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## MUSKINGUM COUNTY 4-H HIGHLIGHTS

The Muskingum County 4-H program assists youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes which will enable them to become self directing, productive and contributing adult citizens.

Nearly 1,400 youth, ages 9 – 19, are enrolled in 80 4-H clubs throughout the county. An additional 250 children, ages 5 – 8, are involved in the newly developed 4-H Cloverbud program.

Our 4-H youth are led by 300 adult volunteers that work directly with the members. Parents, neighbors, friends and other community supporters also devote their time and talents to our youth. The strength of the 4-H program is directly influenced by our many volunteers.

4-H also reaches into the classroom. Each year nearly 1,000 youth are involved in 4-H enrichment programs. Topics such as nutrition, space technology, agriculture, chick embryology, fabrics and textiles, and citizenship reach youth in grades 3 through 6.

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### *Purpose of 4-H*

The purpose of 4-H is to enable youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

### **4-H Motto**

"To Make the Best Better"

### **The 4-H Pledge**

The 4-H Pledge summarizes what 4-H is all about. Most 4-H members learn and try to live up to the promises they make in the 4-H pledge:

"I pledge my **Head** to clearer thinking, my **Heart** to greater loyalty, my **Hands** to larger service and my **Health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

### **4-H is a Family Affair**

Muskingum County 4-H is a family affair. Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and all family members become involved with their 4-H members in learning, the business and the fun.



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Ohio 4-H Foundation*

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**A sound investment in today's youth  
and tomorrow's leaders.**

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## Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund

The Muskingum County Endowment Fund will provide additional monetary resources to enhance the local 4-H program. The fund will be managed The Ohio State University through the Ohio 4-H Foundation which will insure that the fund will be managed for safety and maximum income.

Gifts to the endowment are tax deductible and will be placed in a permanent endowment account with the annual income to be used exclusively to support 4-H programs in Muskingum County.

The income from those funds may include the funding of:

- Youth development scholarships, awards and recognition
- Educational materials and programs for youth
- Volunteer training and materials
- Volunteer recognition
- Marketing 4-H
- Leadership development for youth and adults

By placing the original and subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment account, contributors will be assured that their gift will remain in perpetuity providing income to the 4-H program in the future.

### CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND MAY BE MADE IMMEDIATELY OR PLEDGED OVER A PERIOD OF THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

#### 4-H Develops Life Skills

Developing life skills is a primary focus of the 4-h program. Through participation in 4-H, young people develop new skills and explore possible career choices.

4-H helps youth develop:

- Personal standards and values, positive self concepts, and effective interpersonal and communication skills.
- Inquiring minds; an eagerness to learn; and the ability to apply science, technology, and economic principles.
- Ability to make decisions, solve problems and accept responsibilities.
- Leadership capabilities.
- Concern for and involvement in community, national, and international affairs.
- Career and lifelong planning and learning.

### AN INTESTMENT IN THE FUTURE BY: INDIVIDUALS – BUSINESSES ORGANIZATIONS – PROFESSIONALS

## You Can Help!

Contributions to the Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund 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  
Memorials

Gifts to the Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund in care of The Ohio 4-H Foundation are recognized by The Ohio State University Development Fund. Those who invest \$2,000 or more annually in the 4-H Foundation are eligible for membership in The Ohio State University Presidents Club. In addition, The Ohio 4-H Foundation recognizes contributors through the following donor clubs.

**A.B. Graham Club:**  
\$10,000 through a bequest, life insurance, a trust or cash for life membership;  
\$1,000 each year for annual membership

**Gold Clover Club:**  
\$500 - \$999 annually

**Silver Clover Club:**  
\$100 - \$499 annually

**Green Clover Club:**  
Up to \$99 annually

Your gift to Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund could be doubled or even tripled if your company matches charitable gifts. To see if your employer is among the more than 1,000 matching gift companies, check with your personnel office. Complete the necessary form and return it with your gift.

All other contributions of any size are welcome and will be added to the fund. 4-H Clubs making an annual donation to the Muskingum County 4-H endowment Fund will receive Honor Club Points for community service.



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\$100 - \$499 annually  
Green Clover Club  
up to \$99 annually  
Other Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### YES, PLEASE COUNT ME IN AS A 4-H SUPPORTER OF THE Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it is to appear for recognition purposes)  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
I have checked my contribution level and enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for investing in the future of 4-H. Contributions are tax deductible, and may be matched, doubled or tripled by employers. Please make checks payable to the Ohio State University, c/o Ohio State University Extension, 225 Underwood St., Zanesville, OH 43701