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INVESTING IN 4-H

The idea that inspired 4-H was based on a desire to improve the existing quality of life. Throughout its history, 4-H has endeavored to become the best youth organization possible. The ever-changing and increasingly complex society in which we live continues to broaden the needs and interests of youth.

The challenge facing Nebraska 4-H is one of change: changing needs and changing opportunities. Our desire to remain a flexible, dynamic organization, with fulfilling and rewarding youth services, dictates continued improvement of our management and delivery of 4-H programs. To be consistent with our past and equally successful with our future, Nebraska 4-H must take the best, and make it better.

The mission of Nebraska 4-H includes helping young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. More specifically, its objectives are to help young people:

- Develop inquiring minds; an eagerness to learn and the ability to apply science and technology.
- Develop and strengthen the ability to communicate.
- Respond and relate to self, family, others and the environment.
- Master the problem-solving process.
- Make creative decisions as related to self and life.

4-H IS ...

- open to all Nebraska youth 9 to 19 years of age.
- 63,365 youth having fun while learning in a non-formal educational setting.
- open to all Nebraska youth regardless of race, color, national origin, handicap or sex.
- over 11,900 volunteer adults serving as 4-H leaders.
- a "learning by doing" experience.
- youth participants in an outdoor education program at the State 4-H Camp, Halsey; South Central 4-H Center, Alma; Lodgepole Valley 4-H Camp, Sidney; or the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, Gretna.
- the youth program of the Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- a flexible, dynamic program which changes to accommodate the needs of youth and society.
- a family-oriented program, strengthening family involvement.
- a leadership, citizenship, and community involvement program.
- projects and activities that include health, home economics, pets and small animals, livestock, mechanical science, plant science and horticulture, wildlife, natural resources, workshops, trips, fairs, and much, much more.
- private citizens, businesses and organizations going together to provide a quality education program through the Nebraska Association for 4-H Development.
1984 NEBRASKA 4-H PARTICIPATION

The 1984 enrollment is over 60,000 for the fifth consecutive year in Nebraska 4-H history, with 63,365 boys and girls participating.

**TYPE OF PARTICIPATION**

Organized 4-H clubs ........................................... 28,777
Special interest programs ................................. 5,827
School enrichment programs .............................. 35,193
Individual study ............................................. 1,162
Instructional T.V. ............................................ 0

Enrollment by sex

Number of boys .............................................. 27,599
Number of girls .............................................. 35,766

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT** .......................... 63,365

Enrollment by age

Pre-teens, 9-11 years ............................................ 51%
Early teens, 12-14 years ..................................... 33%
Middle and upper teens, 15-19 years ..................... 16%

Enrollment by residence

Farm ............................................................ 31.8%
Rural and towns under 10,000 ............................. 29.6%
Cities, 10,000-50,000 ........................................ 16.2%
Cities, 50,000 and over ..................................... 22.4%

Percent of Nebraska Youth

9-19 Years in 4-H ............................................ 24.6%

Number of Organized 4-H Clubs ...................... 2,431
Number of Special Interest Groups

and School Enrichment Groups ....................... 1,509

Percent Minority Enrollment in 4-H .................. 5.5%

**4-H EDUCATION PROJECTS**

Four-H members average 2.99 projects per member annually.

Projects are “learning by doing” participation experiences for youth.

- citizenship and community ................................ 14,680
- animal programs ........................................... 36,604
- health and safety ......................................... 13,738
- communication arts and sciences ..................... 10,038
- economics, jobs and careers ........................... 767
- natural resources ........................................ 13,689
- energy ....................................................... 4,262
- engineering, machines and wood sciences .......... 9,649
- plants and soils .......................................... 8,040
- leisure and cultural education ....................... 9,264
- individual and family resources ................. 59,419
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR 4-H DEVELOPMENT

Receipts

General Contributions, Memorials, etc. 17%
Leader Development & Incentives 10%
Horse 8%
International 8%
4-H Camp & Center 4%
Outdoor Education 3%
Cookbooks 3%
Four-Square Value Sales 1%

Materials Development & Sales 13%
Youth Incentives 32%
Miscellaneous 1%

Disbursements

Audit & Insurance 4%
International 8%
Supplies & Materials 8%
Cookbooks 7%
Horse 10%
4-H Camp & Center Construction 11%

Bookkeeping 3%
Outdoor Education 3%
Materials Development & Sales 3%
Youth Incentives 31%
Leader Development & Incentives 12%
Volunteers are the key to the success of the Nebraska 4-H Program. In 1984, 12,748 4-H volunteers contributed nearly $12,000,000 in time, money, supplies and other resources to assist youth. To more effectively lead and guide young people at the local club level through teaching and conducting group activities, 4-H leaders take part in training programs conducted by Extension agents and faculty of the University of Nebraska. Through newsletters, workshops and experiences outlined in the new volunteer leader handbook distributed in 1984, Extension faculty, assist volunteers in keeping abreast of current knowledge, in developing new knowledge, abilities and understanding needed to assist youth.

Many volunteer leaders gain new ideas from the National 4-H News magazine and the quarterly Nebraska Leader. The Nebraska Banker's Association funds the subscriptions at community levels by member bank participation. The Nebraska Leader quarterly insert continually informs Nebraska leaders of 4-H programs across the state and is sponsored by the Nebraska Association for 4-H Development.
ANNUAL FRIENDS & DONORS OF 4-H—1984

To fund expanded educational programs and efforts, many businesses and individuals are involved as donors to support 4-H and 4-H members. We have listed Nebraska’s investors providing funds for the 4-H program through the Association during October 1, 1983—September 30, 1984. If we have neglected to list your contribution, please accept our sincere apology and inform us so we may correct our records.

$25,000 and Over
Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben

$10,000 — $25,000
Hall County Livestock Improvement (Fonner Park)
Nebraska Bankers/4-H News Program (list included)

$1,000 — $5,000
Abbott Foundation
Burlington Northern
Cooper Foundation
Farmland Industries, Inc.
KFAB Broadcasting
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Ag Committee
Nebraska Bank Program (list included)
Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs
Nebraska State Fair Board
Norden Laboratories
McGraw-Hill Book Company
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

$500 — $1,000
Twyla Lideloph
Congress Alumni Fund (list included)
Federal Cartridge
Federal Land Bank Association of Norfolk
Federal Land Bank Association of North Platte
First National Lincoln
Land O’Lakes
National Rifle Association of America
Nebraska Beef Industry Development Board
Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association
Nebraska Pork Producers
Nebraska Soybean Development Utilization and Marketing Board
Omaha World-Herald
Security Mutual Life Insurance

Federal Land Bank Association of Scottsbluff
Federal Land Bank Association of Sioux City
First Federal Lincoln
Fri-Ettes Extension Club
Freedom Rider’s 4-H Club
C. L. W. County Extension
Gage County Extension
Garfield County 4-H Council
Harris Laboratories
Hayes County Extension
Hineman Foundation
Holt County Extension
Huskerland Harvestore
Hy-Vee Stores of Lincoln
Interstate Harvestore
Jefferson County Extension
Journal-Star Printing Company
KOLN 16/T1
Kem-Vet, Inc.
Lancaster County Bank—Waverly
Lancaster County Home Extension Council
Lee Riders 4-H Club
Lincoln IGA Stores
Lincoln Mutual Life
Lost Creek Community 4-H Club
Midwest Breeder
Misty’s
Morrill County Extension
NC + Hybrids
Nebraska Alfalfa Dehydrators
Nebraska Angus Association
Nebraska Brown Swiss Association
Nebraska Crop Improvement Association
Nebraska Council on Economic Education
Nebraska Dairy Goat Association
Nebraska Dairy Herd Improvement Association
Nebraska Dairy Industries
Nebraska Dairy Women
Nebraska Dorset Breeders
Nebraska Farmer Company
Nebraska Fertilizer and Ag Chemical Institute
Nebraska Grain Improvement Association
Nebraska Guernsey Breeders
Nebraska Hampshire Sheep Association
Nebraska Harvestore Systems, Inc.
Nebraska Holstein-Friesian Association
Nebraska Inter-Industry Electric Council
Nebraska Horticulture Society
Nebraska Livestock Breeders and Feeders
Nebraska Porkettes
Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc.
Nebraska Registered Sheep Breeders
MEMORIALS

Memorials to honor the memory of relatives and friends have been established through the Nebraska Association for 4-H Development. The memorials provide the opportunity for a lasting contribution, as the principal amount remains untouched, growing year by year to serve as a living tribute to those in whose honor and memory contributions have been made.

Earnings from the Memorial Fund are used for 4-H Youth Development programs. In this way, the gift will be "a beginning, not an ending" by helping to shape the lives of countless young men and women in the years to come.

Over the past years, contributions have been received in memory of the persons listed below:

1984
Emil Dunklau
Gene A. Moody

1983
Vincent Arthaud
Clyde "Kitt" Kittrell
Water Long
Ignatius Pepitone
Magdaline Pfister
Martin Stork
Julie Wehrbein

1982
Eleanor Cook
Ralph Fisher
Thorwald "Doc" Miller
William Schuett
Tim Sheehan
C. E. Zimmerman

1981
Worth O. "Mike" Buel
Jonna King
Cecil Means
Elizabeth Rudman
Alma L. Schmidt

1980
Vicki Bruns
William H. Burns
Edward Costello
L. S. Curran
A. G. Dreesen
Adela Gnuse
Martha Hokamp

1979
Oscar Brand
Ruth Brock
Don Hawk

1978
David Parrott
NATIONAL 4-H NEWS

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INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year several Nebraska 4-H youth have the opportunity to visit other countries as a part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange program. The Nebraska Association for 4-H Development receives funds from various organizations to defray the expense incurred by the 4-H members. During the past year, contributions for this program were received from:

- Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs
- Nebraska IFYE Host Family Association
- United States Information Agency

Descriptions of some of the ways Nebraska 4-H youth were involved in International experiences follow.

PROJECT LINK

The United States Information Agency sponsored, through the Nebraska Association for 4-H Development, ten outstanding 4-H delegates to Japan. The youth lived with 20 families for 70 days. In addition, they received six days of orientation in Nebraska and five days of orientation in Japan.

The major focus for the experience included study of customs, economics of agriculture, farming practices, and family life. The all-expense-paid opportunity allowed those ten selected to have a firsthand view of the problems that the Japanese farmers face in their day-to-day businesses and enterprises.

Some of the work opportunities experienced were cutting roses for the flower market, feeding 500 head of cattle each day, planting rice in the rice paddies using a Japanese machine, picking strawberries, pruning fruit trees, hauling wood down from the mountains for later use on the farm, and vegetable growing.

The young people found that Japanese farmers are very hard working people who maximize every square foot of ground they own. They find it difficult to make expenses meet, just as the American farmers are currently experiencing.

Those selected to participate in "Project Link" Nebraska to Japan experience were: Mike Rochford - Kearney, Dan Bentzinger - Cook, Tom Volk - Battle Creek, Darrin Jones - Grand Island, Darren Dagford - Hebron, Todd Ibach - Summer, Perry Loostrom - Gothenburg, Michael Orlowski - Madison, Jeff Allgood - Auburn and Jeff Kistner - Auburn.

IFYE AMBASSADOR

Four outstanding 4-H members had the opportunity to travel during the summer of 1984 to live and work with families in other countries. The objectives of the experience were to exchange ideas, promote international understanding, and to learn new and exciting geographical areas.

Those participating in the six-week program included: Lisa Clarke - Berwyn (United Kingdom), Mary Ann Dickinson - Minatare, (United Kingdom), Michelle Keys - Elsmere (Netherlands), Michelle Roloff - Louisville (Australia).

IFYE

The International 4-H Youth Exchange Representative program allows outstanding young adults to live and work with a farm family in another country for six months. Those selected by the National 4-H Council are given orientation in their home state and an additional orientation at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Participants from Nebraska in 1984 were: Loretta Allers - Crete (India), Lynlee Anderson - Walthill (Sweden), Robert Crandall - (Portugal), Connie Johnson - Omaha (Netherlands), Kimberly Reaman - Clarks (Jamaica), Susan Schlicting - Lyons (Germany), Douglas Simon - Louisville (Zambia), Lon Swanson - Wayne (Egypt), Lynne Todd - Brunswick (New Zealand).

INTRODUCTION TO EUROPE

Twenty-two Nebraska 4-H youth and adults traveled to Europe during the summer of 1984 to take part in a "Know Europe" introductory experience.

They had an opportunity to attend a farm show in Great Britain, visit farms in Holland, an opportunity to visit art museums, and historical and scenic areas of interest.

International 4-H Youth Exchangees who had previously visited Nebraska hosted the Nebraska group in its travels to seven different countries. In addition, each country had a specialist who explained the importance of the history in agriculture for that particular country.
Education occurs in many places besides the classroom. As the informal youth education program of the Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H develops and conducts many educational experiences for 4-H youth each year. During 1983-1984, many of our contributors made experiences at various events possible. For a complete listing of 4-H recipients of these awards and incentives, please refer to the "Nebraska 1984 Donors and Recipients of 4-H Incentives and Special Awards" booklet distributed in September. Programs, not listed separately in this report, and their donors include:

**National 4-H Contests & Out-of-State Events**

- Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
- Hall County Livestock Improvement (former "Park")
- Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben
- Midwest Breeders Cooperative
- Nebraska Brown Swiss Association
- Nebraska Council on Economic Education
- Nebraska Crop Improvement Association
- Nebraska Guernsey Breeders Association
- Nebraska Seedsmen Association
- Nebraska Soybean Development, Marketing & Utilization Board
- Nebraska State Dairymen's Association

**County Medal of Achievement Program**

- Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
- Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben
- Nebraska Association for 4-H Development
- Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs
- Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association
- Nebraska Poultry Industries
- Nebraska Pork Producers
- Nebraska Soybean Development, Marketing & Utilization Board
- Nebraska Stockgrowers Association
- Omaha World Herald

**Nebraska State 4-H Conference**

- Les Curtan Memorial Fund
- Louie Redman Fund
- Tim Sheehan Memorial Fund
- American Dairy Association
- Burlington Northern Railroad
- First National Lincoln
- KFAB Broadcasting
- Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Ag Committee

**Public Speaking Programs**

- KFAB Broadcasting
Nebraska Beef Industry Development Board
Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs
Nebraska Grain Improvement Association
Nebraska Pork Producers
Nebraska Porkettes
Nebraska Poultry Industries
Nebraska Soybean Development, Marketing & Utilization Board
Nebraska State Fair Board
Nebraska Wheat Board
Omaha World Herald
Security Mutual Life Insurance Company
Sioux City Stockyards

**Leadership & Environment Camp**

Federal Cartridge
Farmland Industries
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**College Scholarships**

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**Nebraska 4-H Awareness Team**

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PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Planned Giving Program is an important part of the Association for 4-H Development's total effort to achieve its objectives, namely to strengthen the 4-H program and enhance its positive influence on youth and adults. The educational programs are conducted and supported to complement the work of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska.

In addition to annual contributions and investments from individuals, corporations, foundations and other groups, the endowment and special gift funds are created to complement and supplement the annual giving program by developing resources for the future.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The program was established in 1975 to build a designated funds endowment. The interest from the principal will be used annually to support programs. The fund is necessary to insure the Association's long-range program development.

THE WASHINGTON/NEBRASKA ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was founded by alumni of the Washington/Nebraska program. The alumni are those who have attended National 4-H Conference representing Nebraska. These funds are designated as a permanent endowment — the interest will be used annually to support youth attending the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

SPECIAL GIFTS

The program is primarily a program to enhance the endowment or other support funds.

Will/Bequest

May be given through a "letter of intent" or verbal confirmation. A bequest in a will perpetuates an individual's ideals and inspiration.

Differed Gifts

Are forms of gifts frequently used for donor investment and creation of endowment funds.

SPECIAL GIFT SITUATION

Donor may have a unique opportunity to establish funds through gifts which may be advantageous to the donor as well as the Association for 4-H Development.

These gifts include:

- life insurance;
- appreciated real estate and/or securities;
- stock before sale of business;
- unique property (art, coins, stamps, jewelry).

MEMORIAL GIFT

A memorial gift is a tangible expression of individual or family interests in 4-H. Young people will be afforded numerous educational and personal development opportunities through a memorial gift. A gift can be established in memory or in the memory of someone designated. Named memorials may be arranged in advance with the Association Planned Giving Committee.

The Association Board of Directors has created a memorial honor roll. The memorials provide the opportunity for a lasting contribution, as the principal amount remains untouched, growing annually to serve as a living tribute to those in whose honor and memory contributions have been made.

Gifts or bequests may be sent to:

Nebraska Association for 4-H Development
114 Agricultural Hall
UNL East Campus
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0700

Information on wills, trusts, real estate, and life insurance are available upon request (see above address).

The Association for 4-H Development is a non-profit, educational, public corporation exempt from state and federal taxes under internal revenues service code 501(C)(3).
Four-H is, and will continue to be, a significant force in the lives of youth and their families. The 4-H program’s values and objectives play an important educational role by complementing the formal educational system. In order to maintain this role effectively, 4-H must adapt to the changes of society. Reflections upon the 4-H situation at regular intervals for all program levels will allow appropriate directions to be established.

“Toward the ‘90s” challenges 4-H to consider the following points in these periodic reflection and direction processes:

- The land-grant system is the foundation of knowledge and objectivity which makes 4-H unique as a nonformal educational system.
- 4-H complements the formal school system by creating learning experiences that: 1) are continuous, 2) allow youth to make decisions, 3) give a sense of worth, and 4) are relevant to the real world.
- The types of experiences most likely to create changes in youth are those experiences which “make a difference in life” and in which the youth participate with substantial autonomy. Four-H must continue to strengthen the member’s involvement in 4-H even as more emphasis is placed on development of 4-H adult volunteer systems.
- Youth of the future will have greater demands for social competence, but little systematic instruction; heavier peer pressure with less self-esteem to resist; and more chances to pursue pleasure and escape through drugs and sex without being aware of more positive alternatives. Prevention of inappropriate behavior can be achieved through the very kind of prosocial environment 4-H seeks to provide.

- Alienation of youth underlies many adolescent problems. Four-H can help reduce the risk of alienation by making sure youth have:
  - increased respect from adults,
  - more time and involvement from adults,
  - more constructive alternatives to experiment with life,
  - more help in developing social competence,
  - more qualified adult volunteers,
  - more opportunities for moral development, and
  - more help to find the meaning of life.
- Families are an integral part of the youth and vice versa. Low-esteemed youth are often products of families not adapting to societal or developmental changes affecting them. Four-H can help parents and adolescents know about and understand changes that may occur in themselves and in each other. Such knowledge makes it easier for families to function as healthy, changing, and growing systems. It also encourages higher self-esteem in youth and, therefore, more likelihood for future successes.
- Attention must be given to the attitudes, expectations, situations, and pressures of volunteers. Closer relationships must be developed between salaried and volunteer staffs. Efforts must be continued to empower local citizenry to conduct the 4-H program. As local people perceive a greater need to be involved, 4-H must seek to change from a service orientation for volunteers to one of citizen participation.
- As 4-H develops in the coming years, efforts should be made to systematically establish a youth developmental program which is appropriate, empowered, and renewable, i.e.
  - appropriate—by locally determining needs of youth;
  - empowered—by utilizing and developing volunteers to the maximum extent possible; conducting programs in such a way that participants experience ownership of the program and are involved in the development, implementation, evaluation, and maintenance of the program; and
  - renewable—by designing programs which will be continuing as opposed to one-shot unrelated efforts, striving to develop and maintain a continuous learning environment that includes a variety of opportunities.

Source: “Extension in the ‘90s”