



**4-H youth are uniquely prepared to confront the challenges of a complex, changing world.**

*Why?* Because we focus on helping youth develop a real sense of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery of vital life skills and knowledge aligned with *their* interests.

***"4-H isn't just a club, it's a family."*** — Mason, a 4-H alumni, got it right. 4-H programs, staff and volunteers offer youth a safe, supportive and positive community to learn life-skills and discover their potential.

Yakima County 4-H Benefactors are the family members, volunteers, mentors, staff, supporters and local professionals that have experienced the benefits of 4-H first-hand.

We've seen children grow into caring, competent, confident adults with positive character and strong connection, who ultimately contribute more; to their community and the workforce for a healthier, stronger America and a better world.

# HOW WILL YOU JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

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# JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

**An Invitation  
to join the  
Yakima County  
4-H Benefactor  
Team...**

***An opportunity to  
support the  
development of  
leadership,  
citizenship and  
responsibility  
among Yakima  
County's youth.***

The 4-H Study of  
Positive Youth Development shows...

**4-H helps youth excel beyond their  
peers—they are healthier, smarter  
and more responsible. 4-H youth...**

### **Make more healthy choices**

4-H'ers are 2.3 times more likely to exercise and be physically active, and have significantly lower rates of drug, tobacco and alcohol use.

### **Excel in school and the sciences**

4-H'ers report better grades, higher levels of engagement and are nearly twice as likely to plan for college. 4-H'ers are also more likely to pursue science careers, especially 4-H girls.

### **Improve their communities**

4-H'ers are 3.4 times more likely to actively contribute to their community.



## **The Challenge**

Financial support is needed to help growing numbers of local youth participate in 4-H programs. Now, more than ever, our youth need quality opportunities that encourage the lasting development of self esteem, self reliance and personal responsibility. Directly because of donors like you, local youth have access to 4-H club membership, educational workshops, programs and leadership development events!

Funding is also needed for support staff, basic supplies, postage and other necessary materials to support the large network of volunteers who dedicate their time to mentor, lead and support 4-H youth.

***"To Make the Best Better"***

## **The Plan**

The Yakima County 4-H Council has established an ongoing 4-H Benefactor Program dedicated to these critical needs, with the hope of raising \$25,000 per year.

We seek individuals, families and businesses that believe in the benefits of 4-H and wish to show their support by making an annual donation to ensure the program's success.

100% of donations benefit the Yakima County 4-H Program and are tax deductible (tax ID# 23-7283286).

## **Yakima County 4-H Benefactor Pledge**

I wish to join the Yakima County 4-H Benefactor Team. I agree to pledge the following amount, which will be invoiced annually until I notify the Yakima County 4-H Council to discontinue my participation:

☐ **\$1,000**

☐ **\$500**

☐ **\$250**

☐ **Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

☐ I'm making my first contribution in the amount selected above. I wish to be invoiced for this amount again in November for the next 4-H year.

☐ I prefer to support the program with a single contribution in the amount selected above.

☐ **Check Enclosed** (payable to Yakima Co. 4-H Leaders' Council)

☐ **Bill Me Please**

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**Signature**

*Please mail this form and your contribution to the Yakima County 4-H Council, c/o WSU Yakima County Extension (address on reverse).*