4-H Forever

in Henry County

The Henry County Extension Council is living up to the 4-H motto, "to make the best better" by looking ahead. It is important that 4-H thrives in Henry County for generations.

Please thank Henry County Commissioners when you see them for being unwavering in their support of 4-H and Extension. They understand investing in youth development and leadership is an investment in a more positive future for Henry County.

Solid funding, though, has not been the case on the state and federal level. To counteract fluctuating federal and state budgets for Henry County 4-H leadership development, now and in the future, growing an endowment funds will work to fill the gap between current funding and needed funding so that 4-H'ers can continue to learn by doing.

It is likely that you, your children or someone you know has benefitted from 4-H programs. Whether it was camp, exhibiting at the fair, being a club member or officer, we know these experiences are not only memorable, they are life changing. Often our youth and volunteer leaders are having so much fun they don't realize at the time how many life skills they are learning that will benefit them personally and professionally for the rest of their lives.

All money raised will benefit Henry County youth – now and forever. All monies raised will be earmarked for Henry County and the county will see the benefits forever. Funds raised will go into an endowment. Only the investment return will be used to fund the county 4-H program. The money invested will be left in place to benefit Henry County youth for generations.

We ask you to take at least one step in the next few minutes to invest in the future of Henry County youth.

- Call or email for more information: Lisa Wallace, wallacel@missouri.edu, phone 660-885-5556

- Write what 4-H and/or Henry County Extension programs have meant to you. Email that information to County Program Director Lisa Wallace, wallacel@missouri.edu
- Set goals that honor your charitable goals – whether it is this important effort or others that are important to you.
- Take action and donate today – You have four options:
    - Make your donation check payable to University of Missouri. Mail your check to the Henry County Extension Center, 100 W Franklin, Clinton MO 64735.
    - Take 5 minutes and use your credit card to contribute to Henry County 4-H endowments at the University of Missouri: https://donatetomu.missouri.edu Find "*Don't see the fund you want listed*?" and check the box for "other."
    In the text box, type "Henry County 4-H Endowment" and follow the instructions to complete your donation.
    - Add to Henry County 4-H endowment funds at the Truman Lake Community Foundation by mailing a check to mail a check to the Henry County Extension Center, Attn: Lisa Wallace, 100 W Franklin, Clinton MO 64735. Please make a donation check payable to Truman Lake Community Foundation.
    - Bring your donation to the Henry County Extension Center, lower level of the courthouse, 100 W Franklin, Clinton MO 64735.

Take steps today to implement your timeline for giving in the future. It is certainly possible to make a significant difference for 4-H in Henry County with gifts of securities, precious metals, personal property or real estate in the near future, later in life or at your passing. We have Extension colleagues who can work with you and your professional team to accomplish your goals on your timeline to leave a lasting legacy for Henry County's youth forever.

Since 1914, Henry County residents have sought help from Extension in areas related to agriculture, gardening, 4-H, nutrition, cooking, families, and business and community development. Extension has had a profound impact in Henry County and the need for Extension in the county has never been greater in helping residents deal with profound and rapid change. We invite you to be a part of this important work, from providing encouragement, to being a volunteer leader to making an investment – you can make a substantial and lasting difference in Henry County.