Dear Donor,

We were not prepared for the pandemic that rocked our world this year, but the way we responded opened our eyes to the resilience of our 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth. This is what the 4-H experience is about, and your financial support has significantly contributed to our success.

The year started out great, with Lindsey Leker, Extension 4-H specialist, in Belcourt, N.D., leading a STEM youth training. The state 4-H livestock judging contest was held in early March and indoor shooting sports events were taking place.

Members were preparing for another excellent year in 4-H. Then COVID-19 hit. The full schedule of 4-H activities and events stopped. However, from adversity comes creativity. The result: The 4-H program continues to engage volunteers and adults by using new, alternative ways to reach and teach 4-H participants.

We need your financial help more than ever!

- Although the 4-H Camp was closed for in-person summer camps, Extension staff rose to the challenge, offering 10 virtual camps with 144 youth participating. The costs of the camp still exist but we didn’t have the registration income to offset expenses.
- Nearly 800 youth took part in state-held events this year. With grit and determination, 4-H families learned new ways to participate in 4-H.
- Sixty-eight youth participated in a hybrid version of Consumer Decision Making. Participants wore personal protective equipment and sat apart.
- Fifty-nine youth joined in a virtual Communication Arts Contest.

The same life skills that 4-H teaches youth were used to find solutions during this difficult time. Skills such as problem solving, leadership and teamwork make a program happen during uncertain times. Creative thinking and use of technology helped us overcome obstacles such as not being able to meet in person for events. We stayed calm, adapted to change and were patient as new obstacles emerged and solutions identified.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation and programing continue to need and welcome your financial support. The virtual challenges of 2020 have increased our need for new types of technology. 4-H youth and volunteers are prepared to make the necessary changes to ensure their future. Will you support them by donating today?

Thank you again for supporting the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.

With gratitude,

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We believe in young people.
We believe in volunteers.
We believe in the future.

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Yes, I would like to make a gift in support of North Dakota 4-H youth!

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☐ I am enclosing a check made payable to North Dakota 4-H Foundation

To make a secure online gift click on the DONATE button at: www.ndsu.edu/4h/foundation.
The North Dakota 4-H Foundation is committed to sustainability by:

- Creating an endowment* to support future infrastructure needs at the North Dakota 4-H Camp at Washburn, ND.
- Actively pursuing sponsorships for 4-H program areas.
- Working in partnership with the NDSU Foundation to maximize philanthropy to support North Dakota 4-H by securing majors gifts ($10,000 or more) for the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.
- Creating an endowment* to support positive youth development programming.

*The North Dakota 4-H Foundation Endowment Fund qualifies to accept gifts meeting criteria for the North Dakota Charitable Income Tax Credit.

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-Maya Angelou

Thank you for your support of North Dakota Youth!