I pledge today — I will take the leadership and life

skills that I have learned and I will work towards a cure for cancer. We may not cross that finish line in my life time but I will work for a cure.

Thank you 4-H,

Emily, Tuolumne County



Emily, State Ambassador
2009-2010

Head, Heart, Hands and Health 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.



California 4-H at the 2011 State Fair



The Healthy Living Program presented a "Shocking Sugar" display to illustrate the significant amount of sugar hidden in our favorite foods.



4-H Alumni Day: Over 350 Alumni visited our Photo Booth Project. A new website for our Alumni Program is on the horizon.



Featured on Military Day at the Fair, the 4-H Wounded Warrior Quilt Project presents wounded service members with handmade quilts for their trip home.

Calendar of 4-H Events Around the State

Why Help Youth Conference (WHY) A teen leadership conference for 4-H'ers in grades 6-12 from Butte, Glenn, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Sutter-Yuba, Placer, Nevada, Plumas-Sierra, Lassen, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Inyo-Mono counties. **September 23—25, 2011** at Camp Masonite Navarro near Mendocino.

National 4-H Dairy Conference For teens who have participated in the 4-H dairy project for at least three years and have outstanding dairy accomplishment records. The CA 4-H Foundation hopes to provide scholarships to eligible students. **October 2—5, 2011** at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

4-H Thrive Master Trainer Training County teams of youth, staff and volunteers will learn to train others in their county in the latest techniques designed to help all children reach their highest potential. **October 15—16, 2011** in Redding.

Equine Field Day An opportunity for the over 4,500 4-H'ers involved in horse projects to compete and show their equine knowledge and skills. **November 5, 2011** at Cal Poly Pomona.

State Leaders' Forum A weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, and sharing in order to bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs. **November 11—13, 2011** at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove.

If you are interested in visiting one of these events, please call the California 4-H Foundation (530) 754-0455.



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