



NEW YORK STATE 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.

*Investing*  
*in Our Youth*

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

# MISSION

The New York State 4-H Foundation cultivates, secures, and stewards financial resources to support the Cornell Cooperative Extension New York State 4-H program in developing and delivering superior 4-H youth development programs.

Founded in 1949 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, the NYS 4-H Foundation supports 4-H youth development programs throughout New York State through tax-deductible donations. Funding is primarily directed to

- 1) State Program Initiatives
- 2) Grants for County 4-H Programs
- 3) Opportunity Scholarships for youth.

The Foundation is governed by an elected Board of Trustees, including young trustees.

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Linda L. Henley, Executive Director

## *Message from the Chair*

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Dear Friends,

*“Through building partnerships (individual, corporate, private and public), the New York State 4-H Foundation is the premier leader in securing sustainable funding in support of 4-H youth development programs within New York State.”*

This is the vision that the Board of Directors has for the NYS 4-H Foundation. The vision was developed as part of a strategic planning process in which the Board engaged throughout 2008. The resulting strategic plan includes five themes upon which to focus the work of the Foundation:

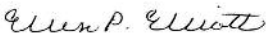
- Investing in the future of New York State 4-H Youth Development programs: Resource development is the number one priority
- Engaging 4-H donors and other partners through marketing and communication
- Collaborating to build partnerships and stimulate involvement on behalf of the Foundation’s mission
- Ensuring effective Foundation governance: Key to successful operations
- Evaluating the Foundation’s accomplishments: Measurements and benchmarking

To help the organization move toward the vision, the Board took several significant actions during the past year including the employment of Linda Henley as full time Executive Director, the relocation of the Foundation office to Syracuse, and the reconfirmation of the collaborative relationship with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Your continuing commitment to the Foundation mission and goals is essential if we are to expand our support of 4-H youth development programs in New York State. Imagine the impact we could have on young people and the future if every person involved in 4-H programming was touched by programs funded through the Foundation.

We appreciate all that you have done in the past and look forward to a continuing partnership as we work to increase opportunities for youth.

Sincerely,



Ellen P. Elliott, Chair  
NYS 4-H Foundation

# Cornell Cooperative Extension

## 4-H Youth Development



*Building Character and Competence in Youth by Developing Partnerships and Resources*

### The Mission

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program creates supportive learning environments in which diverse youth and adults reach their fullest potential as capable, competent and caring citizens.



### The Goals

- To engage young people in the work of the Land-grant university.
- To teach knowledge and life skills which enhance quality of life.
- To create opportunities which promote positive youth development.

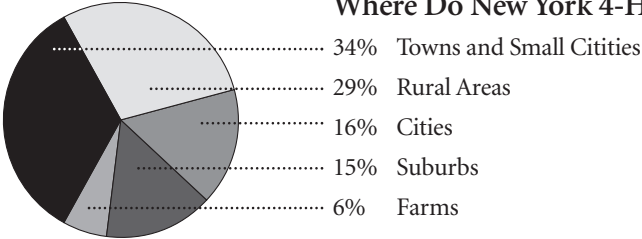


**4-H Youth Development creates opportunities for youth to experience:**

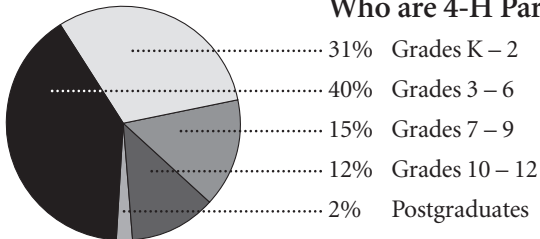
- Independence (*using their heads*)
- Belonging (*using their hearts*)
- Generosity (*using their hands*)
- Mastery (*using their health*)

# 4-H in New York State

## Where Do New York 4-H Participants Live?



## Who are 4-H Participants?



## What Projects do 4-Hers Participate in?

- 249,819 Plants and Animals
- 71,974 Science and Technology
- 59,336 Healthy Lifestyle Education
- 57,108 Environmental Education
- 21,642 Communication and Expressive Arts
- 20,327 Citizenship and Civic Education
- 17,130 Personal Development and Literacy
- 10,375 Consumer & Family Sciences

**Did You Know:**  
4-H is the largest, out of school youth program in the nation – over 460,000 New York State youth participated last year.



# State Program Initiatives

The Foundation provides financial support to several statewide 4-H programs. The following were funded in 2008 in the noted amounts:

## Public Presentations

\$3,000

*The state public presentation program was held at Cornell University in October of 2008 with 90 participants from across the state. Many 4-H alumni credit this program as one of the most important life skills that they gained through their 4-H experience.*



## Marketing and Resource Directory

\$5,000

*Support for the development of the state 4-H Annual Report and the Why 4-H? Publications.*

## National 4-H Conference

\$5,000

*At the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, five NYS youth gathered with youth from across the nation to share ideas and form recommendations to guide future 4-H programs nationally and in their communities.*

## Science and Technology Programs

\$2,000

*Supported youth attendance at the National ESRI Conference in San Diego that focused on GPS/GIS technology programming.*

## State Volunteer Forum

\$4,000

*A state-wide volunteer forum was held in November to focus on Healthy Lifestyles programming. Funding was targeted to the development of the RU RDY disaster preparedness program and the Choose Health Teen Ambassador program training components of the Forum.*

## Give Change, Make Change

This special initiative raises funds for both County 4-H programs and the NYS 4-H Foundation, while highlighting the positive impacts that 4-H has on youth. This effort kicked off in June 2007 and continued into 2008. Friends of 4-H were asked to:

*Give their “change” – to help make a positive “change”*



for our 4-H youth. Coins are collected in special collection jars, and by dropping them in the hyperbolic funnel at fairs and special events.

Funds collected are split 50-50 between the County 4-H program and the 4-H Foundation.

At the 2008 Great NYS Fair, the 4-H House of Stories gathered photos and success stories from 4-H members, educators, and alumni. These stories were posted on cardboard houses throughout the Youth Building at the Fair, creating a community of stories that demonstrate 4-H's success. This project moved to *Flickr*, and continues to create a visual testimony to the power of 4-H. Visit [www.flickr.com/photos/houseofstories](http://www.flickr.com/photos/houseofstories).



*“4-H helped me explore my inner qualities and expand my social skills.”*

Rachel



# Program Grants

## Programs Completed in 2008

**Planting the Seed for Lifelong Learning** **\$3,000**  
*CCE of Yates County*

Through a collaboration between 4-H and the Dundee Youth Center, youth participated in hands-on learning activities in gardening and healthy food choices. They created a garden and marketed their products in 2008 gaining business and entrepreneurial skills.



**4-H Science, Technology & Math Camp** **\$3,000**  
*CCE of Ontario County*

Middle school age girls and minority youth enjoyed a week-long camping experience at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, while increasing their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math literacy. Tours of premier research centers and guest presenters enhanced the learning and exploration of career opportunities.



**Outdoor Summer Experiences** **\$3,000**  
*CCE of Genesee County*

Elementary school age youth were introduced to a world of horticulture, agriculture and natural resources through a summer day-camp program. Field trips to local farms and markets enhanced the fun learning experiences that tied together gardening, healthy eating, and environmental stewardship.

**4-H Concepts, Connections and Concoctions** **\$3,000**  
*CCE of Saratoga County*

Youth in schools and 4-H clubs gained mastery and confidence in science, engineering, and technology through fun, hands-on learning experiences. Training for teachers, 4-H volunteers and educators, plus access to resource kits established new collaborative relationships promoting science education.

## *Programs Started in 2008*

### **Community Improvement Through Youth (CITY)** *CCE of Broome County*

\$3,000

Eight youth from the city of Binghamton participated in a one-week Construction Academy held on the grounds of CCE Broome County. Building trade professionals provided instruction, exposing youths to the construction trades and developing workforce and life skills. They produced a shed that was then donated to a high needs community area, increasing the visibility of 4-H in Binghamton and encouraging future youth and adult involvement.



### **Healthy Cooking Specialty Camp** *CCE of Wyoming County*

\$3,000

A one-week camp program introduced campers to healthy nutrition choices, cooking techniques, and local food producers. This grant provided funding for tours of local food producers, lessons provided by local chefs, camp staff training and development of assessment tools.



### **Teen Leadership Afterschool** *CCE of Madison County*

\$3,000

Teens were recruited and trained to provide leadership for newly formed afterschool based 4-H clubs in two community schools. The schools are located in a high poverty area and are identified as needing to improve reading skills. This program enables teens to develop leadership skills and put them into practice, while earning Community Service credit at their schools. Teen leaders developed a Leadership Manual as a useful tool for other teens across the state.

### **Agriculture Career Camp** *CCE of Seneca County*

\$3,000

Middle and High School age youths will meet one Saturday each month between September 2008 and May 2009 to explore science and technology based careers in the areas of dairy, livestock, field crops, viticulture, fruit production, mechanics and others to develop the local workforce of producers.

# Opportunity Scholarships

The New York State 4-H Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding achievement of 4-H youth through college scholarships.

## *\$1,000 Achievement Scholarships*

**Carolyn Marie Braun**  
*Washington County*

Carolyn's primary focus in 4-H has been in the dairy project area and she is accomplished in public presentations. She attends Cornell University majoring in animal science. She hopes to work in the animal health area and plans to have her own dairy farm with a quality show herd.

**Jessica Brown**  
*Ontario County*

A 10 year 4-H member, Jessica had a traditional approach to 4-H projects in the areas of clothing, food, home environment, community service and public presentations. Sharing her sewing skills by making pillows for a local dialysis unit and sewing pajama pants for injured Iraq War servicemen are just two ways that Jessica gives back to others.

She is majoring in English at Sarah Lawrence College.

**Kathryn Davis**  
*Rensselaer County*

Kathryn completed her first year of college at Cobleskill and is attending Siena College to obtain a degree in sociology with a minor in economics. She was a delegate to the National 4-H Conference in 2006 and her great interest in animals led her to projects working with sheep, goats, poultry and covies.

**Katie Donnan**  
*Saratoga County*

As a 12 year dairy member, showing at the county fair taught her responsibility and how to care for animals. In addition to her dairy projects, Katie also excelled in public speaking, clothing and textiles and foods and nutrition projects. Katie attends Cornell University, majoring in International Agriculture and Rural Development. She plans to pursue a career in the agricultural industry.



*Pictured from left to right: Carolyn Braun, Katie Donnan, Elizabeth Lawrence, Emma Long and Jessica Brown. Not pictured: Kathryn Davis, Alicia Keller and Craig Lesser*

**Alicia Keller**

*Genesee County*

Alicia believes that the act of giving back to ones community is one of the greatest accomplishments in her life. She has provided leadership in the area of GIS/GPS, teaching new Hispanic audiences about precision farming through the summer 4-H migrant education science program and at the county fair. Her 4-H experience has led her to pursue a career in agriculture working at the national level where she hopes she can work hands on with agriculture legislation. Alicia attends Purdue University.

**Elizabeth Lawrence**

*Oswego County*

Elizabeth has been active in the 4-H public speaking program, natural resources, clothing and textiles and foods and nutrition project areas and has been involved at the state level as a state fair press corps member and teen leader for clothing review. Academically, Elizabeth maintained an average of 98 or better throughout her high school career. She is majoring in business administration and finance at SUNY Geneseo.

**Craig Lesser**

*Albany County*

Growing up on a farm with parents who were both Equine Veterinarians, instilled in Craig a love for agriculture and a desire to follow in his parents' footsteps in becoming an equine veterinarian. He has raised and shown his own sheep, chickens, horses, cattle and a variety of other animals. He is currently enrolled in the animal science program at Colorado State University. In 4-H he was involved in the teen ambassador program, was a junior fair superintendent, and junior club leader.

**\$5,000**

***4-H Gold Clover Scholarship***

**Emma Long**

*Genesee County*

During the summer of 2006, Emma represented National 4-H at the ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego, CA where she gave a plenary address to an international audience of 14,000 people about how 4-H uses GIS technology. Since then she has been on the national 4-H geospatial team and has helped form a team in NY. Emma attends Cornell University where she will pursue a career in the area of precision agriculture which will combine her interests in farming, geospatial science and environmental preservation.

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*"4-H helped me to become a more confident individual through public speaking. Public presentations are one of my favorite things to do."*

Bethany



## *Endowment & Restricted Funds*

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Donors may designate gifts for specific purposes or make donations to honor individuals. The 4-H foundation manages the following restricted and endowment funds, including some for County associations. Assets at the end of fiscal year 2008 are noted.

### **Capital Campaign**

**\$144,544**

Funds a number of statewide 4-H programs.

### **Cheney Tribute Fund**

**\$11,817**

The Bill and Rhea Cheney fund supports 4-H in Oswego County, where Bill was a 4-H agent.

### **Delaware County 4-H Endowment**

**\$171,680**

Supports 4-H programs in Delaware County.

### **DeNise 4-H Fund**

**\$380,603**

Provides general support of statewide initiatives.

### **Evans Leadership Development Fund**

**\$18,881**

Through a gift from Merton P. and Betty J. Evans of Canton, NY this fund was established in 1994 to support leadership development of adult and youth volunteers.

### **General Endowment Fund**

**\$63,548**

Provides general support for approved 4-H youth development programs and initiatives, which benefit all Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations.

### **Harold A. Willman**

#### **Animal Science Fund**

**\$217,268**

Established to honor Professor Emeritus Harold A. Willman, former 4-H Animal Science Specialist, this fund supports a variety of animal husbandry programs, including livestock judging, demonstrations, team trips, and recognition awards.

### **Harper Scholarship**

**\$35,276**

Established by the family of Ralph and Genevieve Harper in Monroe County to support college scholarships.



**International Youth Development**

\$13,979

Supports scholarships for international exchange programs.

**Lamar Leadership Award Fund**

\$11,654

Established in honor of Ralph E. Lamar, this funds scholarships in Orange and Suffolk Counties.

**NYS Leadership Award Fund**

\$27,490

Supports leadership development.

**Livingston County 4-H Endowment**

\$56,770

Supports Livingston County 4-H programs.

**Montgomery County  
4-H Endowment**

\$55,376

Established by Constance Davis DuCanto, this supports 4-H programs in Amsterdam, NY.

**Nancy Widen Swart  
Memorial Endowment**

\$15,845

Supports 4-H Youth Development programs in Erie and Schoharie Counties.

**NYS Association of CCE  
4-H Educators Fund**

\$50,968

Income from this fund supports the mission of the 4-H Educators Association.



**Oneida County 4-H Endowment**

\$44,647

Established in honor of Harvey B. Bowman, this funds Oneida County 4-H programs.

**Ontario County  
4-H Scholarship Fund**

\$24,035

Supports Ontario County 4-H Scholarships.

**Standardbred Horse Program**

\$49,087

This 40 year collaborative with the Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund supports education programs that include Tours and Clinics, the Kids and Horses Tent at the NYS Fair, and other education programs.

**Did You Know:**

4-H is accessible in every NYS county and 5 boroughs of NYC.



## Special Events

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The annual 4-H Open Golf tournament is the Foundation's key fundraising and friend making event. Thank you to all who participated in the 2008 4-H Open held at the Country Club of Ithaca. This year was our most successful tournament to date – maxing out the field with 29 teams, 19 volunteers and raising over \$22,000 for state-wide 4-H programming. Helene Dillard, Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, was recognized as Honorary Chair.

*Congratulations to our winning teams!*

### FLIGHT 1

Incodema, Inc. – 1st place  
Crown Construction Inc. – 2nd place  
George B. Bailey Agency, Inc. – 3rd place

### FLIGHT 2

P.W. Wood & Son, Inc. – 1st place  
Applied Economics & Management – 2nd place  
Seneca Foods – 3rd place

### FLIGHT 3

First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA – 1st place  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Administration – 2nd place  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County – 3rd place

*Special thanks to our major sponsors*

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Time Warner Cable  
Cayuga Radio Group

Blue Seal Richer Dairy Nutrition  
First Pioneer Farm Credit  
Bruce & Rick Porter  
A-1 Trophy Co.



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#### Did You Know:

4-H's connection to Cornell University sets us apart from other youth serving organizations.

*Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual 4-H Open  
Friday, June 5, 2009*



# Statement of Financial Position

*New York State 4-H Foundation, Inc.*  
*September 30, 2008*

	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 148,471	\$ 105,314
Receivables	637	2,883
Investments	<u>1,499,982</u>	<u>1,772,688</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$1,649,090</u>	<u>\$1,880,885</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts and Grants Payable	\$ 33,006	\$ 36,475
CCE & Other County Owned Endowments	<u>362,026</u>	<u>391,150</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 395,032</u>	<u>\$ 427,625</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Net Deficit/Assets	\$ 125,512	\$ 191,658
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	64,813	62,524
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>1,063,733</u>	<u>1,199,078</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$1,254,058</u>	<u>\$1,453,260</u>
<b>Total Liability and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$1,649,090</u>	<u>\$1,880,885</u>

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**Did You Know:**

4-H youth represent diverse backgrounds from urban, suburban and rural communities.



# Statement of Activities

*New York State 4-H Foundation, Inc.*  
*September 30, 2008*

	2008	2007
<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions	\$ 58,217	\$ 41,935
Special Events	33,075	33,858
Interest & Investment Earnings	(141,745)	269,927
Grant Revenue & Recoveries	51,600	45,660
Other	<u>10,063</u>	<u>10,632</u>
<b>Total Revenues, Gains &amp; Other Support</b>	<u>\$ 11,210</u>	<u>\$402,012</u>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	\$ 113,824	\$105,902
Management and General	50,222	19,535
Fundraising	<u>46,366</u>	<u>33,726</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 210,412</u>	<u>\$159,163</u>
<b>Changes in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ (199,202)</u>	<u>\$242,849</u>

*"Because of 4-H, I possess the skills that are responsible for getting me into college. It kept my curiosity piqued so I wanted to continue to learn and Career Explorations got me to the Cornell campus."*

Elizabeth



# Thank You to Our Friends

## *State Leader's Club*

\$ 25,000+

Agriculture & NYS Horse  
Breeding Development Fund  
Mr. Peter L. Huntington  
(Planned Gift)

## *Crystal Clover*

\$ 5,000 – \$9,999

Cayuga Radio Group  
National 4-H Council  
Mr. Ronald J. Pope  
P. W. Wood & Son, Inc.

## *Platinum Clover*

\$1,000 – \$2,499

A1 Trophy Company  
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ACA  
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## *Gold Clover*

\$500 – \$999

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\$250 – \$499

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Dr. R. David Smith  
Support Services Alliance, Inc.  
Mr. Elwyn G. Voss

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*"I learned to think clearly,  
care for others, serve my  
community and make  
healthy decisions."*

Val



## *Thank You to Our Friends*

### *Bronze Clover*

*\$100 – \$249*

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Mr. Bill Acomb  
Mr. Bob Acomb  
Mr. Rod Acomb  
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## *Thank You to Our Friends*

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Association

### *Green Clover*

#### *Up to \$99*

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## 4-H Success Stories

*Oh, see. Oh, see Jane. Oh, see Jane read!*  
(Madison County)

You are 5 years old. Imagine the excitement of having a 16-year-old leading your 4-H summer reading camp. This “cool” teen is actually reading stories, playing games, and helping you plant flowers behind your local library. And the teens gain as much as they give through this teen leadership program administered by CCE Madison County 4-H with funding from the New York State 4-H Foundation.



Summer Reading Camp 4-H Style happened at the Bridgeport Public Library, the Cazenovia Public Library and the New Woodstock Free Library in the summer of 2008. With the cooperation of the local libraries, 26 children ages 5 to 8 and 8 teens spent 5 weeks exploring the world of books and plants through the Junior Master Gardener program *Literature in the Garden*.

As one of the teen leaders said after the program: *“It was a fun experience where I gained teaching and leadership skills. It was also an opportunity to serve my community.”*

*Finger Lakes 4-H Agriculture Career Camp*  
(Livingston, Monroe, Yates, Ontario, Seneca, and Wayne Counties)



Citing a concern for the future of agribusinesses in New York State, counties in the Finger Lakes Region worked in partnership with staff at the Finger Lakes New Knowledge Fusion Project to offer an Agriculture Career Camp to thirty youth in grades 7-12. The goal of this program is to engage local businesses in educating youth on local science, engineering and technology careers in the agriculture industry. Specific programs conducted in 2008 included the Conesus Lake Watershed, Viticulture and Field Crops, and Dairy. Future programs are planned to include Agriculture Mechanics and Livestock, Greenhouse and Hydroponic Agriculture, Fruit Production, and a Food Industry and College/Career Fair. The participants in the program have enthusiastically agreed that their knowledge of the agriculture industry has been enhanced by the program offerings and they are learning about many different types of careers that are options for them in the field of agriculture in New York State.

## 4-H Success Stories



### *4-H Camp Wyomoco Healthy Cooking Specialty Camp* (Wyoming County)

According to the American Obesity Association, an alarming 30 percent of children and adolescents are overweight and obese, compared with just 10 percent 30 years ago. Concerns about these alarming statistics led the staff at 4-H Camp Wyomoco to think about how they could incorporate healthy lifestyle education into the camp program. In 2008 they held a one-week residential Healthy Cooking

Specialty Camp program to introduce campers to healthy nutrition choices, cooking techniques, local foods, and food related careers. The program featured tours to local businesses and lessons provided by area chefs giving the youth hands on experiences in food preparation skills. One of the highlights of the week was a trip to a local blueberry farm to learn about growing blueberries. The campers came back with pails of blueberries used to create some mouthwatering blueberry muffins. Another trip took campers to the nearby amusement park where they went behind the scenes to learn about food service at the park. Funding for the program came from the NYS 4-H Foundation and local farms and businesses in the county.



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*"If it was not for 4-H I would not be where I am today. I am attending the Culinary Institute of America majoring in Baking and Pastry Arts!"*

Lindsey



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## *Make a lasting difference in the lives of one of our most valuable resources – today's youth*

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### **Corporate Matching Gifts**

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### **Bequest**

Including the Foundation in your will or estate plan is an option open to everyone. A gift made through a bequest is a symbol of your commitment to our youth and may reduce estate taxes. You may give a specific dollar amount, property or a percentage of your estate. Please notify the Foundation of your intentions. We will provide the proper wording to make sure your wishes are clearly understood.

### **Life Insurance**

A gift of an existing "paid up" policy allows you to make a significant investment in 4-H youth, while receiving a tax benefit equal to the replacement value or cost basis of the policy, whichever is less. If you'd prefer, the NYS 4-H Foundation may be named as a designated beneficiary on a new or existing policy.

### **Retirement Plan**

Naming the NYS 4-H Foundation as the designated beneficiary of a retirement plan or IRA is another tax-efficient way of giving to 4-H as proceeds transfer to the Foundation tax-free – leaving more for the benefit of our youth. These same assets may be diminished by as much as 70% by estate and income taxes when passed on to loved ones!

*Please consult your financial advisor or estate planning attorney to determine the best plan for you.*

**Did You Know:**  
More than 15,000  
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