

California 4-H Foundation DONOR UPDATE



Spring 2012

Dear 4-H Friend,

I want to thank you again for supporting the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. Many of you have personally shared with me the things you value about 4-H— the opportunities for hands-on learning, adults and youth learning together, and most importantly responsible youth who are not only problem solvers but also outstanding leaders.

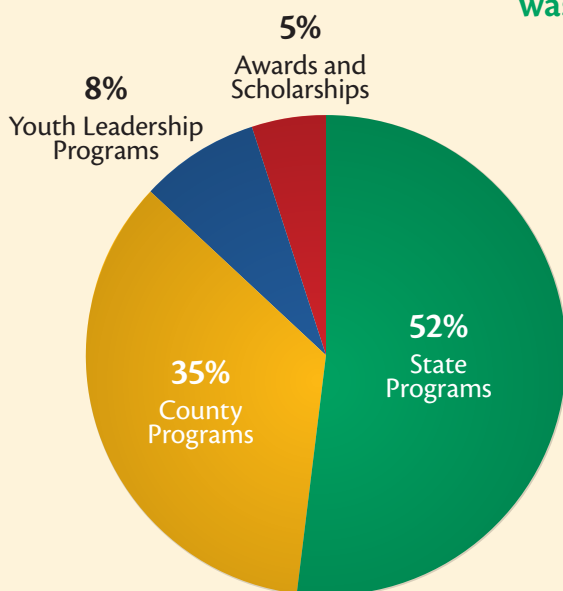
In this expanded edition of the donor report we have included updates from some of the young leaders we have featured in our recent correspondence with you. I am pleased to update you with some continuing examples of how your support helps young people in California. Both Ashley and Mary represent the variety of ways in which participation in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program creates leaders and inspires them to be agents of positive change. By choosing to contribute to their communities and taking responsibility for changing their world for the better, 4-H youth demonstrate how your support enables them to be uniquely prepared to meet the challenges of a complex and ever-changing world.

We have also included some exciting information about our recently launched Revolution of Responsibility civic engagement program that celebrates community service and the positive impacts 4-H youth are creating throughout California.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Annette Leeland
Executive Director

Through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations, the California 4-H Foundation was able to provide support for the following programs:



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| State Programs..... | \$434,530 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Living Science Engineering and Technology Volunteer Training Revolution of Responsibility Enrollment Fund | |
| County Programs..... | \$295,162 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs Camps Afterschool | |
| Youth Leadership Programs..... | \$63,010 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference attendance State Ambassador Program Tech Team | |
| Awards and Scholarships..... | \$42,115 |
| Total | \$834,817 |

Fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011



Updates on Our Recently Featured 4-H Stories



Mary, far left, at Sacramento State University to speak about how 4-H has affected her life.

YOU RECENTLY HEARD FROM MARY who wrote about her experiences in Kenya and how 4-H has played an important role in shaping her new life in America. Mary continues to be involved in teaching science to young people and believes passionately in being of service to others and contributing to her community:

“The biggest surprise for me about 4-H was how many people come back every year to make a difference in someone’s life, be interactive with other people, and have fun. I have made connections in 4-H that will help me in my future plans. **Through 4-H, I have been able to find out more about college and I have recently learned that I have been accepted to Sacramento State University!** My long term goal is to further my education in order to be a pediatrician.”

A 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* discovered young people involved in 4-H report better grades, are more likely to plan to go to college, and are more inclined to pursue courses or a career in science, engineering, or computer technology. The study found that girls in 4-H are **1.6 times more likely** to pursue science careers over their peers. 4-H youth are **3.3 times more likely** to be engaged in their communities.

* Dr. Richard Lerner, and a team at the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University have been working with faculty at land-grant universities to conduct The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development beginning in 2002. The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development study is surveying more than 7,000 adolescents from diverse backgrounds across 44 U.S. states (<http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/>).

ASHLEY WAS FEATURED in our December 2010 fundraising appeal letter. You may remember that she was a former 4-H State Ambassador, who is now attending UC Davis. Ashley shares what she is doing now:

“I am in my second year at UC Davis **double majoring in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering**. I am still involved in the California Aggie Marching Band on campus and continue to work at the 4-H Foundation, but I have also added several other activities since you last heard from me. **I have become a volunteer 4-H leader, participate in collegiate 4-H, and I am serving as a co-advisor for the State Ambassador team on the education committee.** I am also involved in several engineering clubs on campus including helping to build an airplane! **4-H continues to be a big part of my life and my experiences in the program have helped me to excel in college and reach my goals in life.** I love college and have been truly enjoying my time at UC Davis.”



Ashley preparing to March in the UC Davis Band-Uh 2011



Join the Revolution of Responsibility



Chance, second from right, and his Green Teens members celebrating their accomplishments. Please check out their Revolution of Responsibility video at <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>

IN 2013 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. We will honor 100 years of community impacts by highlighting the powerful ways that 4-H youth are taking leadership roles in their local communities today through an initiative called the **Revolution of Responsibility**.

The **Revolution of Responsibility** is a **state-wide effort** that builds on the service learning component that is core to all 4-H programs. This takes the form of youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants identify an issue in their community, and design and implement a project to address that community issue. In 4-H youth learn leadership by leading, collaboration by collaborating and civic engagement by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. There is no greater force for positive change than youth learning and taking action. It has been the legacy of 4-H for 100 years. The **Revolution of Responsibility** will celebrate the power and value 4-H creates in California by supporting 1,000 service-learning projects through our centennial year and beyond.

The California 4-H Foundation is committed to raising and distributing up to \$1,000 for each project to support their implementation. We are inviting our individual, corporate and foundation donors, our alumni and community partners to join the **Revolution of Responsibility** by supporting this endeavor and celebrating 100 years of 4-H.

My name is Chance Boreczky, and I'm 14 years old. This year, 4-H has enabled me to make a significant change in my community. For the past four years, I've been a member of an Environmental Stewardship Project fondly called Plastic Eliminators. We've been educating the public about environmental issues caused by plastics. We have manned educational booths at events, composed an award winning video, *A Plastic Predicament*, and performed an original skit to educate school children about plastic pollution. Since the beginning of the project, we've also attended many of our city's council meetings to convince them to ban various types of harmful plastic. They've certainly been listening to us.

We recently heard that they were planning a vote to ban polystyrene foam food ware. We were ecstatic at the news since one of our projects involved educating restaurants on the problems of single use disposable plastics. However, certain council members were worried a ban would cause economic strains on small local businesses. We had done our research and knew that alternative products were not cost prohibitive. We attended several city council meetings and spoke to educate the council and voice our support for the ban. At the most recent meeting, they finally approved an ordinance! We had been trying to get them to take action against plastic pollution for quite a time, and they finally did! Without 4-H, I would not have had the opportunity to learn about, educate, advocate and make change for my community. I now know that I can make an impact. Thanks to 4-H I am a valuable resource to my community -- this is what I call the Revolution of Responsibility.

Sincerely,

Chance Boreczky
4-H Green Teens

University of California 4-H Youth Development Program

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Would you like to join our Revolution of Responsibility?

There are many ways to join the Revolution of Responsibility —through direct support, connecting with a local Revolution service learning project, and/or spreading the word about the Revolution in your community. For more information about the Revolution and how you can be involved, please contact Amy McGuire at almcguire@ucdavis.edu or by calling (530)754-1523.

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Calendar of 4-H Events Around the State

4-H Field Day at UC Davis

Saturday May 26, 10 am to 3 pm
Walker Hall Quad

Horse Classic

July 18 - 22, 8 am to 5 pm
Brookside Equestrian Center,
Elk Grove, CA
Sponsor: UC 4-H Youth Development
Program

California State Fair

July 12 - 29
Stop by our booth located in the A-B
Counties Building for free give-aways
and 4-H information.
<http://www.bigfun.org/buy-tickets/>

4-H State Leadership Conference

August 9 - 12, All Day
University of California, San Diego
Sponsor: UC 4-H Youth Development
Program

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*If you are interested in attending these events, please call the California 4-H
Foundation (530) 754-1523 for more information.*