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## **4-H Today**

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

- Nationally: More than 6 million youth served annually with 60 million alumni who are active in every U.S. county.
- In Virginia: There are more than 170,000 4-H members, working with over 13,000 caring adult volunteers.
- Virginia Demographics: 49 percent boys, 51 percent girls, and 34 percent minorities.
- Virginia Programs: Clubs, camps, after-school programs, and in-school enrichment.













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The mission of the Virginia 4-H Foundation is to ensure strong and vital opportunities for the positive development of Virginia's youth through the solicitation of private donations to support 4-H.

### **The 4-H Foundation:**

- Supports the planning and implementation of all phases of fundraising for the general enhancement of 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Informs and encourages prospective donors on the need for support for the educational, research, and service missions of 4-H.
- Strengthens the public support of 4-H programs and partnerships at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Develops and maintains a gold-standard culture that perpetuates a strong, successful foundation.

### Giving to the Virginia 4-H Foundation

All gifts to the Virginia 4-H Foundation are managed by the Virginia Tech Foundation, which has been rated among the nation's elite foundations in recent years. Gifts may be designated for immediate use, may be added to an existing endowment or used to create a new endowment. Spending must be requested by an Extension faculty or staff member, and the endowment agreement – created by the donor, the program leader and the foundation – guides spending decisions.

Other than investment and endowment management fees, all funds and income earned are available for 4-H programming in accordance with the Virginia Tech Foundation endowment management policies. Relative to other organizations that must support staff, overhead, and capital costs, this represents a unique combination of world-class fiduciary management with maximum impact per dollar.

Annual spending is budgeted to be 5 percent of the endowment value, inclusive of annual investment returns. The Virginia Tech Foundation endowment earned a 19.6 percent return for fiscal year 2011.

For more information on how you can support the Virginia 4-H programs, please contact:

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