2014 Annual Report





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Message from the Executive Director

In 2014, the Colorado 4-H Foundation experienced strong financial growth and increased funding for Colorado 4-H programs. Compared to FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) the Foundation's net worth increased by 14.12 percent, income by 9.37 percent, and 4-H program support by 38.95

percent. Grants were also secured from the Daniels Fund for \$85,000, El Pomar Foundation for \$10,000, and the Anschutz Family Foundation for \$7,500 to continue the 4-H Cowboy Ethics program.

A 2015 Ford F-150 Super Crew truck was donated to the Foundation in March as the grand prize for our annual raffle. This is the eighth truck donated by Colorado's Local Ford Stores. The 2014 raffle grossed a record \$106,240 generating \$46,922 for county 4-H programs and \$28,171 for the Foundation. The Foundation funds provided county grants for new 4-H programming and paid partial expenses for youth to attend National 4-H Congress and Citizenship Washington Focus.

The Betty Jean Kimberling Memorial 4-H Scholarship was established to help former 4-H members complete their degrees in Health and Exercise Science at CSU. The endowment was funded by generous gifts from Betty's colleagues, friends, and her husband Dr. Cleon Kimberling.

Thank you to Brian Allmer, Travis McGee, Teresa Locke, and Keith Maxey for completing two terms (six years) as trustees. Teresa was the 2014 Board President and worked through many legal hoops to secure clear title to the Esmiol property. Brian provided great radio and video coverage for Foundation events and Travis helped coordinate three Foundation galas. Keith continues to lead the effort to raise two million dollars to endow a 4-H Extension Agent position.

In January, we welcomed Tom Dougherty, Partner, Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP and Jim Van Someren, Communications Consultant Community Crisis Connection as new Foundation Trustees.

Gary Small

Executive Director, Colorado 4H Foundation

Message from Colorado 4-H Foundation President

2014 marked the 62nd year of the Colorado 4-H Foundation's existence. Our Mission sums up the Foundation's efforts since its creation in 1952. That Mission is:

"The Colorado 4-H Foundation provides positive youth development and education by raising and distributing funds in support of diverse Colorado 4-H programs".

To achieve this mission it takes a community of like-minded supporters, both individuals and businesses, to give their time and financial support to provide for these youth development opportunities. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I extend a hearty THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the Foundation this past year and to all who may be considering a contribution in 2015.



2014 was an exciting year filled with much satisfaction in seeing so many

programs being funded. Numerous college scholarships were awarded to deserving Colorado 4-H members beginning their college careers. Many more Colorado 4-Hers received financial assistance to attend and participate in many State and National conferences and educational programs. Most importantly, however, are the thousands of Colorado 4-Hers that are afforded the opportunity to learn and grow through local 4-H clubs and events each year. All of these programs are made possible by your generous giving. We appreciate YOU! Your continued support is critical to maintain and grow these opportunities for Colorado's youth.

Your Colorado 4-H Foundation is excited to soon "roll out" a new Colorado 4-H Alumni Association. The Association is designed to provide former (and current) Colorado 4-H members, families, and other supporters the opportunity to reconnect. Look for more information on this exciting new opportunity in the summer and fall of 2015!

As an Adams County Colorado 4-H member in the 1960s, 4-H afforded me the opportunity to learn and grow, while providing a unique and wholesome social network to thrive. Besides school, 4-H was the center of our family's social life. I relish the friendships and have greatly benefited from the skills and knowledge I attained from my 4-H experiences. I directly attribute the career successes I achieved with the Colorado State Patrol, rising to the position of Chief, to my 4-H experience, and the leadership and public speaking skills the program provided me. I want other Colorado 4-H youth to have that same opportunity and I believe you do also.

Colonel Mark Trostel

President, Colorado 4H Foundation

Dean Singleton inducted into Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame

Dean Singleton was raised on a cattle ranch located 25 miles from Graham, Texas. Participating in 4-H was the highlight of his youth where he was involved in several projects including swine, public speaking, and demonstration contests.

At the age of 15, Singleton started working for the Graham Leader where he wrote sports articles. After aging out of 4-H, he purchased his first newspaper company and co-founded MediaNews Group, one of the largest newspaper companies in the United States. Singleton was a pioneer in "Clustering" – developing groups of newspapers that centralized a variety of functions, including ad sales, business operations, and in some cases, editorials. Recently he retired as publisher of the Denver Post.

According to Singleton, the most significant accomplishment in his professional career was serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Associated Press and the Newspaper Association of America. Singleton credits his 4-H experience for his success. He states, "If it weren't for the public speaking skills I learned in 4-H, I would still be trying to make a living on that dusty old ranch in Texas".



Donor Focus — Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's longstanding partnership with the Colorado 4-H Foundation has been a natural fit from day one.

The Westminster-based wholesale electric power supplier sees its support of 4-H as an investment in the future of rural communities.

Tri-State serves 44 electric cooperatives and public power districts throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and New Mexico.

As a cooperative, Tri-State operates according to seven cooperative principles that guide cooperatives around the world. One of those principles is concern for community. The unique role of 4-H in communities aligns well with that principle.

Barbara Walz, senior vice president of policy and compliance at Tri-State, is a member of the 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. "Tri-State and its member systems are committed to the communities they serve. The opportunity to partner with the Colorado 4-H Foundation provides an outstanding channel through which to support youth in those communities," said Walz. "We're proud to stand behind the wonderful educational initiatives provided by 4-H that develop and mentor tomorrow's leaders."



Tri-State's member systems share in enthusiastically backing 4-H. "As a co-op, a piece of our business model is to enrich the lives of our members. Supporting our local youth through programs like 4-H allows us to develop our future workers and our membership in general," said Jeff Wadsworth, CEO of Ft. Collins-based Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association.

Tri-State has been particularly supportive of Citizenship Washington Focus trips. Last year, Tri-State's support paved the way for 30 deserving 4-H members to visit our nation's capital.

"Our members are your members. We serve the same families and communities whose youth benefit from the innovative, empowering development programs that the

Colorado 4-H Foundation supports. It's a win-win partnership that we plan to continue for years to come," concluded Walz.

Cloverbuds Go Mad at Science Camp!

Forty Cloverbuds attended the Mad Scientist Camp held on June 7, at the 4-H building in Greeley. Campers participated in 10 experiments during the camp including the "Human Bubble", making "Elephant Toothpaste", "Gak", and Lava Lamps. They also witnessed chemical reactions by making a geyser and a rocket car. Camp Cloverbud is for Weld County youth ages 5-7 years old and is open to 4-H members and non-members alike.







4-H Ag Innovators Experience

Colorado youth are learning about agriculture by solving a real-world agriculture challenge. This summer, 21 Colorado 4-H teen leaders will engage 1,250 youth in 4-H clubs, schools, and communities in an interactive "Water Windmill Challenge."



The 4-H Ag Innovators Experience presents an annual interactive activity that challenges young people to apply critical thinking and STEM skills to address a real-world agriculture challenge. The program was developed by National 4-H Council and Monsanto to help develop critical workforce skills in young people, and show that agriculture can be relevant and fun.

This year's activity is the "Water Windmill Challenge" and was created by Ohio State University. More than 10,000 youth from across eight states will be challenged to engineer a water windmill structure that helps generate wind-powered electricity to deliver clean, safe water to crops and farm animals. Participating youth will work in teams and use everyday materials, like a bucket, craft sticks, scissors and dowel rods. They will build a structure that supports three gallons of water and helps power the simulated water windmill.

Youth who participate in the Experience will also have a chance to enter a video contest showing how they would apply what they've learned to solve a food security issue in their community.





Message from the State 4-H Director

4-H Grows

4-H Grows Scientists, through the strong emphasis of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs being implemented in Colorado.

4-H Grows Leaders, through leadership development skills gained through the 4-H program.

4-H Grows the State and Local Economies, every public dollar spent to support the Colorado 4-H program is returned to the state's economy six-fold.

4-H Grows Strong Families, through strong family participation in the community club program.

"4-H Grows" (national 4-H advertising campaign) will be launched this summer. A major component of the campaign is the engagement of 4-H alumni. I look forward to

launching **4-H Grows** as a strong alumni engagement effort in Colorado.

This campaign will emphasize connecting with past 4-H members to provide them volunteer opportunities in state and local 4-H programs. 4-H alumni can also give back to the program as a donor. The challenge will be to develop effective communication mechanisms to locate and connect with this potential army of 4-H supporters and volunteers. Additionally, there are thousands of 4-H alumni from other states who live in Colorado. We intend to find ways to engage this influx of 4-H supporters into our program as well. I am confident the **4-H Grows** campaign will help us to accomplish our goals in connecting with our alumni community.

2014-2015 4-H Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Colorado 4-H Foundation awarded 20 college scholarships totaling \$19,000 to 4-H members to help them advance their educations at a university or college. More than 100 applications were received and reviewed by a panel of judges. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals and their accomplishments.

Colorado Agricultural Development Authority (CADA) Scholarships

- \$1,000 for students enrolling in an agriculture program at a Colorado college or university.



Garrett Brockelman,

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- \$500 for a 4-H member who completed three years of 4-H photography and exhibited photographs at the Colorado State Fair.



Tyler Murphy Chaffee County University of Colorado

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- \$1,000 for an outstanding Fremont County 4-H member attending Colorado State University.



Clayton Masar Fremont County Colorado State University

Audrey Sandstead Scholarship

- \$500 for a student enrolling as a freshman in the College of Applied Human Sciences at Colorado State University.



Heather Nereson Routt County Colorado State University

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- \$1,000 for outstanding 4-H members attending Colorado colleges or universities.



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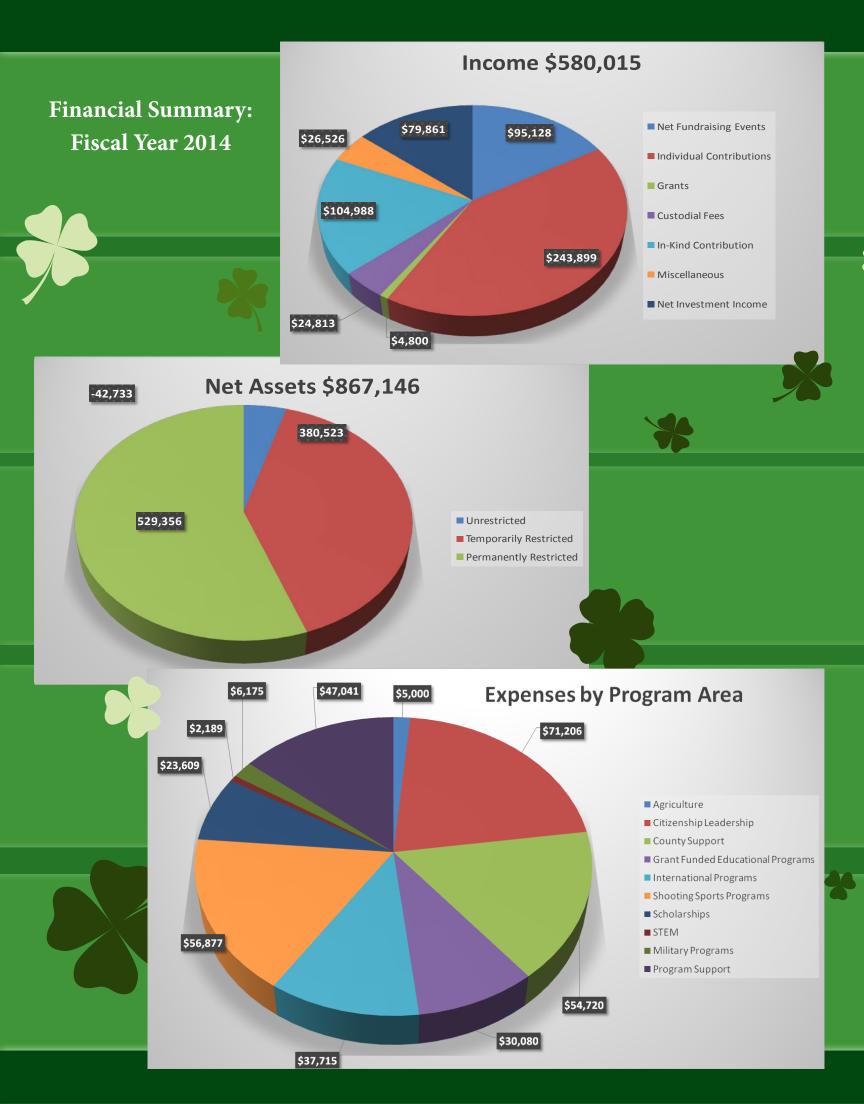
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Kimberling Family Scholarship

- \$1000 for a 4-H member who has exhibited food animal projects and enrolled in a pre-veterinary program at Colorado State University.



Jane (Toni) Gross Garfield County Colorado State University





2014 Benefit to County 4-H Programs (\$191,270)

The Colorado 4-H Foundation provided funding to counties in the following areas:

- 4-H Collegiate Scholars (\$2,000)
- 4-H College Scholarships (\$500 \$1,000)
- Citizenship Washington Focus (\$609 per delegate)
- Colorado Judging and Quiz Bowl teams attending National Contests (\$733 \$1,500)
- International 4-H Youth Exchange (\$6,000 per delegate)
- National 4-H Congress (\$615 per delegate)
- National Shooting Sports Invitational (\$500 per delegate)
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