The Citizenship Courier is a monthly newsletter established by the Global Citizenship Intern at ISU Extension and Outreach.

Citizenship is a 4-H curricula area that teaches youth about their individual role in society and government, and is divided into four topics: civic engagement, civic education, service, and personal development. The Global Citizenship Intern aspires to empower the area of civic education, primarily focusing on global and cultural competence, while also highlighting the other three topics.

Check in often to learn more about citizenship and discover the ways you can get involved like your peers!

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**Thoughts - Inspiration - Action!**

When one person sets out to create an impact in their community, a great difference can be made. One can assume that there is a positive relationship between the number of volunteers and the extent of impact. There is also great benefit for families when they volunteer **together**. Developing skills, creating cohesive family bonds, and showing an investment in your community are all benefits to your family as you work together to serve others. To get started on creating this habit as a family, think about ways you can make a difference on **Family Volunteer Day** on November 19th.

Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

- Visit the guides on the **Generation On** website ([http://www.generationon.org/parents/resources](http://www.generationon.org/parents/resources)) to be inspired by the many ways you can become involved.
- Explore the needs in your community and, as a family, brainstorm solutions to meet those needs.
- Ask local businesses and organizations if there are ways you can help them.
- Focus on the family: capitalize on the interests and energy of all members.

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**Upcoming Events**

**October 16th**

**World Food Day**


**October 22nd**

**Make a Difference Day**

See: [makeadifferenceday.com](http://makeadifferenceday.com) & the **September 2016 issue**.

**November 19th**

**Family Volunteer Day**

[http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/family-volunteer-day](http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/family-volunteer-day)

See article to the left.

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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

~ Helen Keller

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Check out the [Global Citizenship webpage](http://www.generationon.org/parents/resources) for more ways to get involved as a global citizen!
Vision For the Future of 4-H

This National 4-H Week, we celebrate the 114-year legacy of 4-H that now stretches across our globe with programs in several countries. We honor the traditions, commemorate the achievements and observe the continued success of our respected 4-H program. We recognize that the 4-H program is changing the world by empowering the next generation with leadership skills, citizenship knowledge and an overall passion to make a difference in their community, their country and their world. 4-H creates unification among people in various cultures, religions and ways of life.

The 4-Hers we are raising will be the next generation of leaders, change makers and activists. They will be educators utilizing their 4-H leadership skills to invest in the generations to come. They will be lawyers who understand the importance of justice and the responsibility of citizens. They will be engineers applying their extensive STEM knowledge to advance our technological world and help the world run more efficiently. Others will become international entrepreneurs, fashion designers and market analysts. Most importantly, the 4-Hers of today will be the global citizens of tomorrow working together to make life better for the entire human race.

Delegates from the 2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference showed that they recognize the importance of global citizenship and want its components to be the force behind 4-H in the future. They drew pictures worth a thousand words on tiles at the conference in response to the staggering question: What will the Iowa 4-H program look like in 20 years? While some delegates focused on agriculture, others’ tiles reflected STEM, and still some took a route outside-of-the-box and allowed aspirations as big as the world to influence their drawings.

As you can see in the pictures on the next page, our 4-H youth possess a longing to make the world a better place. The tiles use words such as: love, difference, inspiring, helping, vision, community, together, everyone, and united. Their tiles reflect a desire to form connections all around the world and come together to make a difference. They have visions of the world becoming a better place because of the impact of 4-H and their individual, unique contribution. These 4-H’ers want the 114-year legacy to continue to spread around the world with hopes that every individual, no matter their location, will have the opportunity to spread their wings and grow in a 4-H program.

Our 4-H’ers are global citizens. They understand global interconnectedness and recognize that they have a responsibility to contribute to and care for our global society. Most importantly, they acknowledge the impact that 4-H has worldwide and desire for its global magnitude to grow.
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Created by 2015 Iowa 4-H Conference Delegates

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