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\$96,000 Wal-Mart Grant Jumpstarts New Anti-Hunger Community Service Program

Junior Leaders in Four Counties will Lead Efforts

On 4-H Day at the 2011 Indiana State Fair, the Indiana 4-H Foundation proudly accepted a check for \$96,000 that will provide more than 9,000 meals for Hoosier children who would otherwise go hungry on the weekends. The generous grant was provided by the Walmart Foundation and will be split

between the Junior Leader programs in Blackford, Elkhart, Vanderburgh, and Wells Counties. These Junior Leaders will be the pilot participants in the new *Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today* Indiana 4-H program.

See Feeding, Page 2.

Pioneer Awards \$20,000 to Fund New 4-H Science Clubs

New Clubs to Focus on Science of Food, Agriculture, and Renewable Energy



Pioneer Hi-Bred presents the Indiana 4-H Foundation with \$20,000 for new 4-H Science Clubs. Pictured, from left to right: Shelly Bingle-Coffman Executive Director of the Indiana 4-H Foundation; Marcy Kuhn, Communications Coordinator for Pioneer Hi-Bred and a member of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors; Tom McKinney, President and Farm Manager for McKinney & McKinney, Inc. and member of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors; Brad Lance, Business Director of Pioneer Hi-Bred's Heartland Business Unit; Cheri Daniels, Indiana's First Lady; and Dr. Chuck Hibberd Associate Dean of Agriculture and Director of Purdue's Cooperative Extension Service.

At the Indiana State Fair, Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont company, awarded the Indiana 4-H Foundation a \$20,000 grant to help develop the next generation of scientists. The funds will be used to offer five, \$4,000 grants

to establish new 4-H science clubs across the state that place special emphasis on involving female and minority youth. Additionally, these new clubs will work to engage science volunteers from several different science and technology industries.

See Science Clubs, Page 4.

Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today

(Cont. from Page 1) "This grant is a perfect example of how the Indiana 4-H Foundation can provide funds to 4-H youth to help them learn key life skills. *Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today* will teach the 4-H youth involved to see challenges in the world around them and to make a positive difference. Additionally, they will be addressing very real hunger needs in four Indiana counties. These skills will stick with them for the rest of their lives," said Shelly Bingle-Coffman, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Your support of the Indiana 4-H Foundation makes it possible for us to continue to search out funding for Indiana 4-H youth."

With the grant monies, 4-H Junior Leaders in the four pilot counties will learn about food insecurity and how it impacts their communities. They will then combine their new awareness with budgeting skills and their knowledge of healthy food choices as they facilitate *Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today* in their counties. The program is designed to fill the weekend food gap for public school students enrolled in free and reduced school lunch programs. The Junior Leaders,

with budgets they create, will shop at their local Walmarts to fill backpacks with nutritious foods to be delivered to local schools and food banks.

At the end of each school week, children will receive their nondescript backpacks packed with nutritious food choices for the weekend. Then they'll return the backpacks the next school day. The program will feed 255 Indiana families for 36 weeks of the school year.

The program has already started in the four counties. Chris Gillam, the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator in Elkhart County, reports that the program has already been a big success.

"One of the school counselors wrote to tell me that all of the children were very proud to take home their backpacks for the first time. She was glad to experience the joy and excitement that came with sending the food home to so many families," Gillam said. "Our Junior Livestock Advisory Board will be purchasing the food, keeping accurate inventory, budgeting their money, and packing up the backpacks each week. They're thrilled to be a part of this important project that's making such a huge difference in our community."

the Walmart Foundation's Indiana State Giving Program. Through this program, the Walmart Foundation supports organizations that create opportunities for people to live better. The program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across



Backpacks like this one packed with nutritious food will feed more than 250 families over the weekends in four Indiana counties this school year thanks to the generous grant from the Walmart Foundation and the hard work of Junior Leaders..

the U.S.

"Walmart is very pleased to support the Indiana 4-H Foundation and is committed to helping those in need in the communities we serve," said Jason Wetzel, senior manager of public affairs for Walmart. "Through this grant, we hope that the Indiana 4-H Foundation will not only reach its goals for educating 4-H members, but also serve the many students who would otherwise go without food."

One of the key functions of the Indiana 4-H Foundation is seeking out and applying for grant opportunities, such as the Walmart Foundation's, that can help sustain and expand the reach and positive impact of Indiana 4-H. Your donations to the Indiana 4-H Foundation help ensure that the Foundation is able to preform this and other vital functions for Indiana 4-H. Visit us at www.in4h.org to learn more.



4-H Youth from Blackford, Elkhart, Vanderburgh, and Wells counties smile as they, with Shelly Bingle-Coffman (bottom, right) accept a check for \$96,000 from Walmart at the 2011 4-H Day at the Indiana State Fair.

The contribution to the Indiana 4-H Foundation was made possible through

Indiana Farm Bureau Issues Matching Gift Challenge to Indiana 4-H Supporters

Your Gifts From Now Until December 31 Could Be Doubled By Farm Bureau

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Indiana Farm Bureau is issuing a matching-gift challenge to Indiana 4-H supporters. Indiana Farm Bureau announced that it is willing to match up to \$25,000 of unrestricted gifts to the Indiana 4-H Foundation before December 31, 2011. The goal of this challenge is to help the 4-H Foundation generate \$50,000 or more in new gifts during the celebration of its 50th year.

"Supporting Indiana 4-H through the Indiana 4-H Foundation is another way that we can be proactive about enacting our mission," said Don Villwock, President of Indiana Farm Bureau. "One of our primary purposes is to 'promote agriculture through public education' and Indiana 4-H is one of the most effective programs in the state that reaches young people with agriculture education. We're confident in the ability of the Indiana 4-H Foundation to steward monies to help fund and

grow the top-notch educational programs of Indiana 4-H. That's why I personally support the Indiana 4-H Foundation, why Indiana Farm Bureau and many County Farm Bureaus support the Foundation, and why we are challenging people across Indiana to do the same."

Any new unrestricted gifts to the Foundation that are made during this period of time, including those from individual Farm Bureau members or from County Farm Bureaus, are eligible for this matching-gift from Indiana Farm Bureau.

County Farm Bureaus are already stepping up to this challenge. Marion County Farm Bureau was the first county to respond to the challenge by authorizing a \$5,000 unrestricted gift to the Foundation. It is important to note that these gifts are *new* charitable gifts and not reallocated funds that would normally go toward county 4-H programs.

"We're so grateful for the long-time support of Indiana Farm Bureau," said Shelly Bingle-Coffman. "This challenge is more than just a way to support Indiana 4-H – it's a vote of confidence in ability of the Foundation and in the Indiana 4-H program as a whole to educate Indiana youth. We take the responsibilities that come with this kind of support very seriously and we're excited that our many supporters across Indiana and beyond have this opportunity to have their support doubled."

If you have questions about how your gift can be matched, phone Shelly Bingle-Coffman at 317.445.7977 or send her an email at sbingle@purdue.edu. Additionally, the next issue of *My Indiana Home*, the Farm Bureau member magazine, will include an Indiana 4-H Foundation contribution form. You can also give an unrestricted gift online anytime securely at www.in4h.org/donate-now.

REMC Representatives "Conduct" 4-H Electric Project Contest

The Indiana 4-H Electric Committee conducted its annual state contest for 4-H electric project members on August 13 during the Indiana State Fair. Fred Baumann of Fulton County REMC, Betty Baute of Jackson County REMC and Wayne Newhart, a Tipmont REMC retiree, conducted the contest, which consisted of a written test, a parts and symbols identification test, a hands-on wiring activity and an oral explanation of the hands-on work.

Kyle White of Tippecanoe County won the contest and represented

Indiana at the 2011 National 4-H Engineering & Technology Challenge at Purdue University in September. Kyle also received a trophy and a \$500.00 scholarship from the Indiana 4-H Electric Committee. Others participating and receiving blue ribbons for their efforts were Austin White of Tippe-



canoe County and Kyle Schmidt of Hamilton County. All three young men are long-time members of the Indiana 4-H Electric Project.

Science Team Hosts First Volunteer Training

Training a First Step in Pairing Science Experts with Indiana 4-H Youth

On September 16, the newly-formed Indiana 4-H Youth Development Science Leadership Team hosted the first of several science volunteer training days. Fifty individuals from 20 Indiana counties came to Indianapolis for the day of hands-on workshops.

Made possible by the generous Lilly Endowment Grant that supports new 4-H science educational initiatives across the state, the training was part of a larger plan to expand

4-H Science programming in Indiana. Dr. Renée McKee, Assistant Director for the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and State 4-H Program Leader partnered with Dr. Natalie Carroll, faculty member in the Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education to organize the workshop. The chief focus of the day was to prepare science professionals to serve as 4-H Natural Resource Science Volunteers.

The training featured background information about the developmental characteristics of youth ages 9-19 as well as how to facilitate experiential learning – a hallmark of 4-H educational programming. In the afternoon, volunteers were able to complete some of the science experiments through which they will help guide 4-H youth. The experiments included: “Wired for Wind,” the 2011 National Youth Science Day experiment that is focused on the science of renewable energy; an experiment being developed with funds from a Toyota grant that features using bio-indicators to determine water quality; two forensic entomology experiments; and a wildlife and forestry activity designed to evaluate wildlife habitats.

There will be several more science volunteer trainings in the upcoming months. The Science Leadership Team hopes to train between 250 and 300 volunteers to be part of expanded science programming. To learn how you can become involved as a science volunteer and attend a training, contact the 4-H Extension Educator in your county.



Alan Carlson and Wanda Huszar show off the product of their work on the “Wired for Wind” renewable energy experiment at the 4-H science volunteer training on September 16. Carlson, a retired chemistry teacher, and Huszar are new science volunteers from Lake County.

“We have a wealth of science professionals in our state – especially in some of the agencies with which 4-H works like the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resource Conservation Service,” said Carroll. “Trainings like the one we conducted in Indianapolis will help us to tap in to the expertise of these professionals to help improve youth science literacy and inspire youth to be discovery-minded. This program is really about today’s scientists grooming tomorrow’s scientists.”

Pioneer Grant Funds New Science Clubs

(Cont. from Page 1) “We are thrilled to bring together the desire of our long-time corporate partner, Pioneer, to help develop the next generation of scientists and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program’s proven ability to reach the youth of Indiana with impactful educational programs,” said Shelly Bingle-Coffman, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “I’m proud that the Indiana 4-H Foundation is able to bring together such partnerships that help fund the future of our state, and really, our world.”

Communities interested in this grant will apply through the state 4-H office. Activities in these clubs will especially focus on the science of food, agriculture, and renewable energy. The curriculum for these 4-H science clubs will feature hands-on experiences that will help spark a lasting interest in discovery and science for the 4-H youth involved. Each 4-H science club will facilitate at least one field trip that will reinforce different topics studied and science career exploration.

“We have found a tremendous

partner in science and technology education through the Indiana 4-H Foundation and Indiana 4-H Youth Development,” said Brad Lance, Business Director for Pioneer. “Their broad reach across the state, and their youth-focused curriculum and programs enhance learning and personal development opportunities for all young people.”

To learn more about how the Indiana 4-H Foundation works to build partnerships to support Indiana 4-H youth and programming, visit www.in4h.org.

Farm Credit Services Announces \$8,000 Crystal Clover Match Challenge

Challenge Offers Unique Opportunity to Join This Elite Giving Club with a \$500 Gift

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America recently announced a Crystal Clover matching challenge. In order to help the Indiana 4-H Foundation recruit new Crystal Clovers before December 31, the agricultural lending cooperative will match, dollar-for-dollar, individuals' \$500 gifts, up to \$8,000.

"With this challenge, Farm Credit Services is really opening the door to individuals to increase not only their support for Indiana 4-H, but their recognition, too," said, Shelly Bingle-Coffman. "For our 50th Anniversary, we'd love to have 50 new Crystal Clovers and this \$8,000 challenge will help us be well on our way to making that goal."

Crystal Clovers are individuals who give at least \$1,000 in unrestricted funds to the Foundation within a calendar year. Many of the gifts the

Foundation receives are restricted to a specific purpose like a scholarship or a program. These restricted gifts are essential in our mission to support Indiana 4-H. However, since so much of the support we receive is restricted, it limits the Foundation's ability to provide funding for other, lesser-known programs and Foundation operations. Unrestricted gifts enable the Foundation to use donations where they are most needed.

Crystal Clover members are recognized as being giving leaders for Indiana 4-H. Membership in the Crystal Clover giving club offers several benefits, including member-only events and a special-level of attention from the Foundation staff that allows Crystal Clovers to be more informed about Indiana 4-H. These members are also able apply for low-number Indiana 4-H

Foundation specialty license plates.

"At Farm Credit Services, we're happy and proud to support the efforts of the Indiana 4-H Foundation because we believe its work with and for Indiana 4-H is truly changing the lives of youth all across Indiana," said Hollie Dearwester, Regional Vice President for Farm Credit Services and a member of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors.

To take part in this challenge, simply donate \$500 in unrestricted funds to the Indiana 4-H Foundation. Your gift will be doubled by Farm Credit Services so that it totals \$1,000, enacting your membership as a Crystal Clover. If you have any questions regarding this or other giving opportunities, please contact Shelly Bingle-Coffman at 317.445.7977.

The New www.in4h.org, Sponsored by AT&T

If you've visited us online lately, you've probably noticed a change in scenery. We teamed up with the creative and web-savvy folks at Silver Square, a creative marketing firm, in Indianapolis, to give our website a makeover.

Generously sponsored by AT&T, the new Indiana 4-H Foundation website is still a work-in-progress, but we hope that you'll find that it's easier to navigate and offers you more opportunities to keep up with Indiana 4-H and interact with us. Our website even includes an easy to use "Donate Now" page that can allow you to give to Indiana 4-H online, protected by the security of Paypal. Please stop by our website, www.in4h.org, frequently to check back for updates.

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Crystal Clovers Celebrate Foundation's Birthday at State Fair Lunch

More than 90 people attended the Foundation's Crystal Clover Lunch at the Indiana State Fair on August 20. The annual event honors those donors who make unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more. The celebration included birthday cake to mark the Foundation's 50th anniversary, and two of the Foundation's outstanding supporters spoke about what 4-H means to them.

Ron Thieme, a Crystal Clover donor and Vice President and CIO at AIT Labs, brought his wife and three children to the podium. He interviewed each of them about their 4-H experiences. Thieme met his

"Crystal Clover donors like Ron and Mark trust us to steward their gifts in the ways that will have the most impact for the Indiana 4-H Foundation," said Shelly Bingle-Coffman, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Their unrestricted gifts enable us to write grants, provide more 4-H youth leadership opportunities, and help us keep in touch with all of our donors."

In the past two years, Crystal Clover donors have enabled the Foundation staff to secure grants worth \$324,000, from the Lilly Foundation, Walmart and Pioneer. These grants will be used throughout the

ing for 4-H and for supporting the program through the Foundation.

Jenna Greene, a freshman at Ivy Tech in Lafayette with plans to go into children's ministry, also spoke about all she has gained through 4-H: personal development, leadership skills, community service experiences, and a larger world view.

"For me, 4-H means a chance to go to college," said Greene.

Greene received an accomplishment scholarship from the Indiana 4-H Foundation in 2010 that she is using to help pay for her college

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wife through 4-H, and as his children talked about what they are learning through 4-H, it was clear that for the Thiemes, 4-H and a strong family go hand in hand.

Mark Merkel, retired 4-H Youth Extension Educator and County Extension Director in Adams County, explained that to him 4-H has meant "a career, a family, and my entire life." Inspired by his 4-H Extension Educator, Merkel became an Educator himself and inspired countless 4-H youth during his 32 years of service.

state to develop a network of science volunteers, to help 4-H junior leaders tackle childhood hunger, and to establish 4-H science clubs.

"The Foundation's ability to capture major grants will increase the quality and capacity of the Indiana 4-H program statewide," said Chuck Hibberd, Associate Dean and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Hibberd and Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, spoke to the crowd at the luncheon, thanking those in attendance for advocat-

education. At the 2011 Congress Awards luncheon on November 5, Greene will once again be honored, this time with a \$2,000 silver tray Achievement scholarship. The unrestricted funds that Crystal Clover donors provide help administer nearly \$130,000 in scholarships awarded annually.

To help celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Indiana 4-H Foundation is working to add 50 new Crystal Clover donors this year. If you wish to join this core group of supporters, please contact Shelly Bingle-Coffman at 317.445.7977.

Crystal Clovers are Making a Difference!

At the Indiana 4-H Foundation, we rely on the dedicated generosity of our supporters to continue to be able to support and grow Indiana 4-H programs, scholarships, and youth. We truly cannot thank you enough for all that you do to support Indiana 4-H and we're often wowed

by your support. We are especially thankful for our Crystal and Emerald Clover giving club members. Crystal Clovers give at least \$1,000 in unrestricted funds to the Foundation in a calendar year and Emerald Clovers give at least \$5,000 per year.

What is unrestricted? To understand what unrestricted gifts are, first it's important to understand what a restricted gift is.

See *Crystal Clovers*, Page 11.

Introducing Indiana 4-H Legacy Society

The Indiana 4-H Foundation is proud to announce the inaugural members of the Indiana 4-H Legacy Society. These dedicated individuals have informed the Indiana 4-H Foundation of planned gifts that they have pledged for the Foundation. A planned gift is one

Having advance knowledge of individuals' planned gifts helps the Foundation plan for its longevity. If you have made provisions for Indiana 4-H in your will, please contact Shelly at 317.445.7977 or sbingle@purdue.edu for a planned gift pledge form. Those who have

GIVING back the Indiana 4-H Legacy Society

that is planned for a future date, either several years from now or at the end of life. Planned gifts most commonly include will bequests, but can also include life insurance policies, charitable gift annuities, and a number of other giving methods. While a planned gift does not provide the Foundation with a cash gift now, it does help ensure the long-term future of the Indiana 4-H Foundation and its support for Indiana 4-H programs and youth.

pledged a planned gift can choose whether or not to be listed as members of the Indiana 4-H Legacy Society.

Planned giving, while not something that people discuss often, is an easy, affordable, and accessible way to give. Even young people can take advantage of planned giving options. For more information about planned giving and to discuss different methods of giving and their benefits, contact Shelly.

Indiana 4-H Legacy Society Members

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Hollie and Tim Dearwester

Christy and Jeffry Denault

Dean and Jane DeVoe

Nola Gentry

Pris Gerde

Robert L. and Cynthia J. Grimm

Tom and Karen McKinney

Judy and Jim Singleton

Pandora Woodward

Annie Watts Cloncs

Photo Recap: 50 Years, 50' Hot Dog!



On August 11, 50 4-H youth from Fountain Square Academy in Indianapolis were joined by Indiana's First Lady Cheri Daniels and 4-H alumna and Miss America 2009, Katie Stam, as they celebrated 50 years of the Indiana 4-H Foundation in a unique way – with a 50' hot dog! The giant dog, donated by King David Dogs of Indianapolis, was made specifically for the event using King David's signature all-beef German recipe. Stam, Daniels, and Indiana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors President, Bob Grimm, all remarked about the importance of the Indiana 4-H program and lauded the Foundation for its first fifty years of dedicated support for the youth development program, which reaches more than 200,000 youth across all of Indiana's 92 counties. After their remarks, the 50 4-H youth present and donning 4-H green t-shirts teamed up Daniels and Stam to take the "ceremonial" first bite. The yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Indiana 4-H Foundation will continue at the 2011 Indiana 4-H Congress Luncheon on November 5th and through the end of the year as individuals and organizations alike make special contributions in recognition of the Foundation's 50 years of support for Indiana 4-H. Learn more at www.in4h.org.

Indiana 4-H Foundation Announces 2011 "All For One" Campaign

At the Youth Staff Retreat in September, the Indiana 4-H Foundation announced the 2011 All for One Campaign to raise monies to support Indiana 4-H from Indiana County Extension entities and Extension Educators. The aim of the campaign is to work collaboratively with county Educators and entities to provide Indiana youth with the best development opportunities in the state.

Two specific goals have been set for this campaign – to raise \$10,000 from Extension Educators and \$10,000 from county entities. These goals are easily within reach. If each Extension Educator gave just \$5 per pay-period (\$60 per year) through payroll deduction, the Educator goal would be met.

Additionally, just \$110 from each county would meet the county goal.

The All For One Campaign was initiated with the idea that if those of us who work most closely with Indiana 4-H are to ask for financial support from Hoosiers across the state, we must first show that we're willing to financially support Indiana 4-H ourselves.

"It is my hope that Extension Educators and Extension organizations will take a leadership position with the All for One campaign and be at

the forefront of making a difference in the lives of Indiana 4-H Youth," said Pandora Woodward, the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator from Wabash County. Woodward also serves as the Indiana Extension Educators Association (IEEA) representative on the Foundation Board of Directors.

If you'd like information about the All For One Campaign or would like to make a donation, please contact Shelly Bingle-Coffman today by calling 317.445.7977 or via email at sbingle@purdue.edu.



New Giving Method Will Allow Indiana Farmers to "Grow" Their Support for 4-H

Farmers' markets are full of freshly-picked apples, advertisements for corn mazes are popping up, and the leaves are starting to turn. All of these signs point to one thing – it's harvest season in Indiana. The Indiana 4-H Foundation is working with grain elevators across the state to develop a new giving method that will mean that harvest season can be a season of generous giving for Indiana farmers through grain donation.

"We've seen similar grain donation programs work well in other mid-western states like Iowa," said Shelly Bingle-Coffman. "A grain donation program is a unique way for Indiana farmers to make a difference in the lives of Hoosier youth while benefitting from some tax advantages."

For cash-basis farmers, there can be significant tax savings involved with donating grain directly to the Indiana 4-H Foundation as opposed to donating cash from grain sales. These savings result from the fact that cash charitable contributions are deductible only as an itemized deduction from adjusted gross income which results in federal income tax benefits only. Since many farmers do not itemize deductions as a result of raising standard deductions, other methods of giving - like donating crops - can be more advantageous.

By contributing crops to the Indiana 4-H Foundation, cash-basis farmers avoid having to include the sale of the cash crop in income, which results in self-employment, federal income, and state income tax sav-



ings. Of course, Indiana farmers should consult their tax professionals before making tax-based decisions.

More information about the grain donation program will be made available on www.in4h.org and our Facebook page and Twitter feed throughout the harvest season. If you have any questions, please call 765.494.8483 or email the Foundation at info@in4h.org.

2011 Indiana 4-H Congress to Highlight 4-H Youth Excellence, Healthy Living

On November 5 at the Indiana 4-H Fairgrounds, the Indiana 4-H Foundation will host the 2011 Indiana 4-H Congress. This annual event will feature an Awards Luncheon generously sponsored by CountryMark and IceMiller LLP along with educational workshops sponsored by Ceres Solutions, LLP, Co-Alliance, LLP, Harvest Land Co-op, and North Central Co-op.

For Indiana 4-H youth and adult volunteers across the state, Indiana 4-H Congress will offer an opportunity to attend workshops that center on one of the three National 4-H Mission Mandates – Healthy Living.

The 4-H program has traditionally had a commitment to education focused on healthy living, as evidenced by the fact that one of

the four H's stands for health. The physical, mental, and emotional health of our nation's youth is an educational priority for 4-H because strong overall health is important in ensuring that youth live healthy and productive lives into adulthood. Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman is also scheduled to speak to 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

In addition to educational workshops, Congress will feature the annual Awards Luncheon during which the Indiana 4-H Foundation will award \$38,000 in post-secondary education scholarships to 35 outstanding 4-H youth and recent alumni. The scholarship award ceremony will be the final step for the scholarship recipients in a month-long competitive scholarship process. Each scholarship is awarded

based on excellence in a particular skill or project area. The competitive process includes an in-depth application and résumé along with an in-person formal presentation and interview. Four 4-H photography award recipients will also be on hand along with their prize photographs.

For the third year in a row, both CountryMark and IceMiller, LLP will be presenting sponsors of the Awards Luncheon which will take place in the Farm Bureau Building on the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Congress is open to anyone who is interested. Tickets are \$40 per person and table sponsorship is \$500. You can register online for Congress at <http://tiny.cc/20114hcongress> or reserve your place by calling the Foundation office at 765.494.8483.

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Hoosier Youth Participate in National Youth Science Day

"Wired for Wind" Experiment Focuses on the Science of Renewable Wind Energy

October 5, Hoosier youth from all across the state participated in the National Youth Science Day (NYSD), facilitated by National 4-H Council. The 2011 experiment, Wired for Wind, focused on the science and technology behind renewable wind energy. Youth were given tools and materials to construct and test their own model wind turbines and then modify their models to get better results.



Shelby County youth test their design for a three-propeller wind turbine during the 2011 NYSD Wired for Wind experiment. Your support of the Indiana 4-H Foundation helps make this and other science programming possible for more than 200,000 4-H youth across the state. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville News.*

Sponsored by Toyota, NYSD supports the Science 4-H Mission Mandate. The goal of NYSD is to expose 4-H youth to several different science career paths at an early age. Previous NYSD experiments have focused on water quality, hydrogels, and biofuels. In addition to learning about the subject matter of the experiments, 4-H youth also develop important skills

like using the scientific method. NYSD encourages participants to use critical thinking to solve real problems.

"Our 4-H youth absolutely loved this experiment," says Krista Bowlby, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator in Shelby County.

"They were upset when the experiment ended because they wanted to keep on building! I even heard several of their conversations that included engineering language while they were working. They were all so involved – it was pretty incredible!"

Your support of the Indiana 4-H Foundation, and the support of organizations like Toyota, the Lilly Foundation, and Pioneer, make 4-H science programming in Indiana like NYSD possible. To find out more about how you can make a difference by giving to the Indiana 4-H Foundation, contact us at 765.494.8483 or visit us online at www.in4h.org. You can learn more about NYSD or volunteering by contacting your County Extension Educator or visiting www.four-h.purdue.edu.

Get your copy of *I Remember* Today!

At Celebration in April, the Foundation teamed up with the Writers' Center of Indiana to host a writing workshop focused on crafting 4-H memories into 4-H stories. Over the course of the last several months, those stories have been compiled into one book, *I Remember: A Collection of Indiana 4-H Stories in Celebration of 50 Years of the Indiana 4-H Foundation*. Generously sponsored by Beck's Hybrids, *I Remember* is now available for purchase in paperback for \$12 or as a download for your e-reader for \$7.25.

"We've really enjoyed working on

this book project and getting to read the stories our supporters shared," said Rachel Ravellette, Director of Donor Relations and Marketing for the Foundation. "We firmly believe that everyone whose life has been touched by Indiana 4-H has a story to tell. These are stories of lives changed, skills developed, lifelong friendships started, and important lessons learned."

Each book purchase or download supports the work of the Indiana 4-H Foundation. You can purchase the book directly from the publisher, Lulu. A link to our book on their site is available at www.in4h.org/

book/. *I Remember* will soon be available on Amazon.com and when it is, we'll let you know on our blog at www.in4h.org. If you have any questions, email or call us. We hope that you enjoy reading these stories as much as we have!



Crystal and Emerald Clover Giving Clubs

(Cont. from Page 6) A gift is restricted when the donor designates a specific purpose for the funds such as a scholarship or program. Restricted gifts are important because they help maintain well-known and established programs. Unrestricted gifts have no designations from donors and can therefore be put to use to help fund lesser-known or new programs as well as Foundation operations. These unrestricted gifts are vitally important because they allow the Foundation to have more flexibility in directing funding toward areas that most need it.

What are the benefits of being a Crystal or Emerald Clover? Crystal and Emerald Clover members are recognized as giving leaders for the Indiana 4-H Foundation and can use their status as leaders to help encourage others to give. Additionally, these giving club members have access to members-only events, tickets to events on Purdue's campus as they're available, a distinctive membership pin, and a special-level of attention from Indiana 4-H Foundation staff members that allows them to stay more up-to-date with what is going on with Indiana 4-H. Crystal and Emerald Clover members may also apply to have a low-number Indiana 4-H Foundation specialty license plate.

How can I become a Crystal or Emerald Clover? Simply make an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or more within a calendar year to become a Crystal Clover or \$5,000 or more to become an Emerald Clover. Once you've given, you will automatically be enrolled as a Crystal or Emerald Clover and immediately start to see the benefits. Also, from now until December 31, you can be one of 16 people to take part in the Farm Credit Services \$8,000

Crystal Clover challenge where Farm Credit will match your \$500 gift dollar-for-dollar to make you a Crystal Clover (see page 5 for more details).

You can be a member of these giving clubs by donating unrestrictedly to either the Foundation or through Purdue to 4-H Resource Development. If you have questions about becoming a Crystal or Emerald Clover, contact Shelly at 317.445.7977.



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