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(left) 2024-2025 State Officers enjoy Arkansas 4-H Day with the Razorbacks from the front row of the stadium in Fayetteville. When you call those hogs, you never know who might show up for a photo bomb. (right) This year, Arkansas 4-H sent a full delegation to Citizenship Washington Focus, a leading national 4-H program focused on civic engagement, leadership, government, touring monuments, and meeting 4-H'ers from across the nation.



It's a privilege to share with you this year's Donor Impact Report

, a collection of stories from Arkansas 4-H youth and alumni whose lives reflect the heart of this organization. Within these pages, you'll meet people at every stage — from current 4-H members chasing big dreams, to early-career professionals finding their footing, to alumni leading with purpose in their communities and careers. Each story is a reminder that your generosity is shaping futures across Arkansas.

This past year, we celebrated the initiation or full funding of five new endowments — lasting commitments that will ensure 4-H continues to thrive for generations to come. We are equally grateful for the growing list of financial partners who stand beside us in this mission. Together, you are investing not just in programs, but in people — young Arkansans who will carry forward the values of leadership, service, and resilience.

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IN 4-H, YOU TRULY FIND YOURSELF

How **Sylvana Burgess**,
Arkansas 4-H state
secretary, came out
of her shell



“An important element of Arkansas 4-H is the emphasis on community service. I’m doing this because I see a need in my community, and **I am making a difference.**”

When Sylvana Burgess first joined Jefferson County 4-H at the age of five, she was shy and introverted. But Burgess said that changed as she got more involved with public speaking through the organization.

“I was definitely getting out of my shell because of that, because I realized I was good at it,” Burgess said. “I thought, ‘Oh, I actually do know how to talk to people.’ That’s how I was able to get away from that shyness and be an outgoing person in 4-H.”

Burgess currently serves as state secretary for Arkansas 4-H, a position she decided to run for after working closely with the state officer team as a 4-H Ambassador.

“Just seeing how they interacted with me, they were such good people, and I saw the work they had to get done and how they traveled and networked,” Burgess said. “I wanted to branch out, because I’m so used to being in my city and not going anywhere.

“The friends I made in 4-H definitely motivated me,” she said. “They said, ‘You’d be good for this.’ I was an ambassador for a good two years before I decided to be a state officer, and I made a lot of friends and memories through that. That’s been the highlight of 4-H.”

Burgess said another important element of 4-H is the emphasis on community service.

“When I go to the Teen Leader conference and we do those community service projects, there’s always a time where we reflect on it, and it gets you thinking,” she said. “I’m not just doing this to get hours or a good resume or a good college



FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 2012

4-H CLUB: Jefferson County 4-H Club

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Life-changing

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HEART.

because 4-H gives you the opportunity to pour your whole heart into the things you’re passionate about.

application. I’m doing this because I see a need in my community, and I see that I am making a difference through 4-H.

“I’m making somebody else’s day better because I’m willing to take the time, the hours and the dedication to help,” Burgess said. “That resonated with me.”

This fall, Burgess will start her freshman year at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where she plans to major in social work — a decision influenced by her 4-H experience.

“I tell people all the time that 4-H motivated me to go into the social work field, even though I’ve always had that feeling of wanting to help people,” Burgess said. “In 4-H, I had to be emotionally connected to people. I see myself taking what I learned from 4-H and applying that to college and my social work field.”

Burgess said that in 4-H, “you really, truly find yourself. I guarantee you will come out finding something new about yourself or making something you already have even better,” she said.

LEADERSHIP THAT BUILT A LEGACY

Alumna **Patti
Dabbs-Thompson**
on the impact
of Arkansas 4-H



As a 4-H alumna, Patti Dabbs-Thompson has a long history with the organization. She joined the Busy Bees 4-H Club of North Arkansas County in 1966, and in 1971, she served as president of Arkansas 4-H when fundraising efforts began to build the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

"We sold World's Finest Chocolate Bars forever," Dabbs-Thompson said. "I think I realized that it was going to give 4-H'ers in the future a place to go and be together and do all the things they do now. I don't think I realized everything it would bring to 4-H, because it just kept growing and growing. It's amazing."

During her time in 4-H, Dabbs-Thompson's main project was showing registered Angus cattle. In 1971, she won State Beef Record Book and was the first Beef Project winner to travel to Chicago for National 4-H Congress, where President Richard Nixon spoke. She traveled to Washington, D.C., for the Citizenship Short Course program, now known as the Citizenship Washington Focus.

"I made lifelong friends on that trip, which probably helped me to be elected as the state 4-H president," Dabbs-Thompson said.

Dabbs-Thompson is a three-time Women's World Duck Calling champion. She also won the White River Regional Duck Calling Contest, qualifying her for the World Championship Duck Calling Contest, where she placed in the top 10. She entered her first duck calling contest at age five, taught by her father, a champion duck caller and hunting guide.

As State 4-H President, she also traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National 4-H Leadership Conference. Dabbs-Thompson attended a White House reception for the organization, where she had a chance to share her passion for duck calling.

"President Nixon was supposed to speak, but his daughter Julie Nixon Eisenhower was the speaker. We went through a receiving line and got to meet her," Dabbs-Thompson said. "I took a Dixie Mallard Duck Call from Stuttgart and left it for President Nixon, so that was a big deal to me."

In 1971, Dabbs-Thompson served as **president of Arkansas 4-H** when fundraising efforts began to build the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.



FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 1966

4-H CLUB: Busy Bees 4-H Club, Arkansas County

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Outstanding

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HEART. Development of the Heart is necessary for the development of strong leaders.

As an adult, Dabbs-Thompson worked as a teacher for 35 years, first in Grubbs, then Dierks, Winthrop, Fouke, and later moving to Ashdown before completing her career in Conway. She said her 4-H experience helped her gain confidence that formed the rest of her life and career.

"4-H helped develop me, so that I wasn't afraid to be in front of people and speak in front of large crowds," Dabbs-Thompson said. "It gave me a better understanding of what was needed for kids in Arkansas, and I wanted to be a part of that."

4-H CAN TAKE YOU ANY WHERE

How Arkansas 4-H
prepared **Carson
McFatridge** for life
and leadership





Carson McFatrige's 4-H journey began in 2008, when she joined the Velvet Ridge 4-H Club in White County at the age of five. She showed dairy goats, market goats and market lambs, and bred rabbits and chickens as well. But McFatrige said she found her true spark in the Wildlife Habitat Education Program, or WHEP.

"With WHEP, it was a competition that gave me the opportunity to explore something I was already passionate about," McFatrige said. "We built a team here in White County, and we ended up competing together for multiple years and absolutely loved it."

In 2018, the White County team won the state WHEP contest and qualified for the national competition in Bar Harbor, Maine. "We got to go all the way to Maine, so that just goes to show that 4-H really can take you anywhere," McFatrige said.

McFatrige currently studies wildlife, fisheries and aquaculture at Mississippi State University, where she recently served a one-year term as the student body president. She said her experiences as a Teen Star and Teen Ambassador in 4-H informed both her leadership skills and her career path.

"I remember when I was five years old and writing a speech for why my club should elect me as the recreation director," McFatrige said. "Talks and Demonstrations was another great program that gave me the opportunity to learn how to research. I was nine years old researching how to ensure that your mowing practices are safe for nesting bobwhite quail and turkeys."

"Arkansas 4-H helped me explore so many things that were out of my comfort zone, things I never even considered, and has given me skills that I still use today,"

FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 2008

4-H CLUB: Velvet Ridge 4-H Club, White County

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Foundational

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HANDS, because it encourages youth to engage in hands-on learning that empowers them to help others.

"In our field, and even with 4-H, a lot of people think that it's just hunting and fishing or livestock, so you've got to find that little piece in the middle," she said. "It's like a Venn diagram: you've got to find that spot where it all fits together. For me, I've seen that manifest in the opportunity to advocate for conservation in agricultural landscapes."

McFatrige will graduate in December 2025. She plans to pursue graduate school and eventually work in conservation law and policy. Though she has been a 4-H alumna for four years, McFatrige said the organization has had a lasting impact on her.

"4-H helped me explore so many things that were out of my comfort zone, things I never even considered, and has given me skills that I still use today," she said. "I have the cornbread recipe that we used in our bake-off memorized, so it's a lot of fun when my friends come over for dinner at college and we need to whip something up. It's the little things like that — you never know what skills are going to end up benefiting you beyond the time you complete your final year."

SKILLS FUELING FUTURE SUCCESS

Arkansas 4-H taught
Shell Oil chemist
Nathan Flear
responsibility and
teamwork





As a member of the Sebastian County Shooting Sports team, Arkansas 4-H alumnus Nathan Fleer said he learned valuable lessons about teamwork and responsibility.

“With the Youth Hunter Education Challenge, we would sign up, and you knew that you’ve basically got a year to practice and get good at it,” Fleer said. “You go to the competition, and you’re doing it as a team and as an individual. That gives you this motivational element where you don’t want to let yourself down, or everybody else down, either. You support each other that way.”

Fleer joined Sebastian County 4-H in 2006 at 14 years of age and stayed in the program through high school. He said 4-H’s emphasis on helping youth set goals – and putting in the work to meet them – sets members up for success later in life.

“I always tell people, if you’re going to start something that requires your commitment, don’t just drop out of it,” Fleer said. “Make sure to get through to completion and meet that goal, because it’s worth it in the end to be able to say that you finished that. That’s one of the things that 4-H is really good for.”

To complete his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Texas A&M University, Fleer had to rely on this ability to see a project through. Fleer now works as a research chemist with Shell Oil, and he said 4-H helped him hone his collaboration skills.

“Some people will get experiences like that in school, but it’s not really the same sort of setting,” Fleer said. “It’s typically not problem-solving, which you would have with 4-H. I heard

FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 2006

4-H CLUB: Sebastian County 4-H Club

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Family

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HEART, because you need to love what you do and that’s what makes it worth doing.

once that when you get into the workforce, you work together to solve problems, but in school, you were told to keep your head down and not look at each other’s papers. In 4-H, you were encouraged to work with other people.”

Fleer said 4-H also provides important outdoor skills and instills an appreciation for nature to which some youth may not have access otherwise.

“I grew up in a very rural area, so what we did in 4-H was similar to what I did at home,” Fleer said. “But there are a lot of kids who grow up in suburban areas who can’t do stuff like that, and it gives them an important outlet to experience those things.”

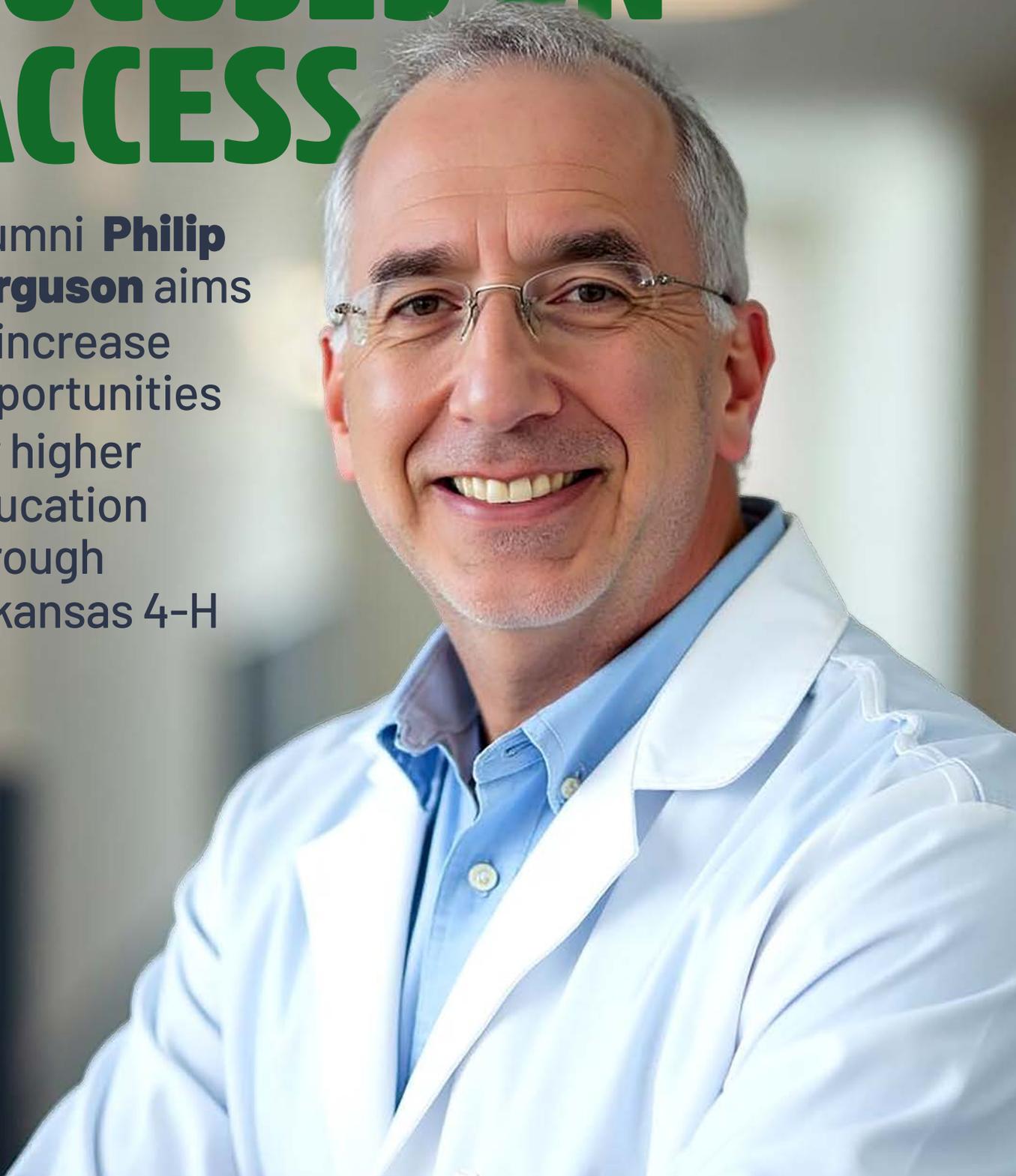
For Fleer, 4-H was also a family affair, and he encourages other families to get active, too.

“My parents being involved helped a lot, because going to 4-H was a family event,” he said. “And it should be. It helps families make memories together.”

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A VISIONARY FOCUSES ON ACCESS

Alumni **Philip
Ferguson** aims
to increase
opportunities
for higher
education
through
Arkansas 4-H



“Arkansas 4-H is unique in that it serves youth of all economic levels. **There’s an extension agent and 4-H program in every county in Arkansas.**”

Early on, Philip Ferguson learned about the importance of having a vision. One of his first role models was none other than Mr. C.A. Vines, for whom the 4-H Center is named.

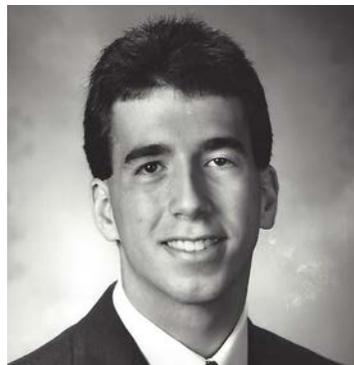
While in college, Ferguson worked and lived at the 4-H Center in Ferndale, where Mr. Vines had him work on all sorts of projects, “including laying sod in the dead heat of summer,” Ferguson recalled.

“I’ve probably had five people who I won’t say no to, and Mr. Vines was one of those people,” he said. “What I learned from him is the importance of having a vision. He had a vision for the 4-H Center. Being able to imagine things that haven’t been done and being able to convince others to buy into that vision is a real legacy.”

Ferguson grew up on a small family farm in Pope County, and he and his two sisters were active in 4-H. His 4-H experiences – visiting the nation’s capitol for 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, attending National 4-H Congress in Chicago, engaging in community service and serving as a 4-H camp counselor – expanded Ferguson’s view of the world and his future place in it.

Ferguson graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in mechanical engineering and then earned a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Today, he is president and managing partner of the Northwest Arkansas Pathology Associates in Fayetteville.

He serves on the Arkansas 4-H Foundation Board and is working to endow the Cecil and Selena Smith Memorial Scholarship in memory of his grandparents. The \$1,000



FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 1979

4-H CLUB: Pottsville 4-H Club, Pope County

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Formative

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HEART, because that is where it all begins and is what sustains you.

scholarship is awarded annually to a student in the STEM field.

“They were very humble servants, very unassuming, but they always valued education,” Ferguson said. “This a good way to honor them.”

Ferguson is focused on increasing access to higher education through scholarship opportunities for 4-H members.

“Social and economic mobility are tightly correlated to education,” he said, “but the cost of education and access to socioeconomic mobility has become harder and harder to attain. 4-H is unique in that it serves youth of all economic levels. There’s an extension agent and 4-H program in every county in Arkansas.

“Everyone needs a skill set, whether that’s trade school, post-grad, or a technical certificate,” he said. “If you have people with potential who don’t have access, we have failed.”

SOWING SEEDS OF PURPOSE

How Arkansas
4-H helped
Reesie Tritch
grow into
a leader



“My life would look totally different without Arkansas 4-H, and **I would be a different person.** You will never regret the experiences you have or the people you meet.”

Reesie Tritch’s passion for working with plants began at a young age. “Ever since I was a little girl, I have loved gardening,” she said. “My grandparents owned a farm, and I just loved learning about plants.”

Tritch, 16, has been a member of the Greene County High 4-H Club since the age of seven. After her grandmother taught Tritch how to crochet at the age of nine, she began selling her creations — along with flowers and fresh produce from her garden — at local farmers markets. She said her favorite element of selling at the market for her small business, Bountiful Blessings Farms, is “the educational aspect.”

“If I can teach somebody about a plant, I’m so much happier than if I sell them the plant,” she said. “I love teaching people about what they eat and giving them a healthier option.”

Tritch said she grows fruits and vegetables to provide for her family, then sells the excess. In the late summer, she harvested squash, okra and tomatoes. In her flower garden, she grew sunflowers, cockscombs, zinnias and dahlias.

“Last year I accidentally planted 35 cucumber plants, and my family canned 30 gallons of pickles,” Tritch said. “Whatever people need is what I usually grow.”

Recently, Tritch became a member of the Greene County Master Gardeners to continue her horticulture education and give back to her community.

“One of my favorite Master Gardener projects is the teaching garden, where we teach a bunch of little kids about where their food comes from,” she said. “Watching those kids light up while picking carrots is the best feeling ever.”

Tritch said the public speaking and leadership



FIRST YEAR IN 4-H: 2016

4-H CLUB: Greene County High 4-H Club

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE 4-H EXPERIENCE: Limitless

FAVORITE H AND WHY? HEART. Development of the Heart is necessary for the development of strong leaders.

skills she gained as president of her 4-H club have helped her network for her small business. She said this has also resulted in her being asked to speak at local churches and community events.

“I remember the first time I found out my friends were nervous to speak in front of people, and I was like, ‘Why would you be nervous?’” Tritch said. “I love speaking in front of people, and I don’t have a shy bone in my body. 4-H encourages public speaking at a very young age.”

With plans to pursue a career in ministry, Tritch said her creativity and love for gardening will “always be a part of my future,” as will the lessons she learned in 4-H.

“My life would look totally different without 4-H, and I would be a different person,” Tritch said. “You will never regret getting involved, the experiences you have or the people you meet.”

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Goat tying at the Arkansas 4-H State Horse show in July, where competitors run in on their horse, jump off, and tie the goat in a timed event.



(left) Young explorers take a closer look at the fauna beneath their feet at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.
 (right) The 2024-2025 Arkansas 4-H State Officers lead the pledge at State O-Rama one final time before new officers are elected.

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| | | Ruth Clay | Jarred Dulski | Jose Genito |



Ed and Sadie team strike, or take turns hitting the same piece of metal, to shape one end of a tent stake at an Arkansas 4-H Blacksmithing Club.



The Hydrdo Rappers, one of Grant County's 4-H SeaPerch teams, defeated 74 other teams to become world champions in the junior stock class of the 2025 International SeaPerch Challenge.

William George
 Robert Gilbreath
 Marlon Gilcrease
 Benjamin Gonser
 Emily Gonzalez
 Jose Grana
 Tracy Gregg
 Tenna Griffin
 Jim Griffin
 Edgar Guerrero
 Edgar Guerrero
 Edgardo Guzman
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 Leanna Hamel-Smith
 Angel Hardy
 Shannon Harris
 Demottie Harris
 Jody Haston

Joan Hays
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 Charlene Henderson
 John Hendricks
 Darwin Hendrix
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 Shane Hensley
 Rene Hernandez
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 Sheila Holmes
 Sherree Holt
 Samantha Horn
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Jason Hughes
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 Jeremy Jackson
 Terrance James
 Alberta James
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 Kristine Johnson
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 Cynthia Johnson
 Paul Jones
 Mary Jones
 Timothy Jones
 William Jones
 Joseph Kampa
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 Carter McClelland
 William McCormick
 Gene McCullar
 Stacey McCullough
 Kathleen McCutcheon
 Wesley McGill
 Michelle McGill
 Wesley McGill
 Brad McGinley
 Christie McGuffey
 Zimiri McMullen
 Becky McPeake
 Kim Mefford
 Adam Middleton
 Douglas Miller
 Eric Mitchell
 Calli Moffett
 Carmen Mondy
 Jon Moody
 Andre Moreno
 Jeremy Morphis
 Tamecia Muldrew
 Rebecca Mulhollen
 Karisha Munise
 Kenneth Myers
 Jaime Nazario
 Danton Newsom

Celestino Nieves
 Debbie Nistler
 Etta Niswonger
 Natalie Nixon
 Shannon Nobles
 Rickey Norman
 Kalyn Norwood
 Leonard O'Donovan
 Juan Ortiz
 George Overbey
 Whitney Owens
 Danzel Parker
 Ethan Parker
 Janee Parker
 J Patterson
 Jonah Paxton
 Tanya Pearce
 Keith Perkins
 Michael Perry
 Cindy Phillips
 Kelly Pickett
 Susan Pickle
 Megan Pigeon
 Johanna Pillow
 Karen Pinales
 JJ Pitman
 Andrew Pitman
 Beymar Ponce
 Charles Prestridge
 Matthew Price
 Ian Price
 Brandy Pulliam
 Christina Pumphrey
 Paige Quinn
 Heather Raney
 Troy Ray
 Robert Reid
 Dustin Reynolds
 Blake Riggan
 Tommy Riley
 Princeton Robinson



The Arkansas 4-H 2025 Day at the Capitol turned the building green as hundreds of 4-H'ers from around the state spent the day meeting legislators and learning all about civic leadership.

(top) Ellie Ferren receives the 2025 Arkansas Governor's Award at the Arkansas 4-H Foundation's Awards of Excellence. (bottom) Polk County 4-H Club members bag food to deliver to elderly residents as part of their Santas for Seniors project.



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| Tminski Rodgers | Christopher Thomas |
| David Rogers | Susan Thomason |
| Thomas Rowland | Sydney Tillman |
| Mary Rowland | Cynthia Towler |
| Raul Ruiz | Clyde Traylor |
| Carol Russell | Tressa Tucker |
| Amanda Rychtarik | Lynn Valetutti |
| Juan Carlos Sanchez | Pablo Varela |
| Canaan & Ginger | Angelica Varela |
| Sandy | Carla Vaught |
| Toby Schaffer | Bruce Vick |
| Jose Serna | Enrique Villalobos |
| David Servis | Gregorio Villanueva |
| Rache Sharp | Clayton Wagner |
| Melissa Shaw | Bobby Warnock |
| Robert Shofner | Ronnie Welborn |
| Ralph Shoptaw | David Werner |
| Bryan Sikes | Tammy Weston |
| Brittany Slate | Carter Weston |
| Tiffany Smith | Charles Whitaker |
| Rochelle Smith | Scot Wiles |
| Leah Smith | Allen Williams |
| P Smith | Claire Williamson |
| Mary Smith | Emily Wilsie |
| Justin or Lisa Smith | Leonard Wilson |
| Dan Smith | Ann Wilson |
| Robert Smith | Clay Wingfield |
| Joseph Smith | Len Wood |
| Alvis Snider | Anthony Wood |
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| Solis Polanto | Pia Woods |
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| Tonja Taylor | <i>please contact the</i> |
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

INCOME	2025	2024
Contributions	\$359,099	\$285,751
Grants	\$0	\$0
Program Activities	\$2,427,460	\$1,842,667
Realized/Unrealized	\$276,378	\$351,947
Interest & Dividend	\$324,215	\$147,055
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,387,152	\$2,627,420
EXPENSE	2025	2024
Program Activities	\$2,600,638	\$1,896,584
Foundation	\$237,707	\$234,298
Fundraising	\$69,213	\$85,479
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$2,907,558	\$2,216,361
Beginning Net Assets	\$10,149,521	\$9,738,462
Ending Net Assets	\$10,629,114	\$10,149,521
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$479,593	\$411,059

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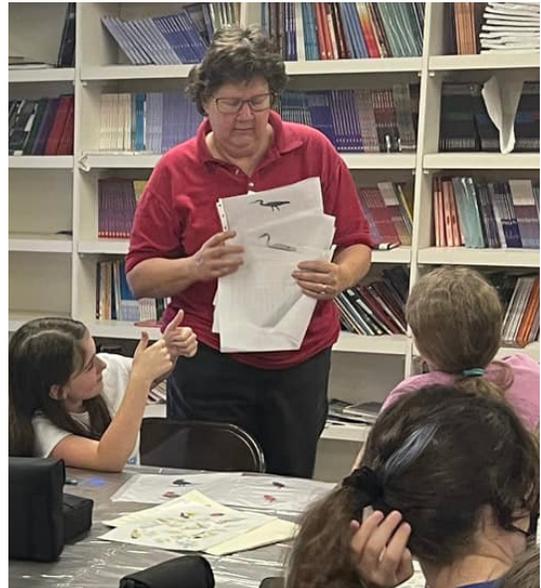
Becky McPeake Family endows scholarship

The late Becky Jean McPeake was well known for her love of wildlife and sharing her passion with others, especially youth. In her nearly three decades as professor and extension wildlife specialist for the Division of Agriculture, she inspired countless adults and youth. After her passing on May 2, 2025, the Arkansas 4-H Foundation created the Becky Jean McPeake Memorial Scholarship, and Glendall and Doris Stout, Becky's parents, have endowed the scholarship with a \$25,000 gift.

"Becky was a beloved wife, mother and mentor, who inspired countless Arkansas 4-H youth through programs like the Wildlife Habitat Education Program," said John Thomas, the foundation's managing director. "Her family established this endowment to honor her legacy of fostering environmental stewardship."

Born and raised in Jefferson City, Missouri, McPeake earned her bachelor's degree in wildlife management from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's in wildlife-environmental education from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in wildlife-human dimensions from Texas A&M University.

She worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation before joining the Division of Agriculture in 1998. During her career, she provided public outreach about a broad range of wildlife topics including urban deer, feral hogs, snakes, bears, birds, bats and invasive species. She conducted demonstration studies about



native food plots and deer repellents, and she coordinated the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education program that teaches youth about wildlife identification and management concepts.

McPeake also coordinated the 4-H Food Plot Project, which teaches youth how to establish and maintain a plot to provide food and cover for wildlife. Using concepts from wildlife and plant science, technology, math and more, 4-H members learn how to keep detailed records throughout the planting and growing season.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to one Arkansas 4-H member pursuing a college degree in natural resources, such as wildlife, forestry, agriculture and horticulture. The scholarship amount will vary from \$1,000-\$2,000, based on interest. If no eligible natural resources major applies, the committee may award the scholarship to a student in a related field.

Eagle Seed, which provides seeds for the program, found its own way to honor McPeake. The company created a special seed mix – the McPeake Blend, containing eight different plant species, including sugar beets, chicory and triticale – that will be used this year.



Members of McPeake's family present a \$25,000 donation to Arkansas 4-H staff and Arkansas WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) 4-H'ers. The donation will fund a Foundation scholarship endowment in memory of Becky McPeake.

2025 FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS

Ross Foundation Photography Endowment	\$174,810
National Citizenship Endowment	\$126,137
State Officer Quasi Endowment	\$77,809
Joye Vines Activity Endowment	\$74,320
Trannye White Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$38,678
Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust Endowment	\$55,489
Senator David Pryor Scholarship Endowment	\$20,831
Senator Mark Pryor Scholarship Endowment	\$20,222
Art of Farming Endowment	\$77,999
John Frank Pendergrass 4-H Livestock Judging Support Fund	\$7,849
Harold Hicks Trust Scholarship Fund	\$47,332
Susan Marshall Scholarship Endowment	\$681,719
Arkansas Endowment	\$93,480
Feland 4-H Center Maintenance Endowment	\$481,154
Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Maintenance Endowment	\$1,409,045
Centennial Scholarship Endowment	\$158,363
John White Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$31,048
C. A. & Joye Vines Scholarship Endowment	\$29,484
Hazel Jordan Landscaping Scholarship Endowment	\$127,651
Zack & Jennie Jennings Scholarship Endowment	\$93,918
Jeanette Roberts Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$20,003
Maeda Asbell Scholarship Endowment	\$8,788
Williams-Potts Scholarship Endowment	\$9,020
Bob Buice Scholarship Endowment	\$25,712
Larry Sandage Arkansas Forage & Grass Scholarship Endowment	\$14,117
Sam & Helen Walton Child Development Endowment	\$25,866
Justice J. Fred Jones Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$16,195
Walta Lorea Hoback Jones Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$17,046
Darlene Millard Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award Fund	\$32,768
Dennis R Millard Memorial 4-H Scholarship Endowment	\$40,445
Arkansas 4-H Alumni Association Fund	\$16,496
Rick and Lynnette Cartwright Scholarship Endowment	\$72,506
Arkansas 4-H License Plate Endowment	\$71,801
Bragg Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment	\$28,959
Brady Extension Homemaker's Club	\$343,671
Becky Jean McPeake Memorial Scholarship -Endowment	\$25,000

Total Balances

\$4,595,728

2024 ARKANSAS 4-H PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

17,675 Educational Opportunities



735 4-H Clubs

352,800 Volunteer Hours

8,272 4-H Club members



\$10,262,952 Value of Arkansas 4-H Volunteer Time

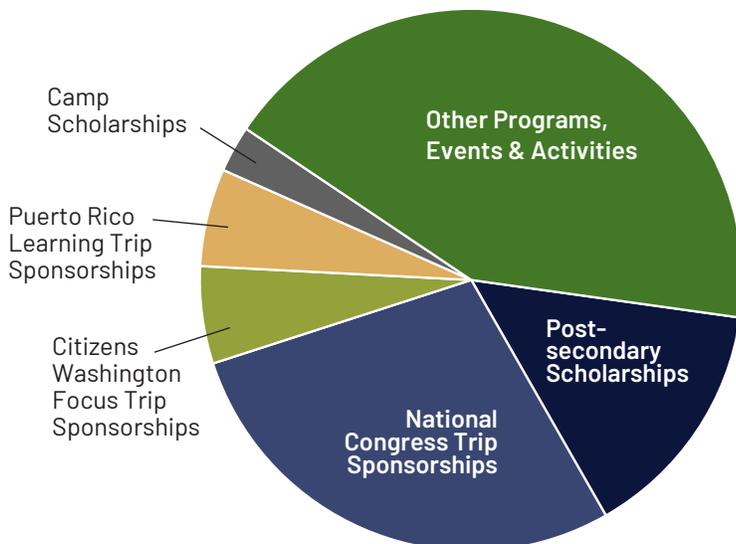
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