



FOURWARD FUND



Kids need us now more than ever. And through the FOURWARD Fund, you can help us meet those needs in every community across the country.

As the nation's largest youth development organization, 4-H is uniquely prepared to serve kids right where they are. The COVID-19 crisis has taken at least 55.1 million kids' out of school for all or part of the academic year. This presents a host of challenges, including:



12 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 haven.³

4-H and our partners are being intentional about connecting with kids and fostering a sense of belonging to demonstrate that we're all in this together.

Your support of the FOURWARD Fund will give every child the educational resources they need to learn; the social and emotional support they need to cope; and the caring adult mentorships they need to thrive — regardless of access to school, 4-H or virtual learning.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has gone beyond four walls to reach kids. Today, nearly six million youth are part of 4-H programs across urban, suburban and rural communities. Your investment will grow our capacity to create and deliver hands-on learning opportunities and engaging activities for all young people — helping them master the skills necessary to navigate life and to help their communities persevere through even the most difficult times.

We'll always be here for our nation's youth, and we invite you to join us in lifting them up during their time of need. **Your gift to the FOURWARD Fund will demonstrate that you, too, believe in the potential of young people and in the power of 4-H.**

¹ As of March 22, 2020. edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html
² jec.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/democrats/2018/12/axios-the-homework-gap-12-million-schoolchildren-lack-internet
³ npr.org/2020/03/11/814438424/when-should-schools-close-for-coronavirus

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

INDIANA

Hosting Mindful Yoga Moments on Facebook Live led by 4-H educators to support kids' health and wellbeing

NEBRASKA

Hosting bi-weekly Living Room Learning virtual program featuring all-new, hands-on activities that use 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



You donate.

Make a one-time or monthly donation to the FOURWARD Fund.



We deliver.

Together with our partners in the field, we identify innovative ways to meet the educational and social/emotional needs of youth.



Lives change.

Your donation reaches youth in every county with learning resources and a caring community.



We need your help.

To make a donation, please visit 4-H.org/FourwardDonate, text **CLOVER to 243725** (standard message & data rates may apply), or **mail your donation in the envelope provided.**