

# Supporting 4-H

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**Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**  
418 Spring Street  
Jamestown, NY 14701

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Chautauqua County 4-H Endowment Fund

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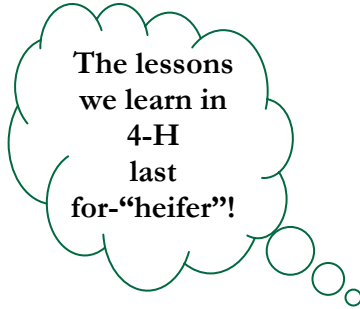
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'Making the Best Better!'



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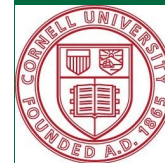
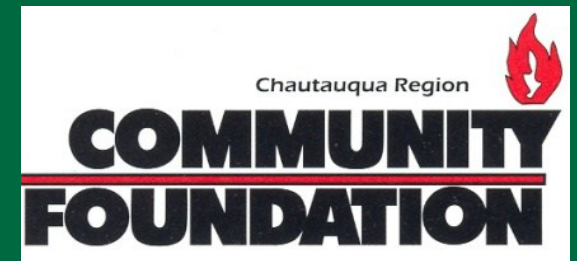


For more information on 4-H programming or how you can help make a difference, contact the Issue Leader of Chautauqua County 4-H, Emily Kidd at [eck47@cornell.edu](mailto:eck47@cornell.edu). You may also reach the 4-H office by calling 716.664.9502 Ext. 214

# Support the Chautauqua County 4-H Endowment Fund



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## Building a Better Tomorrow... Today!

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua EOE/EOP

# What is 4-H?

4-H is an international, informal education program for youth taught by volunteer adults and teens. While 4-H primarily reaches out to youth 8-19 years of age, the Cloverbud program has attracted children as young as 5 years old.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County 4-H Youth Development Program currently has close to 500 active members from all over the County. The map below shows exactly where 4-H Clubs are located throughout the County.



Whether you're from a "farm family" or living under the big city lights, 4-H offers programs in many unique areas. Most obvious to many is the animal education classes where youth learn to care for animals from birth, up to the time they are ready for production. However, members also learn life lessons through many home and career centered programs as well. At the end of the day, all 4-H programs focus on the 4-H philosophy of developing competent, caring and capable citizens.

No matter what areas one may be interested in, 4-H is a youth program truly designed for everybody. Together, members and volunteers facilitate friendship, generosity, independence, mastery and belonging.

# Funding: Past, Present and Future

## Pre-2007

- 4-H programming fully funded with tax-based funds from the Chautauqua County Legislature
- 3 full-time employees
- 1 part-time assistant

## 2007

- Funding cut to \$70,000
- 2 full-time employees
- 1 part-time employee

## 2010

- Funding cut to \$25,000
- 1 full-time employee
- 1 part-time employee
- Beginning of program suspension
- Recognition events consolidated

## 2012

- Complete elimination of previous funding allocations
- Suspended programs:
  - Veterinary Science Course
  - State Fair evaluation booth participation
  - Volunteer Leaders training programs
- Enrollment fees increase to \$50 a member, with a maximum fee of \$200 per family
- Establishment of the **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County 4-H Endowment Fund** at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

2018

4-H Programming fully funded with annual

**\$2 million!!**

endowment grant award

Providing continued programming and potential for program growth

## Why should I support 4-H?

4-H takes pride in developing leaders of tomorrow. It has been proven through the 4-H Study of Youth Development conducted by Tufts University that compared to other youth, 4-H'ers excel and are:

- 25% more likely to contribute to their communities
- More likely to further their education
- 41% less likely to engage in risk/problem behavior
- Receive higher scores on goal setting and goal management (SOC)

The study also shows that youth involved in high quality, structured out-of-school programs are more likely to develop the 5 C's: competence, confidence, character, caring and connection.

## What is an endowment fund?

An endowment fund is a permanent fund that is established to support an organization forever. With this type of fund, the original gift amounts would not be accessible. The 4-H program would receive an annual grant award, which would be the net income generated by the fund.

## How will it work?

To continue the success of the Chautauqua County 4-H, we are accepting contributions at the following levels of giving:

- Health \$ 5,000 and above
- Head \$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999
- Hands \$ 500 - \$ 2,499
- Heart \$ 250 - \$ 499

Contributions under \$250 make payable to 'Friends of 4-H CCE' and mail directly to the 4-H Office.

## Why partner with the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation?

By establishing an endowment fund with the Foundation, it provides:

- Maximum tax advantages for the donor
- Professional investment management
- Donor acknowledgements, tax return filings, financial reports, administrative labor and public accountability

Allowing us to focus on what we do best, unique, educational programming for the youth of Chautauqua County.