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County 4-H Endowment Funds Providing Important Support for Local Programs

The number of established or pending 4-H endowments has increased to include 79 of our state's 88 counties, according to the Ohio 4-H Foundation at The Ohio State University. The Ohio 4-H Foundation has provided support and organization for the county 4-H endowment program since it began in 1986.

County 4-H endowments are established and grow through individual donations, business and corporate contributions, and fundraising efforts. The funds held in a county 4-H endowment are permanently invested through The Ohio State University's Endowment. Each year the county 4-H program receives interest income generated by their fund. This income is used in a wide variety of ways to support 4-H programming at the county level.

[INSERT PARAGRAPH ABOUT WHAT ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS IN COUNTY]

In **[County Name]** County, the **[County Name]** County 4-H Endowment Fund has reached **[\$Principal Value of Endowment Fund]** in principal value, according to **[Full name of county 4-H Youth Development Educator]**, 4-H Youth Development Educator in **[County Name]** County.

The **[County Name]** County 4-H Endowment Fund was established in **[Year Fund Was Established]** by the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University. The

4-H Endowment

[County Name] County 4-H Advisory Committee oversees this fund and decides how all interest income should be spent.

To make a contribution to the **[County Name]** County 4-H Endowment Fund, please contact the **[County Name]** County office of Ohio State University Extension at **[County Office Phone Number]**.

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