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Letter From The President

The 4-H program and the Foundation face a year of leadership change in the months ahead. Change is uncomfortable, uncertain, and often startling. Change is also natural and an opportunity to clarify our vision, accelerate our movement forward and compound our successes!

Funding that the 4-H Foundation provides for AZ 4-H, or more clearly the funding YOU - OUR DONORS- provide - has been instrumental in bringing about new state level programming for 4-H youth, adding program staff and financial support for 4-H volunteers.

These successes, the growth spurt in 4-H programming, is outpacing current fundraising. This success means we need your continued and increased financial support. It is the desire of the Foundation that the gains in programming are maintained and nurtured during this time of transition so that they can be grown by future leadership to provide increased opportunities to Arizona's youth population in the years to come.

In the pages of this year's annual report, you can see how impactful your support has been on a few specific Arizona 4-H members and read their 4-H journey. These unique stories highlight the common experience of 4-H youth that you see repeated throughout the state in every club. Together we give 4-H members a unique opportunity for self-development through their club projects, state and county competition and events.

The Board of Trustees is incredibly grateful that you are our "Partner in Progress" and know these stories will spark your enthusiasm for supporting the program and what it offers Arizona's 4-H members today.



Kari Petterson

Kari Petterson, President

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Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation

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The money part of Progress and Our Partners

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is a unique 501 c-3 organization with dual organizational objectives. The first is to raise money on behalf of the Arizona 4-H program and the second is to provide fiduciary oversight to all 4-H Clubs, Councils and groups as the "umbrella" organization through which all 4-H monies are reported each year to the Internal Revenue Service.

The most current IRS filing is for the time period of 10/1/2021-9/30/2022. The entire filing is available on our website, under "Forms" at:

<https://extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation>

Below are the highlights of the year ending 9/30/2022.



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The Foundation holds endowments totaling \$2.2 million for programs, events, scholarships, or general support of Arizona 4-H. Endowments start at a \$20,000 investment and can be built over time.

For more information about setting up an endowment with the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, Contact: Executive Director, Sandra Germann at 406-581-9738 or a 4-H Foundation board member.

GREAT 8 PROGRAMS

*without staff costs

GREAT 8 PROGRAMS	2023 EXPENSES	2024 GOALS
Agriculture	\$27,158	\$50,000
Camping/Shooting Sports	\$39,252	\$50,000
Civic Engagement	\$11,211	\$25,000
Community Service	\$28,907	\$35,000
Cultural Understanding	\$3,422	\$15,000
Healthy Living	\$12,100	\$25,000
Leadership	\$22,021	\$50,000
STEM	\$21,865	\$35,000
Total	\$173,452	\$285,000

2023 Donor Partners & Scholarship Winners

COUNTY	RECIPIENT NAME	SCHOLARSHIP NAME
Mohave	Hyatt Barrett	Leonard & Rita Cheatham
Coconino	Olivia Baughman	Jim & Mary Faul Book Fund Award
Mohave	Amelia Brackett	Ag West Farm Credit / Carl Weiler Memorial
Mohave	Robert Brackett	Becker-Baguley Endowed
Maricopa	Santiago Calleros	Becker-Baughley
Cochise	Natalie Colburn	Jim & Mary Faul
Mohave	Brooke Forsse	Don Landeen Memorial
Cochise	Ahna Gorden	Valley TeleCom
Yuma	Austin Johnson	Ralph Hall Memorial
Pima	Corey Jones	Pima County 4-H Horse Project
Navajo	Dallon Laird	Ag West Farm Credit / Jake Flake Memorial
Yavapai	Kayla Luedeman	Mildred and Larkin Fitch Memorial
Pima	Cora McGibbon	Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Committee
Pima	Lily McGrath	June Gibbs Memorial
Yuma	Katherine Meade	Jim & Mary Faul Book Award
Cochise	Madison Michaels	Everett Grondin Memorial
Cochise	Maycee Michaels	Valley TeleCom
Pinal	Nathan Newton	Jim & Mary Faul Book Award
Maricopa	Elizabeth Pardhe	Jim & Mary Faul
Maricopa	Ellie Pascavis	Betty Accomazzo
Maricopa	Shelby Prenovost	Jim & Mary Faul Book Award
Maricopa	Jessica Quesada	Eugenia and Ralph Hawthorne
Navajo	Riley Reidhead	Jim & Mary Faul Scholarship & Book Award
Pima	Gabriella Rekemeyer	Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Committee
Pima	Isabella Rekemeyer	Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Committee
Maricopa	Lillian Ryder	Jim & Mary Faul Scholarship & Book Award
Maricopa	Lindsay Stoltz	Jimmy Accomazzo
Coconino	Mallori Taylor	Gene & Marge Bayless
Pinal	Emmaline Verschure	Jim & Mary Faul Book Award
Pima	Aidan Vimmerstedt	Judith & Richard Fleming
Pima	Brendan Vimmerstedt	Pima County 4-H junior Livestock Committee
Maricopa	Majorie Wells	Mildred and Larkin Fitch Memorial
Pima	Claire West	Jim & Mary Faul
Maricopa	Riley Wood	Jim & Mary Faul Scholarship & Book Award

*Because of 4-H,
I can be...*

"This scholarship will help me to continue my college journey without taking out student loans and hopefully graduating debt free. . . . I will be continuing to work towards my degree in Digital and Integrated Marketing Communications... I really appreciate this opportunity."

Ellie Pascavis

Maricopa County,
Betty Accomazzo Scholarship



"With this money I will be able to pay for books and materials I need for the classes I'm taking. I will be going for my electrician's certificate so I can become an electrician. Thank you."

Brendan Vimmerstedt

Pima County, Pima County 4-H Leaders Council Scholarship

"I am hoping to be able to incorporate elementary education and become a teacher, showing children how to be more sustainable and practice farm to fork cooking as a form of empowerment and healthy living."

Lily McGrath

Pima County,
June Gibbs Memorial Scholarship



Generations of Legacy Giving

Kemper and Ethel Marley were ranchers in southern Arizona beginning in the 1950's. The Marley family and Foundation have a keen interest in the skills and values taught by Arizona 4-H, as did Robert Kemper Corrigan. Their love for the opportunities and experiences that 4-H offers are magnified again and again. The Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation funds many projects to honor the importance Kemper and Ethel placed on preserving the rural way of life.

We sincerely thank and appreciate the continued support from The Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation and the Robert Kemper Corrigan Foundation through their Board members and staff.

Two youth work on problem solving in shop at AZ 4-H Summit.





Henry Douma

Age, 12

Yavapai County

4-H Excellence in Participation

Shooting Sports Pathway Spotlight

Thriving is just what 12-year-old Henry does in 4-H at the Lonesome Valley Wranglers 4-H Club in Dewey.

Henry completed his first year along with his three siblings Aliyah, Owen and Ryla. His family drives 40 minutes one way faithfully to monthly 4-H club meetings where Angela and Tom Petterson host the meetings in their "Clubhouse". Henry's parents are glad to do it because of the impact it has on each of their children.

No experience, no upbringing in 4-H, just a desire to explore and learn, Henry got involved in Archery in Shooting Sports, Dairy Goat, Weaving, Woodworking, Sewing, and Public Speaking. And he did an educational board (we used to call that a "poster board") on each one of them as he learned to do things like: "Parts of a Sewing Machine, Building a Chicken Coop, Weaving a Pillow, Crafting a Cutting Board, How to Enter Your Goat into a Fair, and Parts of an Arrow."

If you thought Henry was excited about learning at this point, he skyrocketed his learning when his entire family attended the 2023 State Shooting Sports "Fun Shoot" in late July. Henry's Mother, Jaclyn, describes the event as nothing like they've experienced in a learning environment. Henry talked about how 4-H volunteers took the time to explain the course, as they guided each child or member of the family in proper techniques or why we do things the way we do. "I enjoyed walking the course with volunteers to set-up the 3-D targets and being able to help the most," says Henry. "It was so fun!"

Help us support growing youth like Henry by supporting AZ 4-H. After all, Henry has big plans for this coming year; a longhorn steer is in the back pasture, chickens, pigs and rabbits are in their pens and he can't wait to show up at the Clubhouse to see what he can learn next.

A Partner in Shooting Sports Excellence

Growing up in South Dakota during the dust bowl and the Great Depression was hard. Marge Bayless recalls her childhood as being tough. She says, "We ate a lot of wild rabbit and made "ice cream" out of junket (made of milk and rennet), that we put in the snowbanks". And then smiles. The great memories flow back.

In her early twenties she moved to Phoenix and met her husband of 45 years, Gene Bayless. Children Mary and Patty were 4-Hers and Marge was a 4-H leader for over 30 years. She served as a superintendent of the Maricopa County Fair for over 15 years and Gene served as a leader to help start Shooting Sports in Maricopa County.

When asked how they got so involved in 4-H, Marge attributes her interest to her mother, whom she says found an Extension book in the 1920's and taught herself to cook. Marge and Gene's daughters were subsequently enrolled in just about every project from food and nutrition to sewing, shooting sports, gardening, public speaking, geology, and more.

Gene and Marge Bayless established two 4-H endowments. The proceeds are awarded each year for scholarships and the second endowment goes toward the Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports program. Marge said that she and Gene talked about it before his passing in 1995 and they wanted to insure that "...there were opportunities provided in perpetuity." Marge enjoys hearing from those she knows in AZ 4-H and how 4-H has changed and improved their lives. And she smiles again.



Marge Bayless

Maricopa County

Partners in Agricultural Traditions *by Kris Ham*

Kris and Garrett Ham

Pima County



4-H and the livestock industry gave both Garrett and I a solid foundation in responsibility and respect along with a strong work ethic. We are to a point in our lives that we can return the favor received as 4-H members and leaders and now help provide others the opportunities we had.

Garrett and I both were 4-H members in Pima County ages 9-18. Garrett showed swine with a lamb thrown in. I showed cattle, sheep and swine and was active in livestock judging. Even though we showed at the same county fair for years, we never met as 4-Hers.

Kris goes on to say how they met as adults, being involved in the Pima County Fair, as directors of different species. It was another match in 4-H heaven. Kris and Garrett expanded their service to include the Pima County Junior Livestock Sales Committee for over 25 years and raising their boys, Carter and Payson, in Pima County 4-H and at the Arizona National Livestock Show.

Garrett continues to serve on the Southwestern Fair Commission as President and the Pima County Fair. The selfless giving continues with Garrett serving as Treasurer, then President and now Chairman of the Board for ANLS. Since 2017, Kris continues to serve as Director of Administration of ANLS. The Ham's legacy is as long as they are amazing. Thank you for continuing your greatness in service for AZ 4-H and being key donating

Growing Confidence in 4-H

Community Service Pathway Spotlight

I'm really excited about starting college next year. I've spent most of my life in a small town where I know almost everyone. So, moving to a big college town, it's a big step. I know I'm ready and I know I can do it, but that doesn't mean I'm not still scared about it.

I've always been a shy kid and kind of an introvert, so I had some push from my parents in the beginning. My mom signed me up for 4-H Shooting Sports when I was 12, but since then I've done some other programs too. I've made rockets and robots and I've done a lot with my Leadership Project. It's helped me get out of my shell and talk to other people.

I think the duality of being a quiet person and not really seeking out leadership roles, but also being really good at getting people together to do something as a group helps me identify with other people who are like me. It helps to have someone who understands you in that way because a lot of people don't understand.

It might sound corny, but 4-H is like a second family. It makes you feel like you're a part of something and doing something. You work together and build a community. And no matter what projects you do or where you come from, it doesn't matter. You're in the club and the options are endless."

#ThisIs4H #Opportunity4All

Jonas Johnson

Age, 17

Greenlee County



Key partnerships mean fantastic programming!

Partnerships are important to us as they help provide support for Arizona 4-H to create memorable and learning-filled opportunities for youth in Arizona.

Key partners at our Arizona 4-H Stock Show & Roundup, in March which would not have been possible without the support of so many companies and individuals. We appreciate you!

We kicked off the AZ 4-H Summit with the Clover Ball at the University of Arizona. Thank you to our key partner, the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation and our key table sponsors, Arizona Farm Bureau, Hughes Federal Credit Union, Bingham Equipment Company, Dairy Council of Arizona, Baird, Hickman's, and SH Engineering. Our class of scholarship recipients and Summit attendees had a place at our tables because of you!

Your support is crucial to our mission of supporting AZ 4-H youth. Join these companies and individuals in inspiring our next generation of community leaders.

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Cultural Understanding Spotlight

"And our world"... This is the last phrase in the 4-H Pledge that we use here in the United States. This summer at the 4-H Summit young people across Arizona were able to connect with 4-H Leaders from Mexico for a cross cultural educational exchange. Thus expanding the "and our world" to include our neighbors to the south.

A team of five 4-H leaders led sessions on the projects and programs that they are starting in their state of Oaxaca, they spoke about the demand for youth development opportunities in their state as well as recruitment of volunteers to help lead young people in artistic projects that focus on heritage and culture. In addition, the team from Oaxaca was able to learn valuable skills and curriculum that they are now able to include in their programmatic offerings in Mexico.

Oaxaca coordinator, Eduardo Barrita says "...in 4-H, your color, race, gender, ideology, etc. is not important. 4-H is a way for anyone to become a leader in their own lives and develop skills with good values. I learned that I started a journey, but there is so much to learn, explore, and discover."

Summit attendees expressed, "I loved to learn about Oaxaca and the 4-H programming happening in Mexico. Having this exchange was so cool to see what other people are doing in their 4-H programs." 4-H Agent in Pima County, Liz Sparks says, "The 4-H program has been around for over a hundred years in Arizona, it is amazing to see the beginning stages of a 4-H program with a dedicated team who want to replicate youth development in their community."



Liz Sparks and Eduardo Barrita (center) with the rest of the delegation from Oxaca, Mexico. Picture from AZ 4-H Summit.

Changemaker Goes National

STEM Pathway Spotlight

It isn't every student who has the opportunity to become the teacher. But as a teenager working with the Santa Cruz County 4-H program, Ivan Becerril became just that. He saw a need in the community to help youth and adults better understand technology and digital skills, and so he took the classroom to them. Tailoring the program to meet the needs of the community, Ivan translated the lessons and taught the workshops in Spanish when needed.

Through the 4-H Technology Change Makers program, over 3,500 people have been reached both locally and beyond. The mission of the program is to reduce the digital divide that exists in communities, empower residents by teaching them digital skills to enter the workforce, and improve economic development and the lives of families and community members.

When asked what he enjoyed most about this experience, Ivan said it was meeting new people and impacting their lives. He shared one story of an elderly woman who did not know how to use her phone to call family, organize a shopping list, etc. During the class she was in tears because she now knew how to stay connected.

Another time was with a friend who did not understand the basic work skills required to secure a job; with training about PowerPoint, Word and Excell, this student had an "ah ha" moment and felt more ready for today's working world.

Ivan is currently a freshman at the University of Arizona. He is still involved with 4-H and still offers support as needed to his community.

He also works with Dr. Jerry Lopez and the STEM project on campus. He is a true testament of 4-H leadership and community service. Due to Ivan's huge community impact in Santa Cruz County, he was selected as a National 4-H Spokesperson/Ambassador and has also been traveling to give presentations to mentor other youth through 4-H at home and nationally.

Ivan Becerril

Age, 18

Santa Cruz County



The Experience of DC

The trials and tribulations of a fast-moving city, navigating unknown territory in airports, metros and doing it all within budget, just added to the adventure and learning for nine youth and their chaperone to our nation's capital this July.

Debbie Pettigrew, LaPaz/CRIT 4-H Professional chaperoned the first group of seven LaPaz 4-H youth plus youth from Maricopa and Navajo counties to the nation's capital to visit with Senators Kyrsten Sinema, Mark Kelly and Representative Eli Crane. "They all spoke of specific projects they promoted in the 4-H program," says Pettigrew. "Senator Sinema's office gave us a tour of the Capital and passes to view the Senate in action. . . It is truly another world."

Pettigrew says that "Twight Tattoo" was a great ending to an amazing week. It was put on by the Army base and took the audience on a musical depiction of the Army through several wars. It was amazing to see the different uniforms and weapons, she adds.

Of course, the youth loved kayaking on the Potomac, meeting with four other states, doing a pin exchange, viewing amazing monuments, eating in great restaurants and the excitement of an escape room. Wow, what an experience. Wow, this is AZ 4-H.

The Arizona delegation is pictured in Citizenship Washington Focus trip in July at the Franklin D. Roosevelt monument depicting "bread lines" during the Great Depression in this country.

Fritzi, a lasting partner in our progress

For hundreds of Arizona families, Fritzi Collins is Arizona 4-H. Although trained as a registered nurse, 4-H turned her into a camp nurse at Camp Mardecor near Mormon Lake. She was the nurse, buyer of supplies, hauler of supplies, hauler of kids and one who made camp memorable for three generations of 4-Hers.

Fritzi was always moving. She became involved in the Maricopa 4-H Leaders Council, Teen Council and helped with the Western States Leader's Forum; she also chaperoned the National Congress when it was in Chicago. Nearly too many years to count, Fritzi served the Maricopa County Fair, the Arizona State Fair and the Arizona National Livestock Show., since the 1960's. She also served as superintendent of the sheep departments in all those fairs for many years. In 2003 she was awarded the "Heritage Award" by the International Association of Fairs and Stock Shows in North America. The trophy weighs more than she does.

In the words of one of her (now grown) 4-Hers, Monica Younker, of Buckeye, "She taught us how to be 4-H leaders. She showed us that volunteering should be, selfless and fun. She taught us to not give up and most importantly how to love everyone. "Fritzi is a timeless 4-H mom that remembers when we were little, watched us grow up, pushed us when we needed it, scolded us from time to time, celebrated with us in our successes, and loved us. As we grew up and had families of our own, she repeated the process with our kids."

Saying that Fritzi has made an impact on hundreds of 4-H youth is an understatement. Saying that her impact on those youth will continue far into the future is more exact. At 94, Fritzi is still amazing and remains a true testament to an exceptional lifetime of giving and volunteering to Arizona 4-H.

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation honored Fritzi as a 4-H Hall of Fame inductee at the 2023 Clover Ball. The Clover Ball also recognized outstanding volunteers, staff excellence, the Bonnye Stuhr Lifetime Achievement award, inducted new honorees into the 4-H Hall of Fame and presented the Extensionist of the Year award in June at the University Marriott in Tucson.

Two ballrooms full of youth attending the AZ 4-H Summit, a contingent from 4-S in Oaxaca, Mexico, 4-H scholarship winners, amazing 4-H donors, Extension dignitaries, and a proud 4-H Foundation Board were all present at this year's event totaling 172 people.

Left: Tom & Angela Petterson with daughter Elyn, Yavapai County

Below: Wayne Stuhr presents the Bonnye Stuhr Lifetime Achievement Award to Jane Scott

Please continue to help us appreciate and applaud the following winners:

Outstanding Volunteers:

Rookie: **Amanda Huhta**, Pima County

Mid-Career: **Deona Smith**, LaPaz County

Innovator: **Katy Holditch**, Maricopa County

Staff Excellence:

Early Career: **Matt Swanson**, State 4-H Office

Mid-Career: **Toni DeAnda-Solberg**, Gila County

Bonnye Stuhr Lifetime Achievement:

Jane Scott, Maricopa

4-H Hall of Fame Inductees:

Barbara Myers, Pinal County

Victor Jimenez, Pinal County

Fritzi Collins, Maricopa County

Extensionist of The Year, Tom & Angela Peterson, Yavapai County



Accelerating AZ 4-H

Deb Lester, Development Officer
to Director, 2018-2023



A reflection of the last 6 years of Arizona 4-H: **Here are some highlights.**

- From 2017 to 2022, We increased giving to 4-H programming from \$10,000/year to \$190,000/year, on top of our Required Distribution, from investments, of \$135,000.
- Transparent in our programs, monies and how we do business.
- We made a 4-H license plate a reality and available at Motor Vehicle Divisions throughout the state with \$17/\$25 going to support AZ 4-H programming.
- We brought back 4-H programs like Arizona Stock Show & Roundup and State Ambassadors. We encouraged and helped pay for participation at National conferences like National Congress, National 4-H Conference and National Summits. Some of these programs were dropped or AZ kids did not attend for the last 20 years.
- We supported our wonderful volunteers by paying \$10,000/year for the last three years for background checks.
- Our top youth had meetings with Arizona State Representatives and Senators at the Engaged Citizens Event in January.
- We received national recognition when we supported Innovative Grants to our 4-H Agents and program coordinators who got our 4-H pledge translated into Hopi, Navajo, San Carlos Apache and Colorado River Indian Tribe Native languages.

Thank you to all our tremendous donor partners in making all this possible. Our success would not have been possible without the work, determination and drive in partnering with Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel and a Board with true vision. The time for continued growth is now.

Arizona 4-H Welcomes a New Foundation Director

Sandra Germann, Incoming Executive Director



Sandra Germann, joined the Foundation team as the incoming executive director in July 2023. She brings 25 years experience as a college of agriculture development officer and 13 years as the 4-H Foundation executive director for Montana. Sandra grew up in 4-H and has served as a 4-H

volunteer and project leader in her spare time. She is excited to be living and working in Arizona and has enjoyed embracing the culture and climate of its people and landscape over the past three years.

When asked about her goals for the future and her vision for the Foundation, she states that she wants to take the Foundation to the next level and work alongside an engaged group of committed board members, staff and volunteers to do so.

"The Foundation is in a great place right now", she says. The momentum is forward moving and supporting both existing

Key Partners in Progress for 4-H Camping

The James Family had a focus is to provide the premier place for Arizona 4-H youth to grow as leaders, learn how to respect nature, and form lifelong friendships.

They wanted something that would last. They wanted to make a difference. In 2012, the James Family Trust helped the University purchase Henry Dahlberg's camp on top of Mingus Mountain to serve as the heart and hub of Arizona's 4-H Youth Program. Since then, the Harold and Mitzie James 4-H Camp & Outdoor Learning Center has served as the premier place for youth from across Arizona.

Over a decade later, in 2023, the James Family (composed of Ron and Laura, their children Jennifer (husband Jon), Ryan (wife Jenna) and grandchildren decided to join the Marley Foundation in investing in much-needed capital improvements to camp. They have lobbied their friends and fellow philanthropists to do the same, helping raise \$550,000 for camp. Through their leadership, advocacy, and friendship to Extension and Arizona 4-H, their long-lasting impact will be felt for decades to come.

Ron says, "It is our pleasure to add to the legacy of the James 4-H Camp. It is so important to us that we give youth the best camping experience at our own 4-H Camp."



Ron & Laura James
Yavapai County

programs and those which have been reinstated, which is exciting. But more is needed!

AZ 4-H is inspiring the next generation of youth leaders, some 6,500 strong and growing, who are learning by doing and making the best better for themselves, their communities, their country and their world. Join us by welcoming Sandra to the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation and show your support for Arizona 4-H today.



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