

# GIVING TO MACON COUNTY 4-H AND EXTENSION FOUNDATION



The Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation raises private funds to directly support local 4-H and Extension programs in Macon County, Illinois. With the State's continually shrinking monetary support for Extension, local contributions are more important than ever to Macon County's budget. Your contributions go to support local 4-H and youth development and leadership programs, the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist programs, and many more timely and informative educational programs. Please consider making a contribution to support Macon County Extension Unit's efforts to help people put knowledge to work. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Join us as we provide and strengthen the educational experiences that enhance the lives of youth and adults in our county. Gifts designated toward a specific purpose are welcomed, and we work with donors to honor your wishes. As you plan for the future, remember we can help you structure your future gift or endowment to allow it to give for years to come. If your employer provides a matching program, we can also assist with the paperwork to maximize your gift. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.



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## SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

Local Extension programs are funded by the Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation, and we need your help.

Macon County Extension programs have a critical impact on local quality of life, youth development, leadership and healthy lives. The future of local Extension programs depends on local donations. We will help you structure your gift or endowment so that Extension programs are supported for years to come.

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### WHY I GIVE

"4-H has encompassed my life. It gave me confidence in public speaking as a youth, and helped my children develop similar skills including leadership. I started as a 4-H member; my children were members, and I spent my entire career helping 4-H members and leaders. Now I enjoy giving back to Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation."



Stuart Hawbaker,  
4-H Alumni &  
Foundation Donor



Thousands of people take advantage of University of Illinois Extension's research-based educational programs every year to enable them to make practical decisions to improve their quality of life. Help us continue to offer educational programming in:

- Agriculture, Local Foods, and Small Farms
- Leadership
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Horticulture
- 4-H and Youth Development
- Community and Economic Development
- Consumer Sciences





## EDUCATING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Your gift to the Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation helps Extension reach over 25,000 people each year with quality programs. The Foundation provides both its urban and rural communities with:

- Up-to-date educational programs for agriculture, local foods and small farms (such as erosion control, water quality, and pesticide safety)
- Consumer and family science programs, such as retirement planning and thrifty living
- Community and economic development programs to support small business owners, retirees, non-profits, and community leaders



- Horticulture programs including being an information source for communities and individuals, and the Master Gardener program with volunteer educational services
- Nutrition & Wellness Programs which promote safe and healthy eating for families on a budget by teaching basic nutrition, food safety, and budgeting
- Family Life, which includes educational programs for family needs such as managing work and life, combating bullying, and nurturing creativity in children

## 4-H NOW

- Macon County 4-H reaches thousands of youth with positive youth development programming each year.
- Macon County 4-H clubs continue to grow in size and number. Clubs today often specialize in one project area, such as robotics or fashion.
- Hundreds of volunteers work with youth to develop a sense of purpose and a sense of personal and civic responsibility.
- 4-H teenagers work with Decatur Public Schools to teach nutrition during their summer camp program, reaching over 400 youth annually.
- In a national longitudinal research study, 4-H members were two times more likely to contribute to their communities, three times more likely to pursue a science career, two times more likely to go to college and less likely to be involved in risky behaviors than their peers who are not in 4-H.



## 4-H THEN

The 4-H Foundation began in 1964, but the 4-H concept began in the late 1800s. The seed of the 4-H idea of practical and “hands-on” learning came from the desire to make public school education more connected to country life.

The birth of the 4-H program was in Clark County, Ohio in 1902 when A.B. Graham, a school principal, began to promote vocational agriculture in rural schools in out-of-school “clubs.” The clover pin was created shortly after with an H on each leaf in 1910. Two years later, they named all the clubs 4-H. The H stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

## THE POWER OF EXTENSION

### CHANGING LIVES



“My time at the SNAP! Program has made me become more confident and helped me find my love for volunteering. I was apprehensive because as a Junior leader you have to teach kids, and talking in front of people is not my strong suit; not to mention that I have a speech problem. But everyone in the SNAP! Program made me feel very comfortable and as I took on a leadership role I gained more confidence that my voice could and would be heard. I owe so much to 4-H and all the people from the programs who have taken a chance on me. I will never forget that kindness and generosity no matter where I go in life.”

- Anay Hunt, Macon County 4-H Alumni



“My name is Temisan Shebi and I recently received my MBA from one of the top HBCU’s in the nation (Hampton University). In a few weeks I will be starting as a business technology analyst at one of the top accounting firms working in their consulting division. But most importantly, I was a 4-H Kid and everything that I have achieved I have to give credit to 4-H. I strongly believe that the skills provided in programs such as SNAP! and YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) are benefits that I was able to absorb to help me do well in my future endeavors. 4-H provides a solid foundation for investing successful skills into the youth of the coming generations. I am so proud to say that, ‘I came from 4-H!’”

- Temisan A. Shebi, B.S., MBA

### IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

#### MACON COUNTY HCE

Thanks to funding from the Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation, Macon County Home and Community Education hosted a disaster preparedness event for the residents of Macon County. Over 250 people attended the event, showcasing local educators and emergency preparedness responders educating the community on preparedness practices and local resources. Marilyn Daughetee, President of the Illinois Association for Home & Community Education commented, “Macon County HCE has set a standard for other counties in Illinois to strive for.”

#### MACON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Since 1997, the Macon County Master Gardener Program has been educating the community with their Gardening Insights Day. One participant commented, “It is great to have educational opportunities at our very own back door.” Each year, gardeners of all levels participate in the day long program with keynote speakers, seminars, and hands-on classes.

