

### GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

You may want to consider naming the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. If the Foundation is named both the sole owner and irrevocable beneficiary, the contributor is eligible to receive an immediate charitable deduction for the policy's net cash value or the net premiums paid, whichever is less. Additional premiums paid may also be tax deductible.

### RETIREMENT PLAN GIFTS

Designation of the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation as the primary or contingent (after a spouse) beneficiary of retirement plan assets (e.g., IRA, SEP, 401(k), profit sharing plan) can offer significant tax benefits since retirement accounts may be exposed to both estate and income taxes. Simply designate the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation as beneficiary on your plan's "Beneficiary Designation" form.

### DEDUCTIBILITY

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation is a "qualified charitable organization" and meets the standards and requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Under this provision, all contributions are deductible for federal income tax purposes (subject to statutory limitations) and for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

Gifts of cash (or your election to deduct only the cost basis of an appreciated asset) may be deducted up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) in a year. Gifts of appreciated real or personal property may be deducted up to 30 percent AGI. Excess deductions may be carried over for up to five (5) additional years.

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*We invite you to review the following ways that you can help insure the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation's pursuit of future excellence by making an investment in Woodbury County 4-H's 500 participants.*

*Your support is very important. All gifts should be directed to the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation.*

### **OUTRIGHT GIFTS**

#### GIFTS OF CASH

Gifts of cash are quite common and easy to make. Online gifts may be made by visiting our website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury).

Checks may be made payable to the "IA 4-H Foundation for Woodbury County". You may also designate your gift to support a specific project area, county program, endowment or activity within 4-H through a note in the memo section of your check. Gifts can be made at any time, and pledges may qualify you for membership in the "4-H 400", "4-H 1,000" or even "4-H 10,000" donor clubs.



#### GIFTS-IN-KIND

Another way to support the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation is through gifts of tangible personal property. When a gift relates to the "charitable purpose" of 4-H, which is usually very broad, the donor may be eligible for a deduction equal to the full fair market value. Recent gifts-in-kind to 4-H include such items as livestock, building materials, air conditioners for the 4-H Center, riding equipment & new clothing, art supplies and educational materials, classroom furnishings and new mattresses, and software and computer equipment.

#### MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFTS

Any gift may be designated in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The family of the deceased -- or person honored -- will be notified of such gifts. A permanent fund may be established in memory or tribute to individuals through our endowment program.

### GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, can provide special tax advantages. These include a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift and the avoidance of capital gains taxes.

The simplest and most efficient way to make a gift of any security is to instruct your broker or banker to transfer the security to the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation. You or your broker may contact the Woodbury County Extension Director by calling 712-276-2157 for transfer instructions and brokerage account information.

### GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

Gifts of homes, farms, ranches, and other real property can provide the same tax advantages as gifts of appreciated securities. If your property has significantly increased in value, its sale may be subject to capital gains tax on the appreciation. When debt-free property is transferred to 4-H, the donor receives a charitable deduction for the appraised value and avoids capital gain taxes on the property's appreciation. The Foundation encourages real estate gifts that are not subject to liens or restrictions that may affect their market value.

### CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

You may be able to multiply the value of your gift by participating in a matching gift program provided through an employer or board membership. Companies may match charitable contributions at a 1:1, 2:1, or sometimes even a 3:1 ratio. Your employer's personnel office can provide you with information and forms to take advantage of this unique leveraging opportunity. Gifts from retirees and spouses may also qualify for a match. There is a simple rule for donors who are not sure whether their employer matches charitable gifts – “when in doubt... ask!”

## **PLANNED OR DEFERRED GIFTS**

Although outright gifts provide crucial resources for current programs, deferred gifts build 4-H for the future. Giving through estate plans or life income gifts is particularly desirable for those who would like to support 4-H with a significant gift that may not be possible during their lifetime.

### BEQUESTS BY WILL OR LIVING TRUST

The most common form of deferred or planned gift is a charitable bequest. A will or living trust is a very personal matter and should be prepared with an attorney. The following language is an example of how a bequest may be worded:

“I give, devise and bequeath to the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation, of the Iowa 4-H Foundation nonprofit corporation, located in Ames, IA, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate (or \$\_\_\_\_\_ or other personal or real property appropriately described) for the benefit of Woodbury County 4-H to be used for (specified program use – eg, “the Livestock Judging Team,” “National 4-H Congress trips,” “IFYE Programs” – *or* general 4-H programs).”

### LIFE INCOME GIFTS

Numerous tax and financial benefits may be realized with a “life income gift,” such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. The donor makes an irrevocable gift of cash, securities or property and receives income for him or herself (may include another beneficiary, such as a spouse) for either life or a specified term of (1 to 20) years. Several donors have taken advantage of this opportunity, realizing returns of 7% - 11% while benefiting 4-H! After their lifetime, or the completion of a term of years, the remainder goes to support Woodbury County 4-H programs.

### CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

This type of charitable trust pays the 4-H Foundation a fixed amount or percentage of an asset for a term of years. Thereafter, the assets are passed on to loved ones, and applicable estate, gift and generation skipping taxes on the trust assets may be significantly reduced.

### RETAINED LIFE ESTATE

You may generate a current income tax deduction by giving a home or ranch to 4-H, while retaining the right to occupy, rent or otherwise use the property during your lifetime. The property will not be included in your taxable estate.

## **The Iowa 4-H Foundation**

**The Iowa 4-H Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit educational organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code in June, 1949, by a public spirited group of Iowa's civic and corporate leaders in cooperation with Iowa State University. The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation was established in 2005. The Foundation, while separate from the University, is sanctioned by the Board of Regents, university administration, and Cooperative Extension.**

**The Foundation was established to provide statewide 4-H program support and learning experiences for Woodbury County's 4-H youth participants and youth and adult leaders which could not be funded by the University. The Foundation has grown from relatively modest beginnings when 4-H youth rode their bicycles from farm to farm raising nickels, dimes and quarters to fund the state 4-H camp (now known as the Iowa 4-H Center) to an organization with annual income and expenditures approaching \$2 million and total endowments and investments of approximately \$5 million.**

**From the creation of a statewide camping center to funding new curriculum and innovative programs, volunteer training, youth recognition and college scholarships, to the completion of the Extension 4-H Youth Building on the campus of Iowa State University, the Iowa 4-H Foundation has raised the private resources necessary to make Iowa one of the top 4-H states in the country.**

**As the Foundation supports 4-H in it's Second Century, it will seek to continue promoting its mission of providing financial resources for Iowa's Youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.**



# **WAYS TO MAKE GIFTS**



*How You Can Make a  
Tax Deductible Gift  
to Support the  
Woodbury County 4-H Foundation  
and Woodbury County's 4-H Program*



## The 4-H PLEDGE

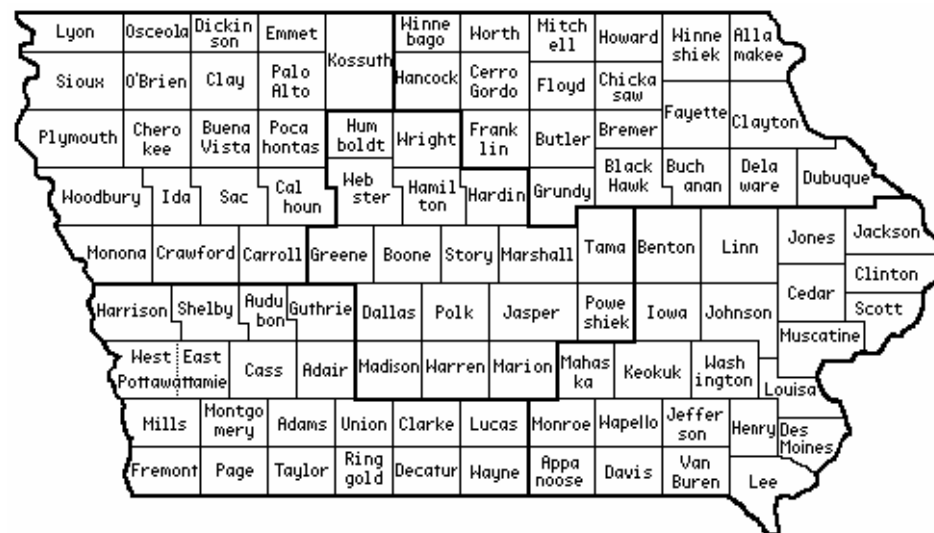
*I pledge...*

*My **Head** to Clearer Thinking,  
 My **Heart** to Greater Loyalty,  
 My **Hands** to Larger Service,  
 and My **Health** to Better Living.  
 For my Club, my Community,  
 my Country, and my World.*

## The 4-H MOTTO

*"To Make the Best Better"*

**Iowa's 4-H Offices**  
 are located in every county's  
 Iowa State University Extension Office.



*Call your County Extension Office and ask for 4-H!*

For more information  
 contact the Woodbury County Extension Office  
 at 712-276-2157.

