

# The Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Fund

## A gifting opportunity for Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society Alumni

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### 4-H Program Impact

Celebrating and recognizing the contributions that 4-H volunteers make to the positive development of Michigan's young people in a way that advances 4-H program delivery in local communities.

### Vision

The Michigan 4-H Youth Development Program seeks to establish an endowment that will provide perpetual funding to annually recognize and support the contributions that Michigan 4-H volunteers make to the intellectual and social growth of the more than 230,000 youth served by Michigan 4-H programs each year.

### Opportunity

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society (ECS) reflects the best in adult achievement that we hope reflects the outcomes of the positive youth development experiences that have come from involvement in Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs. In reflecting on the impact that 4-H made in their becoming the successful adults of today, many ECS alumni give recognition and credit to the 4-H volunteer leaders who provided engaging mentorship, encouragement and knowledge of both 4-H projects and life principles that guided their growth and development.

**Initial Cash Investment Goal: \$30,000**

**Fully-Funded Endowment Goal: \$50,000**



**“Volunteers become involved and stay in organizations where they are given support, shown appropriate recognition, and are managed well.”**

**— Wittich, 2002**

The Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Fund is an opportunity for Emerald Clover Society alumni to honor their volunteer leaders while providing support that allows for the continued encouragement and development of the adults who volunteer with 4-H youth in Michigan communities today.

**The goal is to raise the first \$30,000 for the Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Fund by the induction of the 2010 Emerald Clover Society 4-H alumni class next June 24, 2010.** If every Emerald Clover Society member makes a minimal gift of \$500 to grow this fund, there is potential to raise \$50,000 to create an endowment that will:

At \$30,000, provide \$1,200 annually that can support recognition of two Michigan 4-H volunteers for their service to youth in their local community with:

- A \$400 4-H program grant award that the volunteer can use in their county or at the state level to advance 4-H programs or take advantage of greater training opportunities that will enhance their volunteer service to 4-H youth.
- A personalized memento honoring their excellence in 4-H volunteer service.



At \$50,000, the endowment will provide \$2,000 annually that can help recognize—in addition to the two national 4-H Salute to Excellence nominees—up to four additional 4-H volunteers each year, with:

- A \$200 4-H program grant award as state runners-up that they can use in their county to advance 4-H programs or take advantage of greater training opportunities that will enhance their volunteer service to 4-H youth.
- A personalized memento celebrating their service to 4-H youth.

## The Difference This Fund Will Make

Each year, Michigan 4-H is able to attract between 3,000 and 5,000 new volunteers willing to give of their time and knowledge to work with and support the positive development of youth in their communities. On average, Michigan 4-H enjoys a volunteer base that has remained steady at 28,000 adult 4-H volunteers working with youth in communities in every Michigan county. The average Michigan volunteer serves in our programs for 8 years. Our ability to keep and maintain this very strong volunteer corps is directly related to how well we train, orient, support and recognize the contributions they make to our mission of providing positive experiences and opportunities that assist in the positive development of Michigan's young people.

Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between the quality of attention given to volunteers and the quality of their contribution to the organization. Volunteers who feel needed, valued, appreciated and see personal benefit from their involvement are more likely to stay involved in a volunteer role. (Culp & Schwartz 1988).

Please help us continue to serve 4-H'ers by helping us to make this investment in recognizing and supporting those volunteers who give their very best to provide a 4-H experience that can be the difference for the adults the youth we serve will become.

## What You Can Do

Make a gift! A founding donor gift of \$500 or whatever amount makes you proud to help grow the Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Fund can be made to the Michigan 4-H Foundation as:

- A one time gift of cash or stock.
- A pledge with annual cash payments over five years.

All founding gifts will be recognized at the 2010 Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society Induction Ceremony with named recognition in the evening's printed program. This fund will forever be honored and recognized as a gift from the members of the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society.

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### About the Michigan 4-H Foundation

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting Michigan 4-H Youth Development to prepare youth from all segments of society for meaningful and productive lives. The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a \$7 million organization that seeks, manages and distributes support from private individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to support the mission and vision of 4-H youth development. (MICS 2751)



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The Michigan 4-H Foundation, a public foundation headquartered in East Lansing, Michigan, USA, receives charitable contributions and special grants for the development and support of 4-H youth programs in Michigan. The foundation is licensed to solicit charitable gifts by the state of Michigan (MICS 2751).

# MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION ENDOWMENT GIFT FORM

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The **Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Endowment** campaign seeks to raise \$30,000 by June 24, 2010. This endowment will provide perpetual support for annual 4-H volunteer recognition at both state and national levels. The goal is to have the fund reach \$50,000 to expand opportunities to salute and honor up to six of Michigan's outstanding 4-H volunteers each year while advancing the local 4-H programs they support.

**Yes, I/we want to help build the Michigan 4-H Volunteer Recognition Endowment with a gift!**

## DONOR INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive the Vantage newsletter via:  US Mail  E-mail

In addition to being a 4-H alumnus, I am also a:  4-H volunteer  4-H parent  4-H staff member

County of current 4-H involvement \_\_\_\_\_

## GIFT INFORMATION

I/we would like to make a founding gift of \$500.

I/we would like to help grow the fund with a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I/we would like to further discuss planned gift options.

My gift is being paid by:

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Credit or debit card. Check one:  MasterCard®  Visa®

Name (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Stock

I am employed by a matching gift company and have enclosed the form for this purpose.

This gift is being made in  tribute to or  in memory of my 4-H volunteer:

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send notification of this gift (without amount) to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEDGE

I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable in equal amounts over the next \_\_\_\_\_ (up to 5) years.  Please apply my gift above toward this pledge.

Please bill me annually.

Please bill me monthly using automatic bank transfer from my checking account.

For this option, you will be sent an automatic bank transfer form to complete.

Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_