After a year of challenges due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Georgia 4-H is excited to begin the process of 'getting back to normal,' and begin many in-person programs and activities including camp! Over the past year, our Centers came to a standstill as Georgia 4-H worked to curb the potential for health risks, but groups have again started booking and meeting in our Centers with safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, our state and county faculty and staff created innovative programs to ensure 4-H'ers still have opportunities to participate through virtual formats, and many of those virtual programs are ongoing.

Included in this newsletter are several examples of those newly created and implemented virtual programs. We are also excited to share news about many exciting in-person events being held in the coming months.

**PROJECT SAFE**

Georgia 4-H’s State BB Match was the biggest in-person event in more than a year. More than 500 youth, grades 4-9, participated in the contest on April 25, and almost 300 adult volunteers helped make it happen.

As part of Georgia 4-H Project SAFE, the State BB Match uses shooting sports to teach valuable life skills while providing youth a place to develop a sense of belonging, learn teamwork in a safe environment, and increase concentration skills.

**CHAPEL REDEDICATION**

The Rock Eagle Chapel stands in prominence once again as the heart of Rock Eagle. More than 200 donors and supporters attended the rededication of the chapel on June 6. Emeritus Foundation Board Member Jerry Griffin was a featured speaker.

Mr. Griffin met his wife in 4-H and they were married at the chapel.

Tours of the chapel were guided by members of the State Board of Directors and there was a special lunch program in the Dining Hall. Attendees enjoyed a performance by Clovers & Co. and the event turned into a wonderful reunion for generations of 4-Hers.
This year's $4 for 4-H event was held on social media on April 4th. Supporters from all 159 counties contributed to the Georgia 4-H Foundation during the online fundraiser. Nearly 500 donors contributed a total of $31,061 to support Georgia 4-H's programs. Half of the money raised within each county was returned to them for their county activities. Of all Georgia counties, Oconee raised the most followed by Morgan and Turner. Georgia 4-H appreciates your support and is looking forward to the next $4 for 4-H event on April 4, 2022.

Throughout the past year, Georgia 4-H has offered the "Zoom into Science" series for the state's youth. This STEM webinar series allowed Georgia 4-H'ers to directly engage with natural science experts in their respective fields. Not only do participants learn science content, but they are exposed to a variety of STEM-related careers during the one-hour sessions.

Since last spring, 22 sessions have been held with more than 1,400 live attendees with hundreds more watching the series recording after the live stream. Speakers have come from eight states and abroad.

To register for sessions and view previous recordings, please visit: https://georgia4h.org/zoom-into-science.
The Georgia 4-H Foundation salutes Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation for their ongoing and generous support! Each year, Gulfstream sponsors and underwrites the Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol in which more than 400 students from around the state have the opportunity to see state government in action. Legislators are all invited to a special luncheon, and each of them gets to sit and visit with their 4-H youth, agent, and volunteer district constituents.

Since March 2020, Georgia 4-H's "From The Mountains To The Sea" series has reached hundreds of thousands of people! The series consists of entertaining and educational videos to connect individuals to the 4-H Centers during these times when field studies and meetings have been difficult due to the pandemic. These online, education sessions highlight many of the programs available through the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program. Be on the lookout for the summer 2021 series coming July 26-30. All videos are available in our archive, https://georgia4h.org/ee
On August 14, 2021, the Georgia 4-H Foundation Gala will be held at the Georgia Aquarium's Oceans Ballroom for a night of support and celebration— and to recognize Lifetime Achievement recipient Diane Davies. Ticket sales have reached capacity, but for the first time you can join virtually! Learn more about the event and to buy a virtual ticket, visit www.georgia4hfoundation.org/gala
The 2020-2021 State Board of Directors has experienced a unique and valuable experience during a year where programs have taken the opportunity to get creative. Officers participated in a virtual orientation and training. They also took part in several safely executed in-person events including a weekend retreat at Camp Jekyll focusing on team-building. Officers participated in planning sessions, went on educational tours, had campfires, visited the beach, and more. They also participated in leadership training at the University of Georgia and met with Georgia's Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation would like to thank our Leadership & Officers Circle donors for financially supporting the development of the state and district officers throughout the year. If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of the Leadership & Officers Circle, please follow this link: https://georgia4hfoundation.org/needs

As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Clover's & Co., we're proud to spotlight Clovers alumna and singer/songwriter Hannah Dasher. Hannah is a Master 4-H'er from Effingham County and was recently named to CMT's "Next Women of Country Class of 2021."

Hannah also helped the Foundation launch "Friends of Clovers & Co.", a special group that consists of donors and patrons who financially support this incredibly talented group of 4-H'ers. All donations made to the "Friends" fund are specifically earmarked to underwrite the activities, programs, and performances of Clovers. To learn more about "Friends of Clovers & Co." visit georgia4hfoundation.org/campaigns/ and select the "Friends of Clovers & Co." tab.
The Georgia 4-H Foundation is kicking off a new recurring gift campaign encouraging supporters to become Evergreen Donors. The 4-H Clover is evergreen because it stays green throughout the year impacting the lives of Georgia’s youth. This impact could not be possible without the generosity of donors. #StayGreen for Georgia 4-H and become a monthly donor to help sustain Georgia 4-H programming!

When you become a Georgia 4-H Foundation Evergreen Donor, you are joining a group of supporters making a monthly commitment to ensure the accessibility of 4-H youth development programs around the state. Whether you give $4, $14, or $44 your contributions add up monthly and go to work immediately.

For the cost of a monthly streaming subscription, your support can help a 4-H'er experience summer camp or participate in project achievement.
CAMP IS BACK!

After much planning and anticipation, Georgia 4-H Summer Camp is BACK! More than 2,800 participants (youth and adult) will experience the magic of 4-H camp during eight sessions. This summer, a traditional residential 4-H Camp is being held exclusively at Rock Eagle. The capacity for each week is reduced to about half of our usual population for social distancing purposes, and the week has been shortened to a four-day/three-night adventure to allow for enhanced cleaning. Though there are a few differences this summer, 4-H’ers still have the opportunity to try new things, build relationships with their peers and leaders, experience independence as they spend time away from home and meet new people, and create memories to last a lifetime.

STATE CONGRESS 2021

Although State Congress was not held in person last year due to COVID-19, Georgia 4-H is thrilled to have over 300 young people participating at the event in Atlanta. The four days will include competition, recognition, and comradery. Also during the time at Congress, the group will travel to classic Atlanta attractions like the Georgia Aquarium, the High Museum of Art, Zoo Atlanta, the World of Coke, and the College Football Hall of Fame. A silent disco will also be held before the announcement of the newest Master 4-H’ers! Congress will conclude as participants are recognized at the traditional annual banquet.
Dear Georgia 4-H Supporters:

Thanks to each of you for the expansive and heightened support that you have given during these past nine months as our organization dealt with the effects of Covid. State 4-H Leader Arch Smith said on many occasions as we found ourselves in the midst of the pandemic, ‘we will get through this situation, and when we do, we'll come out even stronger on the other side.’ And he was certainly correct in that assessment.

With your financial investments, the Foundation finished this past academic year as strong as ever. Just look at the response for the Gala, for example: as I write this note we have an audience of 600 attendees and a waiting list of more than 50. Your largesse has been spread to other initiatives as well, with additional funding for areas such as Project Achievement, Leadership & Officers Circle, and a number of capital and infrastructure donations – besides the outpouring of unrestricted giving that helped make certain there was funding for unexpected needs.

It is an honor to work with and for such a dedicated group: the Georgia 4-H ‘family.’ Please know how much I appreciate you all both personally and professionally.

Appreciatively yours,

Johnathon S. Barrett
Executive Director

Libby Shepherd
Development Officer

Adam Hammond
Development Officer

Don’t miss the 2021 Georgia 4-H Gala Silent Auction!
-You don’t have to be at the gala to bid
-Online bidding begins August 2
-Watch your email inbox for registration and additional information
-Items include several trips like an escape to Italy, a weekend with golf at Sea Island, and a luxurious North Georgia Cabin stay. Bidders will also have the chance to win a 1980 UGA National Championship football signed by the team, an amethyst ring, fly fishing trip, a kayak, and much more!
**Annual Fund**

By signing up for a one time or a monthly recurring donation you fulfill a great need for unrestricted donations to support facilities and programs for youth across our state.

**Project Achievement**

Each year thousands of Georgia 4-H members, from elementary to high school, explore their interests in more than fifty diverse content areas in Project Achievement. Our participants depend on Blue, Red and White Ribbon Sponsors in order to compete.

**Leadership and Officers Circle**

Donors to our Leadership & Officers Circle support Georgia youth as they experience leadership and professional development training through our esteemed district and state officer programs.

**Friends of Clovers & Co.**

Your sponsorship helps promote leadership and self-confidence through the performing arts, and many cast members have gone on to careers in entertainment. Your generous sponsorship allows this program to operate while keeping costs low for participants.

**Capital Gifts and Rock Eagle Cabin Campaign**

Major gifts to support the Georgia 4-H program and 4-H centers are vital as we provide needed support for programs, services, and facilities. The Georgia 4-H Foundation provides a number of opportunities for supporters of 4-H to make a significant gift outside of their annual donation. For a listing of capital needs or to discuss a planned gift, contact Johnathon Barrett at Johnathon.Barrett@uga.edu.

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