



An Investment in Youth



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A. B. Graham, Father of 4-H

To forge a bond between America's youth and the land . . . that was the dream of A. B. Graham.

And, in 1902, the Springfield Township school superintendent saw his dream come true with the founding of the 4-H Club.

A. B. Graham, who later founded the Cooperative Extension Service at The Ohio State University, envisioned a program that would stimulate young people's interest in learning and increase their appreciation of rural surroundings. They would learn by doing.

Today's 4-H program continues to follow Graham's cherished goals. But 4-H has grown in ways that surpass Graham's vision. From its rural beginnings, 4-H has spread into every state in the nation. In 4-H's home state of Ohio, one of every six citizens is, or has been, a 4-H member. Today, Ohio is recognized nationally as the leader and innovator in 4-H programming.

Ohio's 4-H program now offers nearly 200 educational projects for young people from urban, suburban and rural areas. Professional 4-H staff members, with assistance from volunteer leaders and specialists from Ohio State University, ensure programs of high quality. Courses ranging from woodworking and gardening to economics and career education still offer youth the chance to learn by doing . . . to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

4-H has a solid foundation.
 With your help, and the help of volunteers,
 families, and business and government leaders,
 4-H can continue to build
 on its past successes.

The basic costs of 4-H — professional staff salaries, supplies, and office space — are met by a partnership of local, state, and federal government support through the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service. But it is gifts from loyal friends and supporters that provide the valuable extras that make 4-H so special to America's youth. These private gifts fund scholarships, experimental programs, special equipment, educational materials, and the awards and recognition that give incentive for success.

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is the official organization for soliciting and receiving gifts for Ohio's 4-H program. Founded in 1947 as part of The Ohio State University Development Fund, the Ohio 4-H Foundation supplements the annual cost of extending 4-H to Ohio's youth through its two funds — the Endowment Fund and the Support Fund.

Stewardship of the foundation's finances is held by a board of directors composed of outstanding business people, professional staff, 4-H members, and alumni.

The Ohio 4-H Endowment Fund is a permanent fund. Interest earned by the fund is used to initiate state, district, and county programs for 4-H members. In 1985, the endowment totalled \$858,000 and generated \$61,000 in interest for support of programs selected annually by the board from competitive county, district, and statewide proposals. The endowment income is used primarily to fund new and innovative programs to reach today's youth.

The Ohio 4-H Foundation Support Fund is an annual fund totally used to sponsor designated scholarships, incentives, educational programs, and awards which motivate 4-H members and volunteers to excel through educational activities.

In recent years, an average of \$140,000 has been contributed annually through both funds into the Ohio 4-H Foundation.



Foundation-Supported Programs

The following are the types of programs selected by foundation directors to receive support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation.

For training and retention of volunteer leaders:

- Scholarships to forums at the National 4-H Center
- County resource training programs
- New advisor training programs
- Volunteer leader recognition banquet
- Subscriptions to "4-H News"

For 4-H members:

- 4-H camp counselor training
- Consumer education programs
- Public speaking programs
- Leadership training
- College scholarships
- 4-H ambassador training
- Citizenship training
- Science and business education
- Food and fitness nutrition training

For volunteer leaders, members, and staff:

- Audio-visual materials
- Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame
- Ohio 4-H Educational Center
- Computer instruction
- Leaders' library

Through the Ohio 4-H Foundation, you have the opportunity to invest in American youth. Your gifts are needed each year to sustain an active and growing 4-H program.

The Ohio 4-H Foundation Board of Directors is seeking support for the following projects and programs:

4-H publications	\$200,000
4-H advisor and leader forum	\$10,000
Video equipment and tapes	\$264,500
International Youth Exchange	\$8,000
National leader forum	\$18,000
Leader awards	\$1,400
A. B. Graham Club recognition	\$2,000
4-H Center and Hall of Fame	\$86,000
Ohio 4-H Congress	\$10,000
Subscriptions to "4-H News"	\$26,000
4-H Ambassadors	\$35,000
Conservation camp	\$10,000
Regional leader forum	\$3,750
Agent awards	\$10,000

In addition to this annual support, the board is seeking to attain an additional \$150,000 for the endowment fund, boosting it over \$1 million. An endowment of \$1,853,226 would be necessary to generate enough income to meet present requests for funding to meet the needs of a growing membership and to further expand 4-H's innovative programming.

Your Gift to 4-H

Contributions to the Ohio 4-H Foundation may be made in several ways:

Current gifts

- Cash
- Property
- Corporate matching gifts
- Gifts-in-kind
- Securities

Planned gifts

- Life insurance
- Bequests
- Pooled income funds
- Charitable trusts



Because we treasure your contributions, and because they are essential to the continued success of 4-H, the Ohio 4-H Foundation recognizes contributors through the following donor level clubs:

A. B. Graham Club: Members contribute \$1,000 per year for ten years or \$30,000 through a bequest, life insurance, or trust.

Platinum Clover Club: Members contribute \$1,000 to \$9,999 per year.

Gold Clover Club: Members contribute \$500 to \$999 per year.

Silver Clover Club: Members contribute \$100 to \$499 per year.

Green Clover Club: Members contribute \$25 to \$99 per year.

Unique Ohio 4-H Foundation plaques are presented to each person, business, or organization which contributes \$100 or more. Your contribution is tax-deductible, and The Ohio State University Development Fund also recognizes you as a contributor to the University.