

2016 CLOVERLEAF ANNUAL REPORT

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4X MORE LIKELY TO
GIVE BACK TO
THEIR COMMUNITIES

4-H'ERS ARE MORE THAN
2X MORE LIKELY TO
MAKE HEALTHIER
CHOICES

4-H'ERS ARE NEARLY
5X MORE LIKELY TO
GRADUATE COLLEGE

4-H'ERS ARE MORE THAN
2X MORE LIKELY TO
PARTICIPATE IN
STEM ACTIVITIES

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GEORGIA 4-H LEADER ARCH SMITH

IN 1904, WHEN G. C. ADAMS STARTED THE BOYS CORN CLUB IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT 4-H WOULD BECOME THE STATE'S LARGEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

As we reflect on the past success of the University of Georgia 4-H program, we continue to be grateful for the support of volunteers, parents, donors and our county, district and state Extension faculty and staff who continue to deliver the 4-H program to more than 170,000 youth throughout the year.

Rock Eagle: Centerpiece of Georgia 4-H, the long-awaited book that chronicles the history of Rock Eagle 4-H Center, is now available for purchase. Ina Cook Hopkins created a masterpiece that is a memorable collection of Extension, 4-H and Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

But, we can only allow ourselves a few moments to reflect on our past success. Undoubtedly, many of our successes are not known to us. It's the small things that can – and continue to – make a difference in the lives of our 4-H families, as in the case of this 4-H mother texting her 4-H agent to share her daughter's summer camp experience: "Let me tell you, she had a ball! She woke up the next morning and made up her bed and straightened her room. Did it without even asking! I love this camp!" We must continue to find new ways to serve the ever-increasing number of young people who need access to 4-H training and programs.

In that vein, we have many things to look forward to. During the 2016-2017 4-H program year, 4-H Environmental Education and 4-H summer camping programs return to Jekyll Island. Georgia 4-H at Camp Jekyll will officially open for business with EE students returning to a new \$17 million facility on the south end of the island. There are many people to thank, including Governor Nathan Deal and the Georgia General Assembly for the funding of Camp Jekyll, and we are grateful for the continued relationship we have with the Jekyll Island Authority under the leadership of Chairman Richard Royal and Executive Director Jones Hooks.

As we all know, volunteers are the key to the growth of the Georgia 4-H program. Throughout the next few years, we are

developing plans to continue strengthening volunteer training so we may reach additional young people. A new 4-H office at the Atlanta History Center offers 4-H programming to youth in the Buckhead community of Atlanta, and the GROWL (Growing Real Opportunities in Work and Life in Agriculture) program in south Atlanta is providing underserved youth the chance to expand their horizons.

We're making strides in the national 4-H arena as well through the service of Georgia 4-H faculty members. Casey Mull, state 4-H military coordinator, begins a three-year commitment as president of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Serving with Mull are Effingham County 4-H Agent and Vice President for Regional Development Abbey Smith, and Chattooga County 4-H Agent and Southern Regional Director Rebecca Thomas. Also making a national impact is Mitchell County 4-H Agent Jennifer Grogan, who is regional vice president of national Epsilon Sigma Phi organization.

At the state level, on July 1, 2016, we welcomed Sue Chapman as associate state 4-H leader. Chapman worked in human resources and volunteer management at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens before joining the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension faculty. Prior to joining the 4-H faculty, Chapman was a program coordinator with Archway Partnership at UGA. Chapman's return to Extension brings leadership skills and management skills that help us plan for the future of a growing Georgia 4-H program.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
GEORGIA 4-H! WHILE WE CONTINUE TO
BUILD ON THE PAST, WE LOOK TO THE
FUTURE AND OUR MOTTO,
"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER."**

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MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 170,353*

SCHOOL AGE

Elementary 64.4%
Middle & High School 32.6%



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA 4-H PROGRAM

The largest youth leadership organization in the state



DIVERSITY

White 54%
Black 31%
Unknown 11.5%
Asian 2.1%
American Indian 1.1%
Pacific Islander .3%

PARTICIPANTS

4-H Center Users 90,617
Environmental Education 37,601
Ft. Valley 16,744**
Home School 1,873
Military Dependent 7,570
Residential Summer Camp 8,965

GENDER

Male 49% Female 51%

IN-SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS



4-H Project Achievement 85,614
Citizenship 43,152
Financial Literacy 14,660
Your Money Your Future 10,276
Healthy Living 39,202
Language Arts/Communications 80,739
Leadership 35,930
Science, Engineering or Technology 67,649
Agricultural Science 46,648
Robotics 2,319

ETHNICITY

Hispanic 10%
Non-Hispanic 90%

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

4-H Project Achievement 33,971
Citizenship 21,784
Financial Literacy 8,865
Your Money Your Future 8,198
Healthy Living 22,995
Language Arts/Communications 44,582
Leadership 17,724
Science, Engineering or Technology 37,912
Agricultural Science 31,597
Robotics 2,069

4-H CLUB MEETING LOCATIONS

Held during school at school facility 80.5%
Held after school at school facility 3.9%
Held away from school facility 15.6%



RESIDENCE

Central City 9.7%
Urban/Suburban 15.5%
Towns & Small Cities 30%
Rural Non-Farm 41.8%
Farm 3%



*Members reflect enrollment from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

** Reflects 2015 participants



FOCUS ON STEM

THE INCLUSION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS HAS BEEN A NATURAL FIT FOR GEORGIA 4-H WHOSE SLOGAN IS "LEARN BY DOING."

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

While Georgia 4-H has always had its roots in science, in recent years that emphasis has shifted slightly to include other closely-related disciplines. Today's formal education setting uses several acronyms to describe a more encompassing approach to science and the effective practices associated with implementing science programs. The acronyms include SET, STEM and STEAM and stand for science, technology, engineering, agriculture (or arts) and mathematics. The inclusion of engineering and technology programs has been a natural fit for Georgia 4-H whose slogan is "Learn by Doing." Through new projects in 4-H Project Achievement, the addition of new events and activities and new in-school club meeting curricula, STEM education is expanding opportunities for Georgia 4-H youth.

One new event, set to be an annual occurrence, debuted at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins on April 2, 2016, and is called *Mission Make-It: Georgia 4-H Engineering Challenge*. Almost 100 participants accepted the challenge and joined in on that spring Saturday. This exciting event, made possible through funding provided by Lockheed Martin by way of the National 4-H Council, involved an action-packed schedule. Jamie Cook, chief of workforce development at Robins Air Force Base, started the day with inspiration about the importance of science and engineering and informed the participants that there are many jobs awaiting them if they choose to pursue this career path. Next, the challenges were introduced and included building an emergency shelter and building a glider capable of transporting "food" items to populations in need. The day wrapped up with a visit to several engaging exhibits provided by high school 4-H teen leaders at the showcase. The middle school participants wrote reflections about their day that indicated the personal impact of the event.

**"STEM is an amazing thing.
Engineering is definitely for me."**

"My communication skills have greatly improved."

**"[I am] inspired to create and build more things because
girls make great engineers."**

**"STEM is awesome. I'm fired up to do more activities.
I learned about teamwork, participation and
communication."**

**"Today, I learned many skills. The #1 was teamwork,
learning to analyze and deliberate the most effective way
of going about something."**

"The best idea is not always the first idea."

An example of a STEM addition to in-school programming has been made possible through a partnership with the University of Florida. A Weather and Climate Variability Toolkit was developed and piloted in Florida through USDA funding. To expand the reach of the program, Georgia 4-H partnered with Florida 4-H to train and provide resources to a total of 26 Georgia 4-H leaders. This curriculum primarily supports the science standards found in fourth and sixth grades. It is well-suited to include design principles, critical thinking and inclusion of technology that demonstrate not just science, but also effective STEM education.

A group of Georgia 4-H youth had their own ambassador experience as they signed up for the STEM Ambassador Track during 2016 State 4-H Council. Thirty-two high school 4-H members participated in the two-day training, made possible through funding provided by AT&T. The high schoolers chose their primary area of interest from engineering, physical/biological/earth science, or environmental science and even received a teaching kit to use in their counties as they worked to promote STEM education in their local communities.

These activities are but a few examples of how STEM is becoming a regular part of Georgia 4-H programming. Georgia 4-H is reaching new audiences and contributing to the next generation of STEM leaders who can think critically, problem solve and communicate effectively.



BECCA VELASQUEZ

**NATIONAL 4-H STEM YOUTH AMBASSADOR
EFFINGHAM CO.**

Georgia 4-H has received national recognition related to STEM. In a highly competitive process, Effingham County 4-H'er Becca Velasquez was selected in 2016 as a member of the inaugural class and one of only seven National 4-H STEM Youth Ambassadors. Her role as a 4-H STEM Youth Ambassador is to work with National 4-H Council and Lockheed Martin leaders to solve local challenges, speak publicly about the program and advise on national priorities. During this two-year term, she will have the opportunity to do the following:

- // Participate in the USA Science and Engineering Festival to build awareness of 4-H STEM
- // Engage with the STEM Career Pathway and Lockheed Martin employee mentors
- // Advise National 4-H Council and Lockheed Martin on program and promotional tactics for sparking youth interest in STEM, particularly for reaching minority youth and girls
- // Provide specific insight about tactics to help youth persist in all stages of the Pathway
- // Receive training by Lockheed Martin engineers to teach Engineers in the Classroom to younger youth and maximize program reach among underserved communities
- // Represent 4-H in a positive light and serve as a youth voice for 4-H STEM

Becca's 4-H agent is Abby Smith; at home in Effingham County, Becca is a dynamic representative for STEM-related activities, public speaking and leadership opportunities. The other STEM Youth Ambassadors serving with Becca are from Arkansas, Maryland, New York, Texas and California.



I PLEDGE MYSELF TO BETTER LIVING

WRITTEN BY JENNA DANIEL & MANDY MARABLE

AT THE CORE OF ITS PLEDGE, 4-H WORKS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING. THIS PLEDGE IS OUR PROMISE, AND TO THAT END, GEORGIA 4-H HAS RECENTLY PARTNERED WITH MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMIT THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES TO PROMOTE A CORE PROGRAM FOR 4-H: *HEALTHY LIVING*.

Healthy Living includes nutrition, childhood obesity, drug awareness, bullying prevention, health and fitness, stress management and food science. These programs are designed to allow 4-H members to participate in hands-on activities and projects and then to implement learned skills, thus creating a healthier generation of youth. Here are some of the ways Georgia 4-H is committed to *Healthy Living*:

H.O.P.E. ACTION LEADERS // To combat the changing problem that exists where childhood hunger and childhood obesity intersect, an experiential youth action leaders program called 4-H H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat Healthy) was created. As a part of the No Kid Hungry campaign, Georgia 4-H partnered with the Georgia Food Bank Association and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to develop and implement the program. The goal of the program was to create awareness around two important issues facing

Georgia's children: childhood hunger and childhood obesity. In addition to a solid understanding of these issues, youth and leaders had the opportunity to complete a community project around hunger and nutrition.

Through the program, 4-H Action Leaders (high school age 4-H youth empowered to teach, mentor, present and lead service projects) were trained on key messages to raise awareness on the correlation of hunger to obesity. This work is a model for how children's health care providers, food banks, state agencies and a land-grant university can capitalize on resources and expertise to raise awareness, start and continue collaborative conversations and design programming to impact the lives of children, youth and families.



As a result of the pilot phase, youth saw an increase from 30 percent to 57 percent in confidence to encourage peers to choose healthy nutrition habits. In addition, 100 percent of leaders accurately identified the connection between hunger and obesity, and 91 percent believed they could serve as a role model for both nutrition and activity-related habits. As a result of this pilot group, five community-based projects that reached 453 adults and 502 youth were completed by Georgia 4-H members.

YOUTH VOICE: YOUTH CHOICE // During the summer of 2016, Georgia 4-H partnered with the National 4-H Council to participate in the Youth Voice: Youth Choice program. This program provides financial

support to 4-H programs to mobilize underserved youth to take action around nutritional deficiencies, healthy food choices and physical activity. Georgia 4-H teens will be trained to be teachers, mentors and role models, and will work to impact underserved/at-risk youth and their families; encourage families to eat one meal together each day; improve dietary choices and increase physical fitness; and share information regarding locally available healthy living resources.

YOGA FOR KIDS CURRICULUM // This year more than 30 Extension agents were trained to implement the University of Arkansas's Yoga for Kids curriculum. Different from yoga for adults and mature individuals, the Yoga for Kids curriculum allows the practice of yoga to be silly, noisy and fun. Yoga allows youth to engage in physical activity, improve flexibility and balance and gain strength. Additionally, it has been suggested that yoga can improve a child's attention span, self-esteem and relationships. The Yoga for Kids curriculum is being practiced in counties across the state to help youth increase fitness, decrease stress and improve mental focus.

Y.O.U.R.E. FELLOWS // In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative and the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Y.O.U.R.E. (Youth Obesity Undergraduate Research and Extension) Fellowship Program trains undergraduate students through the Georgia 4-H Summer Camp program to engage in research that addresses childhood obesity. The three-year project, currently in its first year, matches 10 faculty mentors with 10 undergraduate fellows to collect and analyze data and develop and evaluate the Health is Our Pledge (HOP!) workshop at 4-H summer camp. The results of this research project could potentially change the 4-H camp experience for youth from across the state and improve the health of 4-H camp participants as well as influence their communities.





There She Is

MISS FORMER 4-H'ER

WRITTEN BY SHARON DOWDY

BETTY CANTRELL HAS IT ALL: BEAUTY, BRAINS AND A SERVANT'S HEART.

And now, to add to that list, is the title of Miss America. Warner Robins native and 4-H alumna, Cantrell was crowned the 2016 Miss America, a very proud moment for our state and for Georgia 4-H. As a Houston County 4-H'er, Cantrell competed in two District Project Achievement events in the vocal category, which directly prepared her for competition. "Being in 4-H helped me with my speaking abilities, and it helped me be comfortable in front of people," she said. "Competing allowed me to practice singing in front of crowds."

Cantrell, who aspires to perform on Broadway, won the talent portion of the Miss America competition with her performance of "Tu Tu Piccolo Iddio."

As we all know, being crowned Miss America isn't just a title to add in front of your name; it comes with a year packed full of service. Cantrell credits the 4-H community service projects as the reason she felt prepared for the service responsibilities that come with being Miss America. Through her platform, which holds true to the teachings of the 4-H program -

"Healthy Children, Strong America" - she is working to educate Americans about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables and exercising.

Georgia's ranking as the second most obese state in the U.S. prompted her platform selection. "Technology is taking over and kids just aren't exercising," she said. "We need to encourage children to put their phones down for at least an hour a day."

After winning the Miss America competition, Cantrell had the privilege of addressing Georgia 4-H youth at last year's Fall Forum where she was able to speak this advice into today's youth with the take-home message, "Do your best and be yourself."

We are all so proud of the legacy Betty is leaving and how she, too, is staying true to her roots as a 4-H alumna. Congratulations, Betty!

MUSIC SUMMIT

WRITTEN BY JEFF BUCKLEY

WHEN MOST PEOPLE THINK OF 4-H, THEY PROBABLY DON'T THINK OF MUSIC. BUT WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW IS GEORGIA 4-H IS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR ITS STRONG PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS.



Many well-known performers, songwriters and entertainers continue to credit 4-H for helping them develop skills that contributed to their success. And, for more than 35 years, the 4-H performing arts group, Clovers & Co., has cultivated talent and entertained audiences around Georgia and the nation.

Because of this reputation of growing talented artists, in 2015, National 4-H Council representatives were interested in establishing a relationship with the Country Music Association Foundation. After discussing potential projects, the idea of a music education summit was proposed. The purpose of the summit was to teach youth participants the skills to make them better performers and for adult participants to learn ways to start or enhance the 4-H performing arts programs in their states and/or counties. The CMA Foundation provided \$25,000 to fund the three-day summit.

The inaugural 2016 Music Education Matters Summit was held July 18-20, 2016, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton; more than 90 4-H youth and 4-H performing arts program

leaders from five states attended. Participants received 10 hours of training from a variety of specialists in one of four tracks: dance, instrumental, songwriting or vocal. Each track was designed to focus not only on skills development, but also on mentorship and career exploration with industry professionals. Through a combination of workshops, presentations and informal networking time, youth were able to ask questions related to their own development as musicians and their own career aspirations. In addition, youth had the opportunity to work one-on-one with mentors who provided guidance on becoming better performers, as well as to discuss career opportunities in the music industry. Georgia 4-H's network and long commitment to high-quality music education made this possible.

At the summit, participants enjoyed performances by Clovers & Co. and other special guests. At its conclusion, participants shared what they had learned; based on data from surveys,



97 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they learned new information that will help them be a better performer. One youth participant stated, "This is by far the best 4-H camp I have ever attended. I learned so much and had so much fun that I will never forget." An adult participant wrote, "The whole camp was extraordinary...there was nothing better than getting to learn and participate in phenomenal music sessions and classes and make life-long friends."

Georgia 4-H, National 4-H Council and CMA are hoping to continue this summit to help build more home grown leaders and music professionals.

SOUND OFF

These Georgia 4-H alumni are making a splash in the performing arts industry:

JENNIFER NETTLES // Recording artist, songwriter, TV and Broadway star

HILLARY LINDSEY // Country Music Association [CMA] songwriter

TODD SUTTLES // Gaither Vocal Band

NIKKI DELOACH // Mickey Mouse Club fame and star of MTV's "Awkward"

CAROLE BUFFORD // Cabaret performer in New York and London

AUSTIN FRENCH // Runner-up on the ABC television competition "Rising Star"

SHELBY MCLEOD // Post Monroe

GEORGIA 4-H CENTERS

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

THE GEORGIA 4-H CENTERS ANNUALLY SERVE A COMBINED 100,000+ VISITORS.

From the mountains, through the Piedmont and along the coast, the five Georgia 4-H centers provide safe and educational settings for 4-H events, camps, Environmental Education programs, conferences and workshops. To keep the camps modern, safe and in good condition, there are continual updates and improvements at each location. Some of the more notable updates in the last year have been at Fortson 4-H Center in Hampton and at Camp Jekyll on Jekyll Island.

The largest private gift ever received by the Georgia 4-H Foundation, the transition of Fortson 4-H Center to Georgia 4-H from the Fortson Youth Training Center, Inc., was recently completed. Soon thereafter, improvements related to fire code began and have since included upgrades to the water lines, kitchen, chapel, gymnasium and more.

Jekyll Island 4-H Center closed in December 2014 to allow for construction of the new facility by the Jekyll Island Authority. At the close of fiscal year '16, all buildings, except for the pavilion, had been razed and the new structures were well on their way to completion. The new facilities include an education center with classrooms, large assembly space, animal exhibits and offices. Other new buildings include a dining hall, staff house and six cabins (two with 64-bed capacity each and four with 32-bed capacity each). Two large, open-air pavilions were added, and the original pavilion was renovated and updated. Added recreational areas include a new full basketball court and sand volleyball courts. Camp Jekyll was renovated with \$17 million in state funding. Georgia 4-H is planning to resume 4-H Environmental Education programs in early 2017, and 4-H summer camp will return to Camp Jekyll in 2017.



PHOTOS OF CAMP JEKYLL

GEORGIA 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MILESTONES CONTINUE

It was in 2013 that the total Georgia 4-H EE program served its one millionth participant. Since then, the total has grown to well over 1.1 million participants! Additionally, several of the individual centers have surpassed impressive milestones. During the 2015-16 school year, Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega served its 100,000th EE participant while Rock Eagle 4-H Center served its 500,000th EE participant.



GEORGIA 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD

On a recent trip to Ecuador with UGA Extension, Melanie Biersmith (Extension 4-H Specialist and Statewide Coordinator of 4-H Environmental Education) shared a popular Georgia 4-H EE activity with the young people of Yungilla School. A game of "bird migration hopscotch" allowed students to understand the connection of USA and Ecuador and our shared desire to protect the migration pathways of birds who travel between the two countries.

CAMP COUNSELORS

BURTON 4-H CENTER ON TYBEE ISLAND COUNSELORS

Ashleigh Childs, Leadership

Madison Adams

C.J. McLocklin

Micheala Fontaine

Zea Patterson

Will Wallace

Hope Weisbrod

FORTSON 4-H CENTER COUNSELORS

Samantha Price, Leadership

Jacob Freeman

Ellen Powell

Hannah Rucker

Hannah Moseley

Elizabeth Robinson

Tyler Wagner

ROCK EAGLE 4-H CENTER LEADERSHIP COUNSELORS

Rachael Allen

Meghan Mitchell

Nick Waters

Kevin Braski

Wilson Pierce

Victoria Lauren Williams

Anna Johnson

C.J. Rodrigues

Morgan Wurst

Darius Maynard

Gracie Rowe

ROCK EAGLE 4-H CENTER COUNSELORS

Brett Allen

Tyler Gray

Michelle Lewis

Michael Ashley

Ezra Hall

Sarai Mapp

Trevor Barker

Bailey Handy

Elise McDonald

Megan Beckett

Ke'Marcis Howard

Natalie Moncus

Madison Carter

Laura Huff

Cody Norris

Anthony Catanzariti

Kayla Imler

Alyssa Pawlik

Grace Chauncey

Jordyn James

Maggie Plott

Jared Daniel

Jack Jehle

Catie Pope

Ben Dennis

Ryan Johnson

Daniel Queen

Jacob Dixon

Kyle Jones

Madeline Rentz

Travis Dopson

Kara Jordan

Sage Royston

Emma Garrison

Whitney Kirkpatrick

Karley Sanders

Allison Gilbert

Accacia Lawson

Hayley Schofill

WAHSEGA 4-H CENTER COUNSELORS

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Cruzz Bernales

Stephanie Busse

Tristan Gaskins

Madison Rivers

Ryan Rose

Meredith Tomlin

Harley Williams

Robert Thomas

Erin Treon

Sarah Waldrop

Brittany Walker

Emily Waller

Rachel Wasserman

Sara Wasserman

Zachary White

Mackenzie Wurst



TWILIGHT ON THE LAKE

With more than 200 attendees and \$8,500 in funds raised to support Georgia 4-H, Twilight on the Lake at Rock Eagle 4-H Center was a huge success. Special thanks to Georgia 4-H alumna Jenna Williams Black for chairing the event, and to our corporate and table sponsors listed below.

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Mark your calendars for the 2017 Georgia 4-H Gala on
August 12, 2017, at the Loews Atlanta Hotel.



ROCK EAGLE 4-H CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

The Rock Eagle 4-H Center 21st Century Cabin Replacement Project progress was celebrated during a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2016 Georgia 4-H State Council honoring the support of the late Thomas and Katie Lee Helton and Bucky and Shelley Cook.

Combining private supporters (like the Helton and the Cook families) and public support, significant progress has been made toward the funding and construction of replacement cabins at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. During the 2016 legislative session, Georgia 4-H was the recipient of \$5 million in state-appropriated funds. This significant state funding launched the final phase of the cabin replacement project. To date, Georgia 4-H has received \$17.5 million in state-appropriated funds and \$4.2 million in private commitments and pledges. Total funds secured account for 63 percent of the \$34.7 million funding goal. Twenty-eight cabins have been completed and are now in use; six cabins are currently under construction; six cabins have complete funding and await construction; and 14 cabins need funding to complete the campaign.

Investments in Rock Eagle 4-H Center are far-reaching and have long-term impact on the success of the Georgia 4-H program: hundreds of thousands of 4-H youth and adults pass through the center's gates and use the facilities, making it a distinctive learning environment where youth demonstrate knowledge gained, develop leadership skills and create lifelong friendships. The public and private funding partnership for construction of replacement cabins at Rock Eagle 4-H Center is a key component of the success of the Rock Eagle 4-H Center 21st Century Cabin Replacement Project. The center's improvements enhance its ability to provide a quality learning environment for youth, as well as attract adult business that is critical to the overall operation while keeping costs at a minimum for our youth audience.



MAKING THE GRADE

DEKALB SCHOOL TAKES HOOVES OUT OF URBAN 4-H PROGRAM

WRITTEN BY H. M. CAULEY

In the metro area, 4-H is blossoming at the 1,500-student Sequoyah Middle School in Doraville, a town inside the Perimeter where cows and chickens are few and far between.

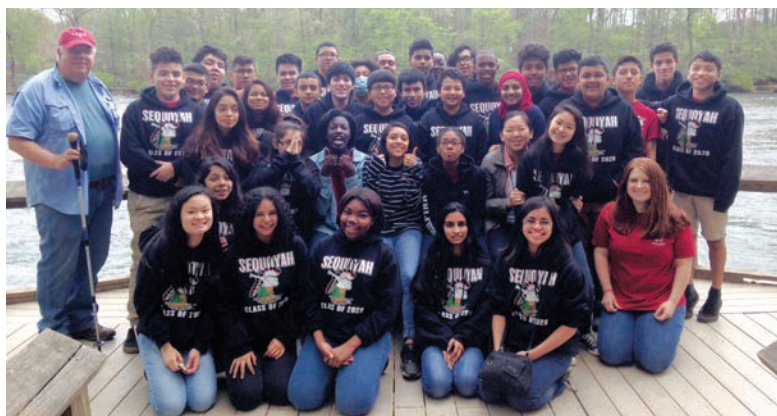
"Farm animals are things our kids have never seen before," said Lauren Ruehman, a physical science teacher at Sequoyah who sponsors the 4-H Club. "They have no exposure to that. So we've taken a 4-H program and urbanized it."

Contemporary 4-H clubs can pick from a variety of curriculum designed to reach kids where they live, said Ruehman. And all the activities are free.

"4-H started as a very rural agricultural club, and there are still some aspects to that," she explained. "We do learn about food products in Georgia, for instance. But we're encouraged to tailor our programs. We now focus more on science-based activities and life-based skills - things they don't learn in school but are still relevant."

The Sequoyah club has undertaken projects around coding and computer science, how to manage finances and the effects of using drugs. Those sorts of relevant topics have rejuvenated a club that was dormant when Ruehman got to Sequoyah three years ago.

"We've completely rebooted it" she said. "We now have about 40 students participating in activities that take place during and after school."



One of the most popular projects takes older students to the adjacent Reynolds Elementary school where they tutor youngsters in math and reading. They also tend the school's fishery where rainbow trout are raised from eggs, then transplanted into the Chattahoochee River to repopulate it.

"This is the third year we've done that, and it's been a lot of fun," said Ruehman. "We raise the trout in our outdoor classroom until they reach about 4 or 5 inches. Then the kids deliver them to the Chattahoochee. Along the way, they raise them, take care of them, graph their progress and learn about water quality."

Club members have also organized and taken responsibility for a school-wide recycling program, overseen by eighth-grader Sophia Yang, who joined the club at the beginning of the school year.

"I'd just moved here, and when I heard about the club, decided to join," she said. "I like tutoring the kids in the outreach program and running the recycling program. That gives me better leadership skills. I'm also more confident when I have to do presentations because the club helps me work on my speaking skills."

In March 2016, 12 students put their speaking skills to the test when they attended a state-wide meeting at the 4-H center in Eatonton where they presented a project they worked on.

"I think the kids are attracted by the community service aspect of being in the club," said Ruehman. "But 4-H has so many ways a kids can get involved with something."

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GENERATION — TO — GENERATION RECONNECTING FRIENDSHIPS

WRITTEN BY JORDAN DEWITT,
2011-12 GEORGIA 4-H
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"When we went to stuff the first shovel in the ground at Rock Eagle, I knew it would be great. But, I could not imagine it (Rock Eagle 4-H Center) growing from nothing there to what is now," recalled Barbara Young Hundley, Richmond County 4-H alumna. While Hundley is speaking of the groundbreaking ceremony for Rock Eagle 4-H Center, she could just as easily be describing her longstanding, but also long-distance, friendship with Newton County Alumna Jane Greer Anderson.

Hundley and Anderson developed a friendship when they served together in 1949-1950. This is not uncommon, as the sense of commitment and friendships cultivated are important hallmarks of many 4-H careers.

Just as today's 4-H youth, Hundley and Anderson were active and involved 4-H members who began their 4-H leadership experiences by holding offices in their local

clubs and counties. They are now alumni who proudly represent the organization.

Back then, Barbara Young (Hundley) and Jane Greer (Anderson) developed as leaders when they were elected to serve as Georgia 4-H State Officers (now known as the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors). They served together the year before the 1951 groundbreaking ceremony for Rock Eagle 4-H Center, but—as state officers—they were an important part of the planning, anticipation and excitement that accompanied the historical event.

Recognizing the tremendous dedication of these individuals, the Georgia 4-H Foundation felt the need to engage and connect with them. As a result, the Georgia 4-H Foundation hosted a Georgia 4-H Board of Directors reception, which provided a time to welcome the new board members and allowed alumni officers to reunite with friends. "As 4-H members, our board of directors are some of our most dedicated and recognizable students. We are pleased to expand our alumni board reception and continue to engage officers by including all years of service," said Mary Ann Parsons, executive director.

Throughout preparation for the reception, I had the pleasure of catching up with Anderson and Hundley, among others. In the beginning, I was unaware of their close friendship, but it didn't take long for our conversations to deepen, and I found myself looking forward to the phone conversations, where they each recalled their service together and the lifelong friendship they developed along the way. My own excitement mirrored theirs as I, too, eagerly anticipated not only seeing my peer board members, but also being part of two best friends reuniting after 64 years.

"The idea of seeing her and others I was officers with... I knew I just had to go," said Hundley.

"We yelled, cried and hugged each other. I cannot describe the joy I felt when I saw her," Anderson recalled.

"When you care about someone that deeply, it's almost like you never forget. They've always been in your heart and your mind. To sit there, feel their heart and hug...to sit there and talk and be together is marvelous. Let's face it, a lot of people our age would not have been able to," said Hundley.

Being from a generation that expects a conversation to be only a touchscreen away, I cannot imagine losing contact for so many years. Georgia 4-H has many wonderful programs in which to be involved, and it is satisfying to be part of connecting Georgia 4-H alumni with long-lost friends. In doing so,

I gained a valuable life lesson I will never forget: distance and time may separate friendships, but the memories will always bring friends back together.

STATE 4-H BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALUMNI RECEPTION

There's no denying that Georgia 4-H is known to produce leaders. Youth leadership promoting independent and innovative thinking continues to serve our state and nation well as we tackle the challenges of tomorrow. One visible group of youth leaders is the State 4-H Board of Directors. In June, nearly 100 State 4-H Board alumni, ranging from the 1940s to today, gathered for an officer alumni reception hosted by the Georgia 4-H Foundation. For many, it was the first time in years they had been back to Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The evening offered an opportunity for board members to rekindle old acquaintances, share experiences and revel in memories with Georgia 4-H being the common thread.



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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

President Jere W. Morehead hosted a reception in April at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia for Georgia 4-H to express gratitude and further relationships with University of Georgia graduates, northeast Georgia supporters and elected officials who support the Georgia 4-H program. The event included nearly 100 guests and highlighted the University of Georgia 4-H program's important role in serving the citizens of Georgia as it continues building private support from its loyal supporters.



GEORGIA 4-H ALUMNI RECEPTIONS IN DC & NYC

WRITTEN BY MARY ANN PARSONS



JOHNNY ISAKSON, US SENATOR
GRACIE ROWE, HEARD CO. 4-H ALUMNA

Gracie Rowe, Heard County 4-H alumna and current Georgia 4-H Foundation trustee, served as the 2016 Georgia 4-H Washington Intern on the Press and Scheduling team in U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson's office. "Working in Washington this semester has been one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. Not only did 4-H give me this opportunity, but it prepared me for this opportunity," Rowe said. She was celebrated at a special luncheon in Washington, D.C., in April, with other area Georgia 4-H alumni. Among the alumni present were American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall and Former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden. The luncheon, hosted by Georgia 4-H Foundation Trustee Randy Nuckolls, offered a great opportunity to hear the impact of 4-H for alumni who now call Washington, D.C., home.

In May, Floyd County 4-H alumna Alice Yurke Davis and her husband, Rob, hosted a Georgia 4-H dinner reception in their New York City home. In her remarks to the group of alumni, Davis reflected on the positive experiences she had while in Georgia 4-H and her pride in seeing area supporters reconnecting. The Davis' home provided the perfect setting for alumni like Jayson Dukes and Mallard Holliday (who became friends while serving as Rock Eagle 4-H Center counselors) to renew friendships and spend the evening talking about their experiences. Alumni stayed well into the evening, sharing memories of 4-H and their lives in New York. Following the reception, Georgia 4-H Foundation Chair Anne Sapp said,



"It was great to connect with Georgia 4-H'ers living in New York. I enjoyed sharing memories of where we came from to how we are using what we learned today even though we aren't in Georgia anymore."



For upcoming alumni events in your area, contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation.

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Mrs. Childs

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER

WRITTEN BY KERI HOBBS

YVONNE HIERS CHILDS OF GRADY COUNTY HAS BEEN NAMED THE 2016 NATIONAL 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE OUTSTANDING LIFETIME VOLUNTEER.

Childs has been an active and significant volunteer for more than six decades, and her total service accounts for more than 57,000 hours - the equivalent of approximately 27 years of full-time employment or \$540,000! The total time, talent and travel contributions of Childs are estimated to be in excess of \$700,000!

Her voluntary service spans both Georgia and Florida 4-H. While her service to Georgia 4-H totals 57 years, her total service to 4-H spans 69 years. "The Salute to Excellence is the greatest honor that 4-H gives to our volunteers in the field, and none in the region were more deserving this year than Yvonne Childs," said Jennifer Sirangelo, CEO and president of National 4-H Council. "She has dedicated her life to helping 4-H grow confident, capable and caring kids with the life skills to thrive in today's world, and she continues to positively influence the lives of our youth."



Nominated by Mary Ann Parsons and the Georgia 4-H Foundation, Childs was recognized with this top honor at Georgia 4-H State Council at Rock Eagle 4-H Center on June 25, 2016. As the honoree, Childs received a customized plaque, a \$1,000 donation in her name to the 4-H club of her choice and nationwide recognition during National 4-H Week at the 4-H Heritage Luncheon in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on October 7, 2016.

MEDALLION OF HONOR PRESENTED TO BOB & MAXINE BURTON

WRITTEN BY STEVE ROSE



Each year, the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences honors an outstanding individual or couple in recognition of their dedication to the college's mission and to express gratitude for the time, advice, support and influence they have provided. This year, the Medallion of Honor award was presented to University of Georgia alumni Bob and Maxine Burton. The Burtons were recognized at the December commencement ceremony for the college, where they gave the keynote address to the graduates.

"Supporters like the Burtons help ensure that we continue to provide a high quality education to our students, conduct cutting edge research and serve the citizens throughout the state of Georgia," said Joe Broder, interim dean and director of the UGA CAES. "The Burtons have been longtime friends and supporters of UGA, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Cooperative Extension and 4-H. This relationship goes back to their roots as 4-H members, where they excelled in their projects. They now credit 4-H with helping them gain valuable life skills."

"To be recognized with the Medallion of Honor is indeed an honor," Maxine said. "The University of Georgia College of Agriculture is doing amazing work preparing its students to be future stewards of Georgia's natural resources. We are proud to be associated with such a noble mission."

Bob and Maxine continue to be strong supporters of CAES as well as Georgia 4-H. In 1998, the Burtons provided funds to complete renovations and enhancements at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, formerly known as the Tybee 4-H Center. At the time, theirs was the largest gift ever to Georgia 4-H during the Pledged for Life Capital Campaign. The couple remain involved at the camp and each year provide backpacks for all campers at the Burton 4-H Center.

Bob is also a member of the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. In addition to their love of Georgia 4-H, the Burtons also support UGA and higher education through the Hubbard-Burton Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a UGA undergraduate student pursuing a degree in education.

"Bob and Maxine make a point to give back to their community and serve on numerous charitable boards, economic committees, community development organizations, philanthropies and professional organizations," Broder said. "They have been close friends of the college, often helping the administration make important connections and serving as trusted advisors to the dean. They are true advocates for agriculture, education and civic engagement. They believe that land grant institutions like UGA play a valuable role in helping communities thrive, ensuring that cutting edge research is discovered, and that students can obtain a quality education."

THE BURTONS HAVE REMAINED INVOLVED WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE, AND THEY CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT GAVE THEM SO MUCH.



THANKS TO YOU

**GEORGIA 4-H THANKS
4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHAIR, DENNIS DUNCAN**

WRITTEN BY MANDY MARABLE

Georgia 4-H succeeds because thousands of dedicated adult volunteers give their time and talents in developing and sustaining programming to reach more than 170,000 young people each year. The Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee, comprised of 50 volunteers, serves as a key sustainer for the organization as the members actively advise the professional 4-H program staff. Since its inception in 1946, the committee has taken a dynamic role in communicating the value and accomplishments of Georgia 4-H.

The Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee has benefited from outstanding leaders who devote much time and effort to lead the committee. Past chairs include 4-H supporters like former Monroe County Assistant Superintendent Priscilla Doster and Gale Cutler, public relations coordinator for Georgia Electric Membership Corporation. These dedicated professionals attended multiple 4-H events and led their fellow committee members by example.

Dennis Duncan, professor in the Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication department in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, joins the group of past chairs as he completes his term of service. Duncan has spent the last four years serving the committee and Georgia 4-H through his role as chair-elect and chair. State 4-H Advisory Liaison Mandy Marable says, "Dr. Duncan's commitment to young people is evident through the time and energy he devotes in his life's work. Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have received this level of mentorship with Dennis as our chair. He has a communicative style that encourages the committee members in his charge to be engaged and intentional with their service."

**GEORGIA 4-H IS INDEBTED TO DENNIS FOR HIS
LEADERSHIP AND GENEROUS SERVICE AS HE HAS
"MADE THE BEST BETTER."**

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

BEVERLY SPARKS & ALLEN NASWORTHY

WRITTEN BY KASEY BOZEMAN

The GAE4-HA Friend of 4-H award is a significant honor and presented annually to a deserving person or people whose leadership actions and support have contributed to the improvement and promotion of the Georgia 4-H program. This year we honor two deserving individuals for their contributions.

Beverly Sparks was recognized for her continued support of the Georgia 4-H program while she served as the first female Associate Dean for Extension. Her leadership and commitment to “making the best better” impacted hundreds of thousands of 4-H youth, volunteers and professionals across the state and nation and will also make a difference for 4-H’ers far into the future. Sparks quoted,

“ONE OF MY GREATEST REWARDS IS TO MEET A YOUNG PERSON WITH THE LIFE SKILLS TO HANDLE THEMSELVES IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL SETTINGS AND KNOW THAT 4-H PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THEIR SUCCESS.”

Allen Nasworthy was an incredible 4-H member, summer camp counselor, adult volunteer and Fortson 4-H Center director. He went above and beyond in his work, ensuring that guests of all ages enjoyed their experiences at Fortson 4-H Center. In 2016, Allen passed away. He is greatly missed, but his contributions to the Georgia 4-H program will be around for decades to come.



BEVERLY SPARKS



ALLEN NASWORTHY 1988 - 2016

WILLIAM H. BOOTH AWARD

CHERRY HOVATTER

"4-H HAS BECOME MY FAMILY, GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO NURTURE CHILDREN AND TOUCH THEIR LIVES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. WATCHING THEM MATURE FROM YOUNG CHILDREN TO ADULTS HAS BEEN QUITE A JOURNEY; A JOURNEY FILLED WITH HARD WORK, HEART BREAK, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS."



GREEN JACKET AWARD

REPRESENTATIVE TOM MCCALL

WRITTEN BY MARY ANN PARSONS



District 33 House Representative Tom McCall of Elberton, Georgia, was presented the prestigious Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award at Georgia 4-H State Congress on July 28. Serving in the House of Representatives since 1995, McCall is chairman of the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

When introducing McCall, State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H Arch Smith said, "All the facts that are listed on (McCall's) resume are true, but they don't begin to scratch the surface of Tom McCall's life of service and devotion to Georgia."

In speaking of McCall's strong support of 4-H, Smith says, "He has a deep love for Georgia 4-H that has continued since his own days as a Georgia 4-H'er." Upon receiving the honor McCall responded, "I know I would not be in the general assembly if it were not for my (4-H) involvement in high school. I never have 4-H out of my mind when I'm at the capital."

Established in 2009 to recognize deserving individuals for their outstanding statewide support of Georgia 4-H, the Green Jacket Award is

presented annually on behalf of Georgia 4-H alumni, donors, volunteers and friends. Tom McCall joins a group of dedicated Georgians who are past recipients: Governors Sonny Perdue and Nathan Deal; Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Mike Beatty; Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston; Georgia Board of Regents Chancellor Hank Huckaby; Georgia Representative Terry England, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; and Paul Wood, retired President/CEO of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation.

In his final comments to the 4-H youth who competed at State Congress, McCall challenged them,

**"NEVER FORGET WHERE YOU COME
FROM—EVER. NEVER QUIT."**

RYLES RISING STAR AWARD KASEY BOZEMAN

**"BEING A 4-H AGENT ALLOWS ME TO WORK
WITH SO MANY DIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE,
AND I'M FORTUNATE THAT I CAN LEARN
FROM THEM EACH AND EVERY MOMENT."**



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It is the largest youth development organization in the state of Georgia. Our alumni range from Grammy-award winning singers and writers to business owners, farmers, teachers and more. Last year we celebrated Georgia 4-H alumni, Miss America and six university student council presidents.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation is committed to maintaining the quality programming that allows our youth to succeed. Our board is comprised of outstanding leaders from across public and private sectors that are dedicated to providing innovative opportunities for youth throughout our state. The leadership training that these young women and men receive is transformational for their future and for the future of their families and their communities.

Thank you to our donors for your steadfast support. Because of your commitment to Georgia 4-H, we are able to not only provide programming, scholarships and special projects to youth, but we also maintain five outstanding 4-H centers throughout the state.

I am honored to serve as chair of the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees and support the outstanding work of our staff and the achievements of our youth.



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These skills are gained through hands-on experiences where adult mentors help youth learn in the 4-H way: Learn by Doing. The Georgia 4-H Foundation is proud to lead efforts to raise funds and awareness for youth across the state as 4-H delivers programs that build youth leaders.

Your support allows youth to explore their interests in various areas. At an early age, our 4-H members are taught to confidently set and achieve goals. Support can come at all levels, at all stages and at all ages; all combine to make a tremendous difference. We are thankful for the support of the many individuals, corporations and foundations that look to Georgia 4-H as a key investment in the future.

GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

INCOME

Grants	\$445,884
Contributions	\$1,467,923
Program Activities	\$2,577,828
Realized/Unrealized	-\$135,529*
Interest & Dividend	\$105,198
Total Income	\$4,461,304

*Loss on Marketable Securities

EXPENSES

Construction & Repairs	\$485,156
Program Services	\$3,889,688
Scholarships	\$69,783
Foundation Operating	\$475,041
Total Expenses	\$4,919,668

Beginning Net Assets	\$5,277,421
Ending Net Assets	\$4,819,057
Change in Net Assets	-\$458,364**

**The decrease in net assets for 2015-2016 reflects construction at the 4-H centers.

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