4-H is for all youth, rural and urban, from all racial, cultural, economic and social backgrounds. It reaches girls and boys as members of 4-H clubs, special-interest groups, and short term projects. It reaches them through camping, conferences and in programs planned to meet their specific needs in communities where they live.

4-H is an informal, practical, learning-by-doing educational program for youth. It helps them establish real-life goals and become competent productive citizens, while they have fun in the process. In 4-H, young people learn to solve problems facing them and their communities. The knowledge and skills acquired in 4-H can open the door to a life time of personal growth.
Why the Foundation?

The Miami County 4-H Foundation was organized in 2003 to provide a long-term, local charitable endowment. Initially part of a 4-H “group,” the Foundation received independent 501-c-3 tax exempt status on April 2, 2013.

In July 2014 Miami and Linn Counties joined together as the Marais des Cygnes District. In January 2015 the Foundation expanded to support 4-H programs and youth throughout the District.

The goal of the Foundation is to ensure the mission of 4-H today continues as it was almost one hundred years ago: To help the youth of today develop into the kind of adults we like to live by, work with, and count on as friends. Generation after generation has enjoyed the character building educational, hands-on experiences that combine the wisdom of experience with the enthusiasm of youth.

A community shaped with the core ideals of 4-H is a community in which we want to live. Traits and skills formed at a young age grow into adult values. Accepting responsibility, goal setting, community involvement, cooperation and critical thinking are admirable qualities that originate in the projects and activities of this long-admired organization.

Your contribution to the youth of today would insure them opportunities to develop the life skills required to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Membership Benefits

- Tax deductible donation
- Invitation to annual meeting
- Voting privilege at the annual meeting for individual contributors (must be over 18 years old)
- Individual and Youth membership contributions accumulate toward the Lifetime, bronze, silver and gold levels
- Level recognition at annual meeting
- County-wide recognition

Funds Raised Support

- Scholarships for higher education
  - Provided a total of $6,050 in 2021
  - General — Multiple scholarships ranging from $100 to $500 each
  - Carl & Mary Buchman Scholarship
  - Coffman Leadership Scholarship
  - Peter Daniel Downey Memorial Scholarship
  - KAD Scholarship
  - Melody Troth Leadership Scholarship

- County Camp (Rock Springs)
- Cloverbuds
- Local, state and national camps, conferences, contests and educational events, such as:
  - National 4-H Conference
  - National 4-H Congress
  - National Quiz Bowl Competitions
  - National Judging Contests
  - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
  - Discovery Days
- Leadership training
- Volunteer background checks
- Program supplies or equipment