

# ARIZONA 4-H

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**Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Annual Report 2020**  
*Celebrating funding Arizona 4-H for 50 Years*

# ARIZONA YOUTH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

## A Tribute to Dan Klingenberg *From Farm to Fifth Avenue and Back*

By Deb Lester

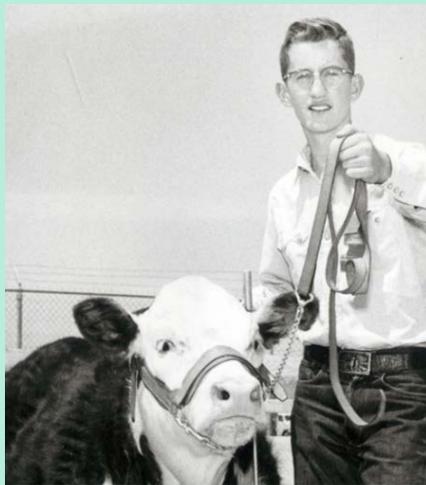
Dan Klingenberg left us on September 14, 2020. This Annual Report is dedicated to him because he was a leader to many of us, a role model to most of us, and a friend to all of us.

His life showed us the importance of making sure that 4-H youth of Arizona had opportunities, excellent programming and great learning experiences. His passion for 4-H was wide and deep.

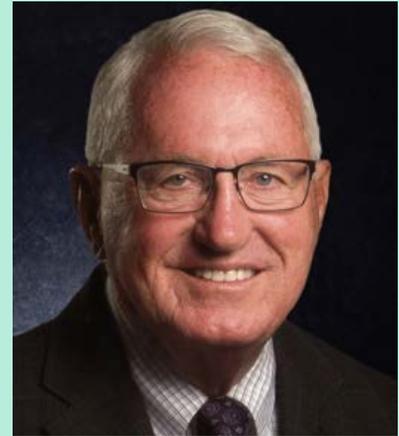
In southern Arizona at the base of the Santa Rita mountains in Pima County he rode horses with his older brother, John, but John was the better horseman. Dan excelled in 4-H in the beef cattle project and got the "lion's share" of the blue ribbons, but they were each other's best supporter. "4-H really started us off in our leadership skills," John says. "We had a small club and all kinds of animals projects, with calves, rabbits and chickens, but we all had to talk about our projects, and we all learned from each other." It was all about the learning and community. They thrived.

Dr. Jeff Silvertooth, Arizona Cooperative Extension Director said of Dan "I was always impressed that [he] was open to what we had to say. . . They [John and Dan] didn't always do what we recommended, but they were always open to it," he says.

Dan followed his big brother to the UA and after college did a short stint in Maricopa County Extension as a Poultry Agent, but quickly returned to more familiar roots and was the Yuma County 4-H Agent until the draft called. He was excused, but service still called, and he enlisted in the Peace Corps. The quiet unassuming Dan was quickly



pegged for his leadership skills and was soon in charge of 30 other young people in his travels throughout the world. John says that he always wanted to be in on the "grassroots" of any project and loved working with the youth all over the world. Dan traveled to an amazing 117 countries during his life.



After serving as the National 4-H Council's first intern in 1959, Dan connected with an old friend there who knew a New York Company accustomed to taking people with broad backgrounds and turning them into specialists. Jasper Baker picked up the phone and called his contact at Chase Manhattan Bank, now JPMorgan Chase and Dan was hired on the spot as a "Technical Specialist". Dan gave bank advice and counsel on all aspects of agriculture from Fifth Avenue in New York. It was his dream come true; he became a generalist turned specialist.

Longtime friend Marilyn Holmlund met Dan in Redlands, CA during his career with Farm Credit of Southern California. The Air Force Lieutenant Colonel recalls the quiet confidence he had within. She put his memoirs together in a beautifully edited piece. Go to our website: <https://extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation> to read Dan's full story. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be sent to the *Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation*.

Dan was born October 6, 1939. We were all fortunate to be a part of Dan's most amazing life. Rest in peace our friend, you knocked it out of the park!

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## We are Moving Fourward



**Jeremy Elliott-Engel Ph.D.**  
Arizona 4-H Associate Director



**Kari Peterson**  
Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation President

As you peruse these pages, you will witness all the exciting and fresh ways Arizona 4-H is engaged in positive youth development through The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. Now more than ever, the Arizona 4-H program is committed to ensuring a high-quality positive youth development experience for all youth in Arizona.

The National Strategic plan "4-H Grows: A Promise to America's Kids" lays out our commitment to ensure programs reflect the population demographics, vulnerable populations, diverse needs, and social conditions of our state. We promise to serve 1 in 5 youth with high-quality positive youth development experiences. Arizona 4-H and the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation resolve to grow the Arizona 4-H club program to 20,000 4-H members supported by 5,000 caring adults by 2025. We need your involvement to move FourWard!

Youth development program quality matters to ensure 4-H youth thrive. Youth thrive when they have meaningful opportunities to partner with caring adults to create sustainable community change and grow in their mastery of civic engagement, healthy living, STEM, and agriculture. As Arizona 4-H aims to grow our membership, youth and their families must be supported to achieve thriving for members and their communities. Arizona 4-H offers eight great pathways to thriving: Agriculture, Camping, Civic Engagement, Community Service, Cultural Understanding, Healthy Living, Leadership, and STEM.

Please join us in growing opportunities for 4-H in Arizona. Volunteer and recruit others. Hold membership drives. Become a regular donor and increase your giving.

Thank you for being a part of this FourWard movement! Contribute today and join us in moving 4-H FourWard for 2021.

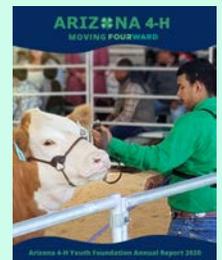


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Our 2020 Annual Report features Miguel Navarro with his Hereford market steer at the La Paz County Fair in early March.



This typical picture became a rarity in

Arizona as COVID-19 changed so much for us in 4-H. This Report is dedicated to Dan Klingenberg, past 4-H, Foundation president who passed away September 14. Dan's tenacity, relevance, service and contributions to 4-H, moved us all "Fourward".

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# Introducing Arizona's "Great 8" Pathways

## Help us get closer to our final design

It is a very exciting time for Arizona 4-H as we look to creating, passing legislation and marketing a 4-H license plate.

You will see that after four professional artists and lots of input from our Board and our immediate 4-H family, we have come up the designs below and have a seven question survey on our website for you to answer. Please go to our website and register your opinion today!

<https://extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation>

We know we can't please everyone, but we are hoping to find a plate with broad appeal that would generate income and then let people know what 4-H is about in Arizona.

Please submit your form by December 31, 2020

Thank you for your help!

The "Great 8" pathways of Arizona 4-H go across the lines of projects, events, conferences and curriculum. These pillars represent what we are about and embody. They are what we stand for in 4-H. They are the "Great 8".



# LEADERSHIP



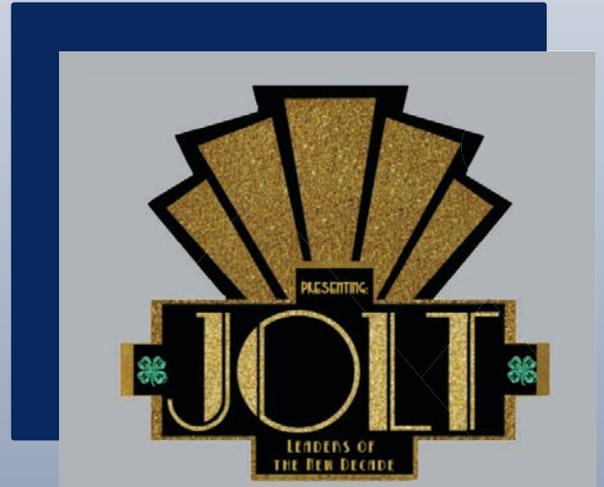
## JOLT Leadership Camp

By Peter Hooper, Cochise and Santa Cruz County 4-H Professional

Journey Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow is a camp experience planned, executed, and attended each summer by AZ 4-H youth. This year a JOLT: Virtual Experience was planned and run by the new Arizona 4-H State Ambassador team.

Every morning, an ambassador would take to Instagram Live for Morning Jives where they would lead 4-H youth in a discussion about leadership as demonstrated through their favorite book, movie, or quote. Then, throughout the day the ambassador team would engage youth with a “daily challenge” through the JOLT Instagram Story.

The week ended with a “Virtual Campfire” held via zoom and streamed live over Facebook. It was a great way to close out a week of social fun and earning in a virtual environment! While we look forward to the future when we can resume in-person camp based programming, we are also excited to explore the virtual opportunities available to help young people across the state grow in their leadership skills and potential!



## STATE AMBASSADORS

**Kari Petterson**, Arizona 4-H Ambassador class of 1987 and Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Board President, proclaims the Arizona 4-H Ambassador Program promotes, "Leadership in 4-H at the highest level." The selected ambassadors continue to embody

this during COVID-19, through use of virtual programming, social media, and newsletters! These young people are the future leaders. Each day, these teen leaders do all they can to advocate for 4-H Youth while proudly representing Arizona 4-H.

### AMBASSADOR PRESIDENT



At just 9 years old, **Amelia Brackett** began her first 4-H poultry project. She quickly grew to love the challenge of raising livestock. That is why, as Ambassador President, it is Amelia's goal to inspire kids to “take opportunities to learn, grow, and lead” no matter their background. She underscores this is more important now than ever. In fact, she says although we cannot meet in person, “it is important that we do not throw away all we learned this year.” That is why Amelia and the rest of the Ambassador Team, continue to plan and lead engaging, virtual programming, like the J.O.L.T Leadership Camp.

### COMMUNICATIONS AMBASSADOR



As an Arizona 4-H Member, **Sadie Parent** has participated in over 15 4-H projects! One of Sadie's most memorable projects was when her Healthy Living Club engaged with the local school district to support the mental health of students from diverse backgrounds. Similarly, as the communications Ambassador, Sadie fosters strong relationships amongst peers and adult mentors in 4-H. One example is the for-youth-by-youth statewide newsletter. Although 4-H looks different than years past, Sadie underscores, “4-H has not stopped.” Sadie continues to engage Arizona 4-H through Zoom, social media, and club emails.

# CELEBRATING KRISTI BENNETT

2020 Bonnye Stuhr 4-H Lifetime Achievement Winner



For Kristi Bennett, her business-minded father and driven, fun-loving grandmother that were her mighty formulative forces in her youth. Kristi's father discovered his passion for livestock at the 4-H club and later used his skills to manage ranches for the eminent, John Wayne. Kristi's grandmother graduated college with two degrees: nutrition and public speaking. Her can-do philosophy taught Kristi to be solution-focused, business-minded and to pay it forward to others. Applying this, Kristi graduated high school early and opened her own business at age 19. She had been raised in a 4-H family, but when Kristi and her husband started raising their own, there was no 4-H Club in Page, Arizona. No problem! Kristi saw the opportunity and opened the first Page 4-H Livestock Club. She knew she could impact the members of 4-H by using livestock to teach valuable business skills to a young audience.

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**"There is always a mighty force behind every successful child." 🍀**

**- Kristi Bennett**

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Kristi continues to pay-it-forward as the mighty source in many children's lives by instilling this same entrepreneurial spirit in the 4-H Members at her club. When members get their first animal, she calls it their "agri-business" project. She teaches the elementary-aged children to keep records, market the animals, track spending, how to write checks and to pay off their debt. Kristi reminisces about when her granddaughter sold her first pig for four dollars -a-pound and got her first 4-H check for \$1,500 in the mail. Her granddaughter exclaimed, "Grandma, I'm a thousandaire!"

Kristi was proud, but immediately reminded her granddaughter to deduct any spending from the check thereby teaching her about profit margins. This solution-focused approach enabled Kristi to continue leading by example in showing the 4-H members how to work through unexpected circumstances.

## **Remaining Relevant**

COVID-19 hit in March and holding in person 4-H meetings was no longer possible. No problem for Kristi! Judging competitions, turned into virtual demonstrations with flash drives. Her club has remained in close contact over group message. Everyone chimes in and supports one another, continuing to participate in 4-H. Through this, Kristi inspires the next generation of 4-H to adapt and overcome any obstacle that may stand in their way. She is the mighty force behind so many successful children. This is the power of 4-H.

# AGRICULTURE

## Horsin' Around In Arizona

*By Betsy Greene, Ph.D., Horse Specialist*

The Arizona 4-H Horse Program did a nice right-hand 180-degree pivot and quickly adapted to virtual experiences in 2020. The AZ 4-H Ag at Home project promoted "Learn-Do-Teach" with animal and plant videos, encouraging active engagement with the skills taught in the videos. Horse experts presented "Career Paths in the Equine Industry" at the AZ 4-H Summit and "Frosty and Flaming Horses", How horses handle extreme temperatures at the 4-H Science in Ag program. Three competitions also moved to a virtual format this year. Horse Judging and Hippology contests were well received by Junior and Senior 4-Hers. We will have just finished hosting the virtual State 4-H Horse Show in partnership with the Paint Horse Association when you receive this report. Thank you for your support. Not even a world pandemic can stop the learning when it comes to the Arizona 4-H Horse Project!



## More Than Meets the Eye

*By William Milashoski, UArizona Judging coach*

Livestock Judging is one of the most enriching experiences possible for an agricultural student. Judging, and livestock in particular, can open many doors for today's youth. Youth develop valuable skills such as evaluation and selection, but this process also allows for them to work on soft skills seldom learned in the classroom. Students learn how to make quick and critical decisions, how to defend their logic, how to meet and socialize with new people, and most importantly confidence in their public speaking ability. Livestock judges typically go on to find success with the best exceeding, not only on the judging floor, but also in the classroom. As the new Livestock Judging Coach at UA, I intend to offer Arizona youth more opportunities to showcase their talents and abilities through future contest and clinics.



## Agriculture Ambassador

From a very young age, **Madison Ramirez** was surrounded by goats. Madison's father was a World Champion Auctioneer and her family runs an Agriculture and Western Magazine Publication throughout Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. Madison has followed in her family's footsteps through her involvement in a multitude of showing projects at Arizona 4-H. As Agriculture Ambassador, it is Madison's hope that, "The word agriculture is not lost because it is so much more than just farming; it is a way to build relationships and learn life skills." She is excited to continue to interact with 4-H members and spread knowledge over social media platforms during these unique times.



# STEM!



## STEM YOUiversity

by Jerry Lopez Ph.D., 4-H STEM Specialist

AZ 4-H STEM YOUiversity Program adapted to the COVID-19 health crises and has fulfilled the commitment to offer 4-H STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering programming virtually instead of in person residential camp at the UA main campus during the summer. The flexibility of the virtual zoom meeting truly allowed for a more robust train-the-trainer workshop series than an in person condensed training. Four camps each with a train-the-trainer workshop for youth and adult STEM Counselors have been planned for spring, summer, and fall 2020: 2nd Annual Robotics Summer Camp, 2nd Annual AR Floating Farm Camp, 2nd Annual Greenhouse Sustainable and Renewable Energy Camp, and underwater Robotics, Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs).

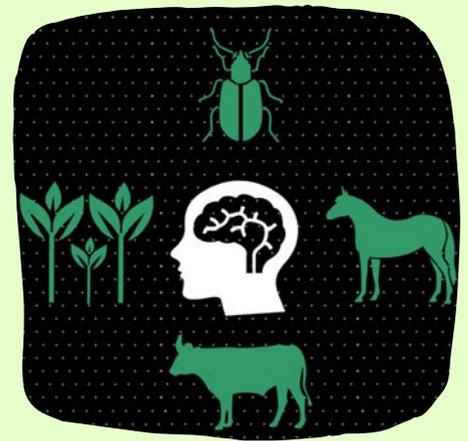
## Science in Ag Week

by Nick Morris Ph.D., State 4-H Program Specialist

The agriculture industry is evolving and science skills are needed now more than ever to ensure it can continue to support a growing population into the future. At the end of July, AZ 4-H arranged UArizona experts to highlight the science skills embedded in various agriculture contexts. Using the Zoom virtual platform, participants interacted with presenters to learn about sustainability, plant science, dairy science, equine science, and food safety.

Each presentation covered general content, an exploration of science in action, case studies, and careers in the field. Youth participated in activities to apply their learning such as imagining a designer plant that could survive in the Sonoran Desert.

If you missed them, all Science in Agriculture Week presentations are available on the Arizona 4-H Virtual Programs webpage. 4-H youth can look forward to more virtual science engagement throughout the fall.



Andres Villasenor,  
Youth STEM Counselor

## Growing STEM in Santa Cruz

By Norma Elisa Ruiz, Santa Cruz 4-H Professional

Santa Cruz 4-H wasted no time when COVID hit and 4-H immediately switched gears and started creating innovative virtual learning opportunities for young people across the state. Santa Cruz County 4-H became a part of the 4-H STEM YOUiversity Team, and in the summer brought two amazing Virtual STEM educational opportunities to youth in our community: The AZ Robotics CoderZ Camp and the Augmented Reality Floating Farm Camp. We appreciate key donors in the Arizona Farm Bureau, Bayer Crop Science and the Maricopa County Farm Bureau in making this possible. If you can dream it, you can be it in 4-H!



Naomi Flores,  
Youth STEM Counselor



**Like most subjects in the science field**, agriculture is adapting and evolving every day to answer the challenges of the modern world. These improvements are led by those working in STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We are proud to continue to partner with 4-H as they develop future STEM innovators through hands-on and virtual learning experiences.

Bayer's Crop Science division utilizes all four of these fields to help farmers around the world grow sustainable crops, especially in the face of issues such as Climate Change.



Bayer's most recent advancement in agriculture is a \$100 million greenhouse just outside Tucson, Arizona. The Marana Greenhouse is leading the agriculture field forward, using all four fields of STEM to grow corn for seed production year-round.

The Greenhouse may be new, but the team continues to grow substantially and sustainably since it is made up of people from all corners of STEM. When faced with agricultural challenges, the Marana Greenhouse team combines their unique perspectives to innovate and solve problems, together.



# 4-H ALUMNI PAY IT FOURWARD

By Cameron Compertore

4-H alumnus Dr. Zoe Draelos followed in her mother's footsteps and joined 4-H. She reflects on these memories like so many other generations of 4-H: sewing the obligatory apron and baking hundreds of cookies for camp. It was in the 4-H Cooperative Extension kitchen that Dr. Draelos stumbled upon the woman who would become her 4-H mentor, forever changing the trajectory of her life, Mrs. Cuttlinger.

It was the many 4-H relationships, trip and camping experiences that she learned to "always lead from your heart." This passion granted Dr. Daelos many 4-H successes. She won 4-H Dress Review, attended Arizona Roundup (now AZ 4-H Summit), was a Junior 4-H Camp Leader, then received a 4-H College Scholarship.

Dr. Daelos received her B.S. from the University of Arizona in Mechanical Engineering. During her undergrad, she worked with the Department of Pediatric Cardiology and discovered some of the very earliest ultrasound screenings used to diagnose heart defects in children. This sparked

her interest in medicine; however, she dismissed it as her mother said she could never picture her daughter as a doctor. She, however, leaned back on how her 4-H mentor, Mrs. Cuttlinger pushed Dr. Draelos by critiquing her projects. She applied that determination of spirit and kept searching.

After graduation, Dr. Daelos went on to work for an engineering company where she was the sole woman in a company of two-hundred men. She struggled with feeling singled-out, distracted her from her work and that she needed more, professionally.

While she loved being an engineer, she remained fixated on the idea of working in medicine. Dr. Daelos then took the MCATs, was accepted to the University of Arizona Medical School, and became a dermatologist! She has been named the "Most Influential Woman in Cosmetic Science" and received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to cosmetic science.



More significantly, she saved her mother's life by diagnosing three of her melanomas.

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**Learning to perfect those tiny hand-stitches in my 4-H clothing project gave me the practice to gently and with precision stitch skin back together after removing cancer cells."**

- Dr. Zoe Draelos 

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Dr. Draelos attributes much of her success to 4-H. "4-H gave me direction and purpose to my life."

It cultivated her determination of spirit and helped her to master a delicate skill. Her gratitude to 4-H is what has inspired her to pay-forward the scholarship she once received and share a new opportunity with a senior 4-Her who too can make a difference with their talent.

# 4-H PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE



In 2020, we gave out 33 scholarships and \$35,500 to outstanding 4-H Youth all over Arizona. They are attending schools from California to Indiana. It was my privilege to be the chair of this committee and let me thank the 14 volunteers (12 new) from many walks of life that helped us select where our scholarship dollars would go this year. We remain in awe of the accomplishments of these young people and honestly, can't wait to see their great talent at work when they come back into the workforce of their communities.



*"As a retired 4-H Agent in Arizona I want us to increase our funding resources so that we can bring 4-H to many more youth and give them truly life changing experiences."*

*Jan Norquest, Scholarship Chair*

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## 4-H Foundation Ambassador

Mariah Villanfana's passion for Arizona 4-H began during her favorite 4-H project: showing rabbits. She loves participating in this event herself, but especially loves mentoring younger members, as they show rabbits. Mariah comes from humble beginnings and most members of her community do not attend or even consider attending college. As Foundation Ambassador, Mariah hopes to inspire kids to pursue a higher education. She intends to do so by educating members on ways to pay for college, including through Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarships. Mariah is excited to serve as the connectivity between Youth and the Foundation Board!

# HEALTHY LIVING



## Healthy Living Ambassadors

By Natalie Shepp,  
Pima County 4-H Professional

The 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador (HLA) program was created in 2012 with the goal of teaching Arizona teens about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and encouraging them to be leaders in promoting those concepts within their own communities. The HLA program offers hands-on, engaging projects and community service opportunities focused on physical, mental, community, and environmental health topics. Goal setting, fitness, and emotional health are also addressed through an opportunity to hike the Grand Canyon every year.

During the 2019-20 program year, 27 projects were offered in the Pima County HLA club, with topics ranging from gardening and cooking to CPR certification, caving, and yoga. 4-H HLAs are also in Santa Cruz, Pinal, and Cochise counties which focus their efforts on teaching younger children about proper nutrition and ways to stay fit.

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**"The great thing about this club is that we are encouraged to develop and lead projects that we are most interested in, and it gives us leadership opportunities that we are passionate about."**

- Fiona van Haren, Pima County 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador.

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## Kids Kitchen is Open for Business!

By Liz Sparks,  
Pima County 4-H Professional

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the 4-H Healthy Living Center at Tucson Village Farm.

**KIDS CAMP COOK KITS**  
The Pima County, 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors "Kids Camp Cooking Kits" was a distance cooking and health education program that provided children and teens in the community with fresh, healthy food, cooking lessons taught by 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors, and fun, educational activities that they did at home. After 10 weeks of "virtual camp", 166 campers attended. Those campers fed their families for a total of 723 people.

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## "Our Health to better living!"

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### CELEBRITY CHEF COOKING CLASSES

Partnering with local celebrities to host virtual cooking classes has been awesome! These classes are open to anyone in the community with already 181 people participating in 3 cooking classes. We also have group cooking classes with ingredient options and a 4-H Healthy Habits Virtual Field Trip program. We have pivoted to going virtual for grades K-12 and have no and low fee options available. The eggs are in the incubator! So don't miss out on all the learning and fun! Get more detailed information and our fall schedule on our website:

<https://tucsonvillagefarm.arizona.edu>



## Healthy Living Ambassador

Four years ago, **Elena Durazo**, joined an Arizona 4-H Healthy Living 4-H Club, where her passion for vegetables and hiking turned into something much bigger. During projects like training to hike the Grand Canyon Elena learned skills like goal setting, planning, logistics, and accountability. She hopes to pass these traits down to younger members through her empathic leadership style. In fact, Elena says, "I think that to inspire kids to 'do', is to actually lead by example." This upcoming year, Elena plans to promote the importance of members physical health, but also social and emotional health.



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# BONNYE STUHR 1942-2020

By Cameron Compertore

In the early 1950's, Bonnie Stuhr's father followed his pioneering spirit and moved his family across the country from New York to Arizona. As the family adjusted to the change, they found a sense of community in 4-H. Bonnie's parents instilled this pioneering spirit in their daughter.

Joining 4-H later than most, Bonnie's hard work in excellent recordbooks won her a trip to National 4-H Congress. It was there that she forged friendships that would endure a lifetime. Congress roommate Sharon Rovey Petterson, Gilbert, recalls Bonnie's commitment to "making the best better" and excelling in whatever she did." Bonnie's spirit helped others, transforming her and the lives of others. At Arizona 4-H Roundup (now AZ 4-H Summit), Bonnie visited the University of Arizona, then attended at a time when it was uncommon for women to be in college and met her husband, Wayne, in the alto saxophone section of the marching band.

Leveraging skills learned in 4-H, like planning and good record keeping, the couple navigated being stationed in five different states in the first five years of their marriage while raising four exceptional children, Garrick, Sheri Lynn, Tyson, and Ryan, (who too, participated in 4-H).

As Bonnie grew within 4-H, so did her leadership and pioneering spirit. Bonnie recalls, "I do not think anybody in the community ever said no to getting involved, we all wanted to make a difference together." This is evidenced by the club she led in Mohawk Valley

in Yuma County with over 150 members. Bonnie was committed to making the best better and she did not stop there.

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**"We all wanted to make a difference together."**

- Bonnie Stuhr

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Bonnye went the extra mile leveraging her relationships in the community to ensure the club had a leader for every project. Bonnie pushed for social change ensuring all socioeconomic levels were included. Similarly, when she noticed gender gaps around traditionally female projects, such as cooking and sewing, she expanded their skills and included the boys in a cooking project. Bonnie embodies what it means to be a 4-H leader: good thinking, mastering a skill, belonging, being generous and doing whatever it takes to create a safe and inclusive space for all youth.

After over 60 years of 4-H leadership and pioneering social change, it is clear why 4-H named the lifetime achievement award after Bonnie and presented her the first one at the 2020 Virtual Clover Ball on June 2. Sadly, on July 25, 2020 Bonnie passed away from over 20 years of complications from diabetes. Wayne was holding her hand.

Bonnye is remembered as someone who humbly and gently enlisted social change and inclusion. This example is perhaps even more important today as we navigate the challenges we are facing, remembering those, like Bonnie, who came before us.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## 4-H Cares

By Ben Downer,  
Gila County 4-H Professional

Launched in April, the "4-H Cares" initiative empowered 4-H youth and leaders throughout Gila County to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each member pledged their hands to larger service and met community needs in unique ways.

**"Seeing our community come together to help one another during this hard time has been inspiring,"**

**Renee Carstens**  
Gila County Interim Director  
4-H Youth Development



"From sewing masks to clearing yards for elderly neighbors, each 4-H youth and leader put their talents to work."

Additional service projects included making goodie bags to show appreciation to the local grocery stores and other essential workers as they serve others during the pandemic; painting rocks and fashioning them into a rainbow of hope outside the local elementary school; filling sandbags to help with flooding after devastating wildfires; and writing cards and making baskets for first responders. By accepting the "4-H Cares" challenge, youth and leaders spread smiles, offered support and extended helping hands to larger service. The tight-knit communities of Gila County have been brought even closer together.



## Youth Help

By Peter Hooper, Cochise  
and Santa Cruz County 4-H Professional

In partnership with a local elderly community program, Cochise County 4-H'ers were paired with elderly members of the community who lived in more isolated areas of the county. These senior citizens were lacking in quality human contact. 4-H teens were provided with the phone number for their paired senior and proceeded to make regular calls just to chat. The youngsters enjoyed learning about the past and hearing about a lifetime of adventures, while the older generation enjoyed having someone to talk to on a regular basis who was truly interested in what they had to say. Natalie Colburn of San Pedro Spirits 4-H says she really enjoys talking with her partner about school and comparing their experiences. We're conducting programs in Cochise County 4-H differently. Our 4-H family and community members will not let COVID-19 prevent us from engaging in safe and quality community-engagement.

## Dine' Youth Serving

By Alex Carlisle, Navajo Nation 4-H Professional

Dine' youth development through 4-H is imperative to the Navajo Nation, to encourage learning by doing to our native youth which have a vital impact in communities. The 4-H program has been instrumental in encouraging youth to participate in STEM programming, community service and involvement with livestock. The projects in livestock and farming have become the most popular on the Navajo Nation. Agriculture projects allow youth to engage in raising livestock & crops both of cultural importance to the Navajo people.

This year the Covid-19 impact had significant impact on our youth to look for ways to serve their communities. 4-H members in partnership with the Intertribal Agriculture Council's "Food for Families" program which covered the processing cost of livestock, many members had their animals processed and distributed the meat to their communities. With the Navajo Nation considered a "food desert" with only 13 groceries stores covering 23,000 square miles, 4-H kids are making important contributions to their community when they donate their project animals meat.



# CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

## Arizona 4-H Youth Are Leaders in Community Equity Work



Four Arizona 4-H youth had the opportunity to attend the True Leaders in Equity Institute this past September, where they presented their project on equity work in their communities. After participating in workshops and breakout discussions focused on equity, the youth left the conference feeling energized and more empowered, and they are each working on making their own communities safer and more accepting of marginalized communities. With two projects in the works, one team will focus on serving the Spanish-speaking and Latinx communities, and the other will focus on addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ youth members.

Though they both have done equity work in their own communities, both teams hope to expand their efforts state-wide and make Arizona 4-H a more equitable organization.

## Los Jóvenes de 4-H en Arizona son Líderes Trabajando para la Equidad de sus Comunidades

Cuatro jóvenes de 4-H tuvieron la oportunidad de asistir al True Leaders in Equity Institute en septiembre, donde presentaron sus proyectos y trabajos para la equidad de sus comunidades.

Después de su participación en los talleres y discusiones enfocados en equidad, los jóvenes finalizaron la conferencia sintiéndose energizados y empoderados. Ahora están trabajando en hacer sus espacios más seguros para las comunidades que permanecen marginadas. Con dos proyectos en proceso, un equipo se enfocará en atender las necesidades de la comunidad hispanohablante mientras el otro se enfocará en las necesidades de los jóvenes LGBTQ+. Aunque ambos han hecho trabajos para la equidad de sus comunidades locales, los dos equipos quieren expandir sus esfuerzos a todo el estado para hacer la organización de 4-H en Arizona más justa y equitativa.

# CAMPING



You can help support investment in 4-H camp and for youth scholarships by giving to the Arizona 4-H youth Foundation.

By Jeremy Elliott- Engel Ph.D.  
Arizona 4-H Associate Director

A camping experience can be a powerful positive youth development experience for youth. Arizona 4-H has a long history of strong county-based 4-H camping programs. Every summer camp is a highlight experience for youth to spend time in nature, build great friendships and build memories that last a lifetime. Camp is more than fun, it is a developmental context that has powerful impacts on how a young person achieves thriving. In a national evaluation of American Camping Association

accredited camps it was found that youth grow in their confidence and self-esteem; social skills and making friends; independence and leadership qualities; adventurousness and willingness to try; and, transcendent awareness.

Due to the global pandemic we had to turn all programming virtual, and we will continue to work hard to be back to in person camping in 2021. There will be new leadership at James 4-H Camp in 2021. Adam Yarnes, Arizona 4-H State Camping Director

has taken an exciting new position. His impeccable leadership has stewarded James 4-H Camp to financial security and expanded attendance by youth at 4-H camp. We look forward to 2021 with a new camp director, new directors' cabin, and employee cabins.

**"In the woods we return to faith and reason."**





## Civic Engagement

Since Dan Klingenberg became the first intern at the National 4-H Conference Center in 1959, Arizona has been sending 4-Hers to learn about civic engagement at our nation's capital through Citizenship Washington Focus, CWF Presidential Inauguration, Leadership Washington Focus and National 4-H Conference.

The Foundation Board is continuing its commitment to civic engagement for our youth and we are committing \$22,000 to support youth to attend virtual CWF and LWF for all Arizona 4-Hers who want to attend in 2020.

We also know that youth can engage with their government closer to home, so Arizona 4-H created ECE (Engaged Citizens Event) where our top teen spokesmen/women build civic engagement at the Arizona capital, we expect this will also be virtual this January.

Learning about civic engagement occurs far beyond our government offices and youth learn about making change in their communities at the AZ Summit, J.O.L.T., and during club meeting conversations throughout the year. Join our commitment to our youth by helping us to support this important learning and growing through Arizona 4-H by making a pledge today.

<https://www.extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation>



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## Income

10/1/2019 to 9/30/2020

**Individual Donations**  
\$64,249

**Business/Organizations**  
\$31,500

**Investments**  
\$143,400

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2019-2020 AZ4-HYF budget for 10/1/2019- 9/30/2020



Tim Bee, *AZ4-HYF Treasurer*

We are proud to bring you a quick look of what the Board of Trustees have been working on for this past year. Focusing on real needs in Arizona 4-H the Board looked at ways to impact 4-H in a number of ways. The following few examples highlight the new vision and our renewed commitment to raising funds that truly give "Opportunity for All" in the 4-H program. We need your help. See what interests you and then dig deep, because every youth deserves a high-quality positive experience in Arizona 4-H. An envelope is attached in our report for your convenience. Here are four top notch examples for 2021.

#### \$25,000 State Ambassadors

The AZ4-HYF supports a statewide team of 7 teens who promote, educate, communicate and demonstrate the power of 4-H in a variety of ways throughout Arizona.

#### \$15,500 Volunteer Background Checks

The AZ4-HYF steps up to fund Volunteer Backgrounds Checks with our Counties' help and guidance in 2021.

#### \$25,000 James 4-H Camp

The AZ4-HYF is building our camping and outdoor education experience by winterizing the Director's Cabin, and starting the building projects needed at Mingus Springs. \$5,000 in camping scholarships is also included.

#### \$22,000 Virtual Citizenship Washington Focus

The AZ4-HYF is giving every age appropriate 4-Her in Arizona a chance to catch the magic of CWF this coming year by paying the entire registration fee for up to 2,200 youth @ \$100/each.

## 2019-2020 FOUNDATION EXPENDITURES

**Scholarships**  
\$35,500 (17%)

**Programs**  
\$90,500 (43%)

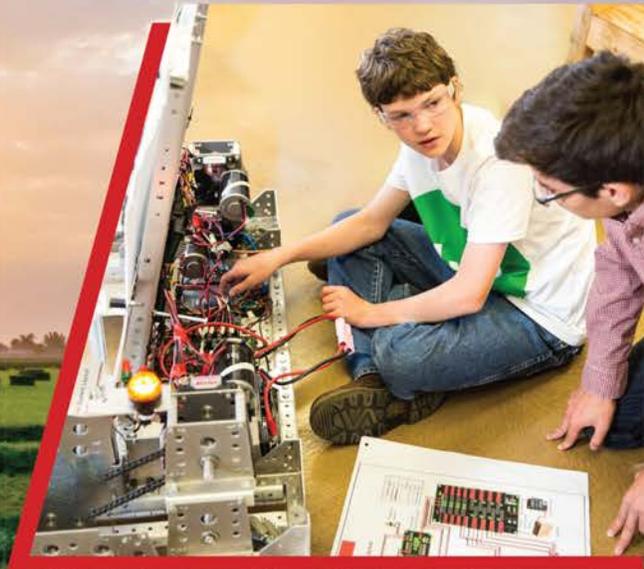
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\$84,000 (40%)

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