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Dear Friend,

Our 4-H program continues to grow in Cecil County. 4-H is a youth development program that provides a supportive setting for all youth to mature into competent, caring, and responsible adults through the learning of beneficial cognitive and life skills. Today's 4-H program reaches across a wide variety of youth interests, from archery, horses, horticulture, and robotics to public speaking; and youth do not have to live on a farm or own an animal to be involved. Currently, the 4-H program offers over 60 different project areas, with main focuses in the areas of science & technology, citizenship, and healthy living for youth ages 5-18.

In 2018...

- 510 youth are currently enrolled in traditional 4-H club programs in Cecil County and over 3,500 youth were reached in our various outreach programs.
- 335 University of Maryland 4-H Volunteers were involved with 4-H in Cecil County and several volunteers from Cecil County were recognized at the state level for their outstanding volunteerism with 4-H.
- 195 youth submitted 4-H Record Books in 2018 for the 2017 project year and the 40 Cecil County 4-Hers who submitted reports for the President's Volunteer Service Awards logged over 3,500 hours of service.
- We had a very successful Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla Program in June and 4-H Residential Camp in August.
- Youth participated in Communications and Demonstration Day at the county, regional, and state levels.
- Youth participated in a variety of activities at the Cecil County Breeders Fair, Eastern Shore Spring Show, Cecil County Fair, and Maryland State Fair.
- Youth participated in Archery, Shotgun, Engineering Skills Events, Dairy Cattle Judging, Horse Judging, Horticulture Judging, Livestock Judging, Rabbit Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology at the state contests with several youth being top individuals.
- Six Cecil County 4-Hers will be participating in National 4-H Skills Based Competitions this fall competing in dairy judging, horse quiz bowl, horticulture demonstration and horticulture judging contests; one Cecil 4-H'er attended Camp Miniwanca National Leadership Conference in June and one 4-H'er from Cecil County will be attending National 4-H Congress in late November.
- We had, and are having, many successful educational workshops, classes, programs and clinics throughout the year for 4-H youth.
- As one Cecil 4-Her quoted: "4-H enables members to reach their fullest potential and make a difference in others' lives. To me, 4-H helps young people succeed because it is impactful, synergetic and educational."
- All of our 4-H'ers continue to gain valuable citizenship, leadership and life skills through 4-H involvement.

We are proud of all our 4-H'ers accomplishments in 2018!!!! Unfortunately, as our program grows, funding continues to diminish.

In order for the 4-H program to be successful, we would appreciate a donation from your business.

Sincerely,

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