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# HOT OFF THE PRESS

Official Newsletter of the  
Hillsborough County Youth 4-H Foundation



**Our 4-H Foundation continues to support our 4-H youth and volunteers because of your generosity!**

## Why Choose 4-H

As current or prospective supporters of The Hillsborough County 4-H Youth Foundation, have you ever wondered why the 4-H Youth Development Program matters?

For over a century, 4-H has exemplified the practical application of knowledge. The slogan “learning by doing” is not just a catchphrase; it is the guiding principle behind all 4-H programs. The educational foundation of the 4-H Youth Development Program is rooted in three key areas linked to land grant universities and the United States Department of Agriculture, which develop curricula and activities that engage youth in hands-on discovery and exploration. The three essential areas identified for today’s youth to thrive as tomorrow’s leaders are Science, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. Participants can select projects ranging from astronomy to zoology and everything in between.

With 4-H Youth Development Programs directly associated with 106 land grant universities and colleges of the Cooperative Extension Agency, this strategic alignment empowers 4-H youth to enhance their global competitiveness and leadership capabilities as adults. Since its inception in 1902, 4-H has underscored the importance of young people becoming engaged and informed citizens. With the support of adult leaders, youth organize and manage their own club activities while choosing projects that broaden their interests across various program areas. Health, a fundamental belief of 4-H, is represented by the four Hs within the clover: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

This commitment aims to help youth develop their physical, mental, and emotional well-being, enabling them to lead healthy and productive lives as adults. The hands-on experiences provided by 4-H are proven to cultivate life skills such as confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion, empowering children with the skills they need to lead throughout their lives.

The 4-H Foundation continues to focus on providing financial resources to support and enable Hillsborough County 4-H youth to achieve their maximum potential through 4-H programming.

## Don't Miss It!

Saturday, February 22, 2025  
19th Annual Hillsborough County  
4-H Youth Foundation

**Strawberry  
U-Pick**

3524 Futch Loop, Plant City, FL

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine

Bring the entire family for a fun day  
picking delicious strawberries!



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**"GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IT IS ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE."**

-KATHY CALVIN



## 4-H Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Foundation is thrilled to announce two new volunteers to serve on our Board. They bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will significantly benefit the 4-H youth through our fundraising efforts.



**Emily Mallalieu**, a Hillsborough County 4-H alumna, is a graduate of the University of South Florida and holds a Certificate in Grant Writing from the University of South Carolina. Emily has significant experience in program development within preventative health and disease

management, having worked with Humana for over 13 years as a Senior Strategy & Program Development Professional. Her unique perspective on the board stems from her understanding of the crucial role that 4-H plays in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.



**Randy Sears**, a native of Hillsborough County, serves as the General Manager for the Hillsborough County Water Resources Department. He is a Licensed Facilities Management Professional and a Florida Associate Emergency Manager. Randy has dedicated his time to

various organizations in Hillsborough County, having previously chaired the Plant City Chamber Agriculture Committee, served as a board member for the Plant City High School FFA Alumni, and been a past Board Member of The Hillsborough County Fair. He is also a member of the HC Farm Bureau, an alumnus of Leadership Hillsborough, a member of the Tampa Sports Club, and a past president of the Tampa Downtown Lions Club. His extensive community service experience will bring fresh ideas to help enhance the Foundation's mission of supporting 4-H youth in our area.

### 4-H'ers are...



**Multiply your impact!**



Scan the QR code or visit website: [Hillsborough4HFoundation.org/donation/](https://Hillsborough4HFoundation.org/donation/) to make an easy online donation.

Or you can mail your donation to:  
**Hillsborough Co. 4-H Youth Foundation**  
**PO Box 2223**  
**Seffner, FL 33583**

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