

Maine 4-H *Foundation*

Annual Report 2020



Dear Friends of the Maine 4-H Foundation,

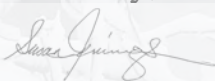
Our chosen word for 2020 is *Resilience*. Upon reflection, we saw a year of not only unprecedented change and hardship, but also great resilience and dedication in the face of adversity.

As a 4-H community, we have:

- Provided funding to support our statewide 4-H Youth Development programs, our 4-H Camp and Learning Centers and creative new educational programs statewide.
- Provided scholarship support for higher educational opportunities for our Maine youth.
- Provided COVID-19 support to 4-H members, families, teachers, classrooms, schools and communities, including the delivery of amazing videos, live virtual teaching opportunities, creative at home educational tool kits, lessons, virtual clubs and more.
- Reinforced our dedication to raising cultural awareness and providing opportunities for all youth across Maine.
- Enhanced our educational enrichment programs to include virtual classes and research for K-12 students, teachers, and administrators

Our mission is now more important than ever, and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Susan Jennings
Executive Director

Carla Lafayette
President





Our Mission

The Maine 4-H Foundation cultivates, promotes and secures financial resources to support the 4-H Youth Development program statewide.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension oversees the 4-H Youth Development program in Maine.

Our Vision

We support a 4-H program that provides opportunities for all Maine youth. We seek to create and enhance program and recognition opportunities for 4-H members and volunteers, that they may develop the value and characteristics of successful citizens with responsibility, leadership, and integrity.

Core Beliefs and Values:

The Maine 4-H Foundation believes and supports the following:

- Preserving the strong 4-H traditions
- Valuing opportunities for all Maine youth
- Valuing the personal growth and life skills development that long-term 4-H club participation brings
- Valuing active participation, volunteers, and cultivating development
- Supporting innovative 4-H STEM programming, environmental sustainability education, healthy living, leadership, arts and service
- Supporting a Youth Trustees in Philanthropy and Youth Involvement in Development



Creating Opportunities for All



Photo from 2018

The Maine 4-H Foundation has grown tremendously[®] over the past few years, supporting an equally creative and expanding 4-H program across Maine. 2020 proved to be a challenge, but UMaine Extension and Maine 4-H lived up to the challenge and created new ways to teach, educate, support and empower Maine youth.

*“Belonging to 4-H was one of most important things, if not the most important, that I ever did.”
— Dr. Frederick Hutchinson, University of Maine President from 1992-1997.*

“UMaine Extension conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.” – Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy, University of Maine President 2020.

“Showing gratitude and being grateful are two of my deeply held values, I am grateful for all of the incredible work that Extension and 4-H has accomplished throughout this pandemic.” - Dr. Hannah Carter, Dean UMaine Extension 2020.

Community Central builds workforce and life skills for high school students in Lewiston and Portland, Maine. Teens demonstrate knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behavior necessary for leading fulfilling contributing lives because they participate in Community Central. This project is an initiative to connect schools, families, and communities.

Community Central engaged over 3,000 elementary students from Lewiston and Portland in experiential STEM learning at public housing, school, and community sites.

Maine 4-H is open to all
ages 5-19 nationwide!

There are more than 6 million 4-H members
throughout the Nation!

4-H New Innovative Programs

Maine 4-H Aquaponics has created and developed amazing new experiences for youth in 2020. One of our 4-H amazing educational experiences included live virtual lessons on aquaponics, Young people grow their own plants above their own fish tanks. Learning about taking care of living fish, and the nutrients needed to grow the plants and how the two work together.



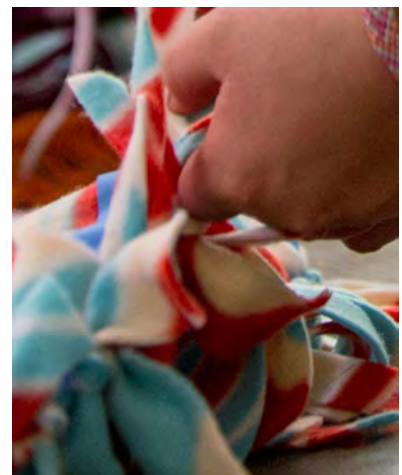
4-H Passport Around the World SPIN Club

Join Maine 4-H and Greenheart Exchange as we travel around the world virtually and meet other teens from across the globe! Meetings will include a brief presentation from a Greenheart Exchange Student, an activity, and Q & A.

This SPIN Club is designed for ages 12-18 and open to all youth. A minimal supply list will be provided for each activity. The program will focus on increasing a greater understanding of international arts, culture and life experiences.

4-H exploring the art and culture around the world

- **Ukraine** – Dyed Eggs
- **Indonesia** – Batik
- **Poland** – Paper Chandelier
- **Georgia** – Calligraphy Card
- **Kosovo** – Paper Quilling Box
- **Bangladesh** – Henna



New Virtual 4-H Education in 2020

So, You Want to Make a Video?

Videography on a Budget

This **four-part** series will help introduce staff to the process of creating short, instructional videos. Join hosts Dr. Colt Knight, *Assistant Extension Professor and State Livestock Specialist*, and Mari Glatter, *UMaine Extension Professional and Instructional Design*, as we talk with special guests about the details of budget videography. This new staff professional development opportunity began in 2021!

When Your 4-H Club Can't Meet in Person...GO VIRTUAL!

Led by 4-H Volunteer Heidi Baker and Jen Loblely

Not being able to meet indoors with our 4-H members for club meetings has been hard. And meeting outdoors this time of year may not be ideal! Join us to hear how 4-H club leaders are moving their club meetings to Zoom and meeting virtually. 4-H has offered many virtual learning opportunities for youth statewide from 4-H club support to Teen Cafe projects. 2020 programs included 4-H Trivia, a virtual exhibit hall, numerous virtual programs with hands-on home educational kits and more.




Check out our videos on line at

<https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/learn-at-home/4-h-friday-fun-videos/>




4-H Camp and Learning Centers



2020 has certainly been a challenge for UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Centers. Forced to close last March and only able to open for small groups in September - the year has been a challenge.

The good news is that local schools were able to depend on our 4-H Learning Centers for incredible researched based real life STEM and Outdoor environmental education when they were able to hold in-person learning. Our learning centers became critical science classrooms for the year. This continues today!



The exciting news is that we are moving ahead with active summer programs for small groups of Maine youth. Residential camps and summer local school programs will be able to explore the outdoors, learn about our local lakes and rivers, wildlife and magnificent environment.

Our 4-H Camp and Learning Centers typically have over 10,000 youth attend our programs, This year we will host as many young people as possible and continue with our virtual live streamed education coupled with hands-on learning kits for our kids.

Our sincere hope is to be back welcoming all of our Maine youth by fall of 2021! Thank you to everyone who has supported our 4-H Learning Centers. You are a part of our 4-H community making a difference for our Maine children and teens.

Statewide 4-H Animal Science



Animal science projects continue and 4-H volunteers work hard to help members to learn virtually and in small safe outdoor spaces.

We anticipate more hands-on 4-H animal science programs later in 2021.

Maine State Virtual Fair 2020

Participation in the Maine State Virtual Fair was an opportunity for 4-H members to be recognized for their efforts on projects they had completed and skills they had gained over the past 4-H year. Club members and independent 4-Hers from Maine were eligible and welcomed to submit entries to the Exhibit Hall.



Science Technology Engineering Math



The **Solar Sprint** is a fun, interactive way to teach principles of renewable energy and the engineering design process; as students create solar-powered model cars. The top cars from each participating school/site are invited to attend the state race where they are raced for top speed and judged on innovation, design, craftsmanship, and other categories. This program strives to increase youth interest in STEM-related topics and careers. Supported by RLC Engineering.

Maine Virtual Teen Science Cafés, a great place to learn new science skills and be connected to other teens across Maine. The Cafés as well as other virtual teaching programs were initiated due to COVID-19, but have been so successful that 4-H will be continuing the virtual programs to support and reach many more Maine young people.

Maine and 4-H,
reaching kids of all
ages.



Citizenship and Leadership



Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-18, from across the country. Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus, a six-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers and interact with Maine's State senators and representatives and/or their staffers. Program fellows lead bill writing workshops, as well as a national issues forum and mock elections. There are congressional sessions that prepare youth for leadership now and in the future. The 4-H Foundation provides support and scholarships to 4-H members attending CWF.

National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference are flagship events of the 4-H program supported by the Maine 4-H Foundation.

Congress provides youth ages 14-18 a quality, educational, and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of young people while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

Congress focuses on issues and trends in agriculture, cultural diversity, group dynamics and community service. The program is designed to help young people develop the knowledge base and leadership skills to positively affect change in our world.

Conference explores our democratic government National 4-H Conference is to provide an opportunity for youth, adult volunteer leaders and Extension staff to work together in addressing the issues of youth and how the 4-H Youth Development program can best meet the needs of youth at the local, state and national levels through educational programming.

Visual and Performing Arts



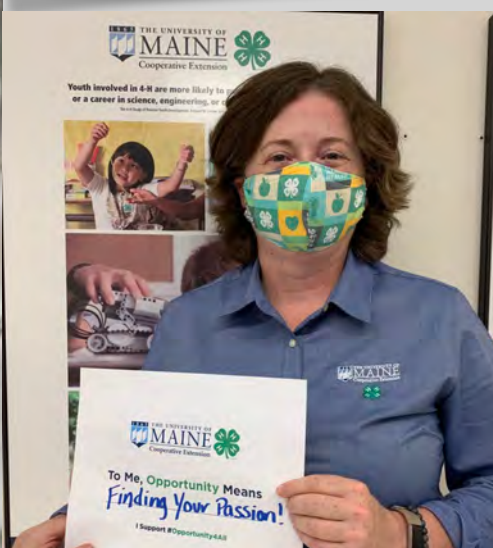
4-H offers club and project opportunities in all areas of the visual and performing arts. Our 4-H Camp and Learning Centers offer nature and the arts, music and nature and many creative arts programs during the summer. One of our new innovative virtual programs includes culture and arts from international countries. 4-H clubs are very involved with local craftsmen and artists. Both the arts and sciences offer opportunities for creative thinking and innovation.



4-H Health and Wellness

Join the 4-H Health Challenge in Maine! The Maine 4-H Foundation helps to support many new programs, projects and challenges in 2020!

Are your 4-Hers ready to commit to the 4th H? Your club can take on the **4th H for Health Challenge** and earn the **4th H for Health pin!** The challenge is to bring three healthy practices to your 4-H meetings and set an example of healthy eating and physical activity habits for 4-H youth.



"Mainely Dish" Recipe Video Series Watch EFNEP's "Mainely Dish" step-by-step videos for a simple recipe that can be done right at home! Keeping kids in the kitchen keeps them engaged! Visit our page to view video and download/print a recipe sheet PDF.

UMaine Extension Horticulturist shows how to spark interest in youth for the activity of gardening and as they get a jump start on spring with these gardening activities.

Be sure to share your gardening adventures by using the hashtag **#GrowingMaineGardeners**

[Tomato in a Bag video and instruction sheet](#)

[Bean Bags video and instruction sheet](#)

[Native Tree Seed Observation video and instruction sheet](#)

[How to Establish a Straw Bale Garden, Part I: Site Selection and Prep video and instruction sheet](#)

[How to Grow Microgreens Indoors video and instruction sheet](#)

[Seed Tape video and instruction sheet](#)

[Jump Start Spring, Forcing Branches Indoors video](#)

Resilience and Appreciation

4-H is an amazing program teaching young people to take action, persevere, learn, explore, set goals, practice, try, and explore, to be dedicated, to appreciate opportunities, and most important to be resilient.

Today, 4-H is an opportunity for every young person, there are clubs, community programs, 4-H Camp and Learning Centers, 4-H in the classroom, early college through 4-H and so many opportunities through UMaine Extension.

Join today, to begin learning and succeeding tomorrow!



4-H Looking Forward to 2021!

4-H is growing and expanding across our state. Our 4-H Learning Centers are open and slowly reaching more Maine youth in safe outdoor programs. Top finishers in the Maine 4-H Public Speaking Tournament, who earned a spot on the Maine 4-H Communication Science Team will be traveling with us and presenting at the New England Center 4-H program. We hope that COVID 19 will be behind us and our young people can continue to explore new learning activities, explore their passions and goals.

Today, 4-H continues to reach members through virtual and in person safe learning.

Explore 4-H today on our website, Facebook, and on YouTube.



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MAINE 4-H FOUNDATION



The Maine 4-H Foundation is pleased to present a financial report on the endowments and holdings through December 31st of 2016.

Fund	Investment Firm	Fund Value 12/2020
Azure Dillon and Chute Scholarship	RBC	127,951
4-H Foundation	HeadInvest	1,577,429
Claude Clement Scholarship	UMaine	12,582
Parker/Lovejoy Scholarship	UMaine	12,582
Evelyn Trorzky Scholarship	UMaine	18,872
Witter Scholarship	UMaine	12,582
Karen Hatch Gagne Fund	UMaine	31,909
Norma Hardison Fund	UMaine	31,453
Baird Fund	UMaine	60,027
Humphrey Family Scholarship	UMaine	12,585
Fred Hutchinson Scholarship	UMaine	19,000
4-H Foundation	UMaine	402,048
Wayne Rich Scholarship	UMaine	22,053
Harold H. Brown Fund	UMaine	31,453
Hawes Family Fund	UMaine	26,689
Farm Credit/Gladys Conant Scholarship	Harpwell	79,028
Oxford MKA Afterschool	Harpwell	88,457
Tanglewood School Fund	Harpwell	167,930
Tanglewood Financial Aid Fund	Harpwell	62,029
Rupert and Suzanne Grover Entrepreneur	Harpwell	66,064
Lafayette 4-H STEM	Harpwell (\$64,805 Jan 2021)	49,805
Fistal Family Master Gardener Scholarship	Harpwell	5,243
Elinor Perry Goat/Working Steer	Harpwell	17,551
4-H Hemphill Horse Endowment	Harpwell	28,717
4-H Dairy Endowment	Harpwell	15,688
Amy Alward 4-H Beef	Harpwell	23,277
Kim and Lincoln Merrill 4-H Sheep	Harpwell (\$58,185 Jan 2021)	56,185
Oxford County/Scholarship Fund	Harpwell	153,259
Oxton Trust	Harpwell	218,747
Tanglewood School Scholarship	Harpwell	177,475
Jackie Conant Scholarship	Harpwell	20,736
Cumberland County Fund	Harpwell	23,022
Somerset County Scholarship	Harpwell	32,306
Jeremy Strater Washington County	Harpwell	31,237
4-H General Fund	Harpwell	541,091
Leo J. & Catherine D. Pelley 4-H	Harpwell (New 2021)	30,000