FOURWARD FUND

As the country’s largest youth development organization and the only one reaching kids in every community down to the last mile, we are prepared to provide them with educational resources, caring adult mentors and a sense of belonging as we have done for more than 100 years.

We’re launching the FOURWARD Fund, so every child can learn and feel connected, regardless of access to school, 4-H or virtual learning.

More than 54.5 million kids of the nation’s approximately 5.7 million school-age youth are out of school due to COVID-19...for a few weeks or the remainder of the school year. As the virus spreads, more kids will be out of school, longer and will need more support.

Seven million youth, disproportionately African American, Latino or rural youth, do not have Internet access at home², potentially widening an already too-large opportunity gap.

Nearly 30 million U.S. students depend on school for free and reduced-price meals are in danger of going hungry.

1.5 million income-insecure kids who depend on school for security have lost their safe haven³.

Today, 4-H reaches nearly six million youth across urban, suburban and rural communities, with or without Internet access, and we've always gone beyond four walls to do it. We are well positioned to reach even more kids offering caring adult mentorship and meaningful learning opportunities as the crisis grows.

In times like these, your stakeholders—customers, employees, investors, suppliers—want to know how you are making things better. We invite you to respond that you believe in the power of young people, you believe in the power of 4-H.

Your investment today in the FOURWARD Fund will support 4-H's capacity to create and deliver engaging, hands-on learning opportunities for all young people, continuing to guide them in mastering the skills necessary to navigate life and help their communities thrive even in the most difficult times.

### EXAMPLES OF 4-H AT WORK:

**VIRGINIA**
Partnering with public schools to bundle 4-H curriculum packets with food supplies that are being distributed on existing bus routes to reach underserved students

**FLORIDA**
Conducted COVID-19 Instagram discussion for youth led by University of Florida Health and Florida 4-H Youth Development professionals

**KENTUCKY**
Creating Brown Bag and Mail Surprise Club packages to reach young people without access to the internet or other services

**MARYLAND**
Hosting Social Emotional Mondays on Facebook Live events led by 4-H educators and teens to support kids’ health and wellbeing

**NEBRASKA**
Hosting bi-weekly Living Room Learning virtual program featuring all-new, hands-on activities that uses materials that can be found at home

**CALIFORNIA**
Holding virtual 4-H Club meetings to maintain routines and to foster a community of belonging for youth

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We ask you to join us in this work through your support of the FOURWARD Fund. Together, we will be there for all kids when and where they need us with positivity, growth and compassion.