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Winter 2016

The previous Fall Quarter was a busy time for the Foundation with preparations for the Jacksonville Fair and our Annual Meeting. Many Foundation members also helped with the Munch Wagon and the 4-H Booth in the Barn. We are highly appreciative of your many hours of service. We also had a great time at the tailgate party we sponsored prior to the December 13 Jaguars' game. It was a beautiful day and the Jaguars responded to the cheering crowds by crushing the Colts. We would like to repeat this event again next year if the Jaguars make it available.



One of the Board's goals this year is to try to involve more Foundation members in our activities so you may be getting some calls. We are especially looking for help with our fund-raising efforts; the Spring Dinner and Auction, the Jacksonville Fair, and selling Jaguar tickets. We can always use volunteer help with day camps and other youth programs. Let us know your area's of interest, so we can match you with available opportunities.

Please renew your membership when it is due and try to recruit new members. The Board would also like to recruit some recent graduates to become members. Perhaps one of you would like to lead an effort to recruit 4-H alumni. Think of the potential for growth there. I hope to see you at the Spring Dinner on April 9. There will be lots of great auction items. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Leslie Allen

Foundation President



**Thank you to
 Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville**
 For the \$1,500.00 Grant to help send our youth to
 4-H University.
 Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Where Are They Now?

4-H Alumni, Andrew Allen

Hello. My name is Andrew Allen and I want to share with you the long term impact of 4-H in my life. I went to my first event when I was 9 months old. It was an all-day District Events in Palatka. It became family legend as my starting point in 4-H. I officially joined when I was 8 and left when I graduated from High School and 4-H in 1995. I had numerous opportunities while I was there and it is difficult to isolate the most important ones.

I am a civil engineer project manager now, and as part of my job, I develop plans and bids and present them to groups seeking engineering service. If we win the award, I manage the project. My public speaking skills are essential to this process. These were skills I developed in 4-H. I did demonstrations and public speaking from the time I was 8 and my mom would not let me quit even when I became a senior. She said, "You have to be an example to the younger 4-Hers." So I would get out of bed and go. Public speaking was invaluable in college. I always volunteered to present our group projects to the class. Most of the others had no experience or skills in that area.

Through public-speaking and demonstrations, I was able to attend District Events and State Events every year. I also was selected for the Eastern Regional Engineering Event at Purdue three times. I also attended National Congress and learned about many topics; some of which I use today, and some of which I haven't used yet like lawn mower repair and maintenance.

Through 4-H I've made a lot of friends all over the country and one life-long friend who was in my wedding and I hope to someday be in his. I participated in Exchange Club and traveled to many states and Costa Rica. Those experiences would take hours to tell. (I was not allowed to bring a calf or a kitten home from Kansas.) I learned how to make friends with perfect strangers even though it was uncomfortable. In business situations, I have to do that all the time.

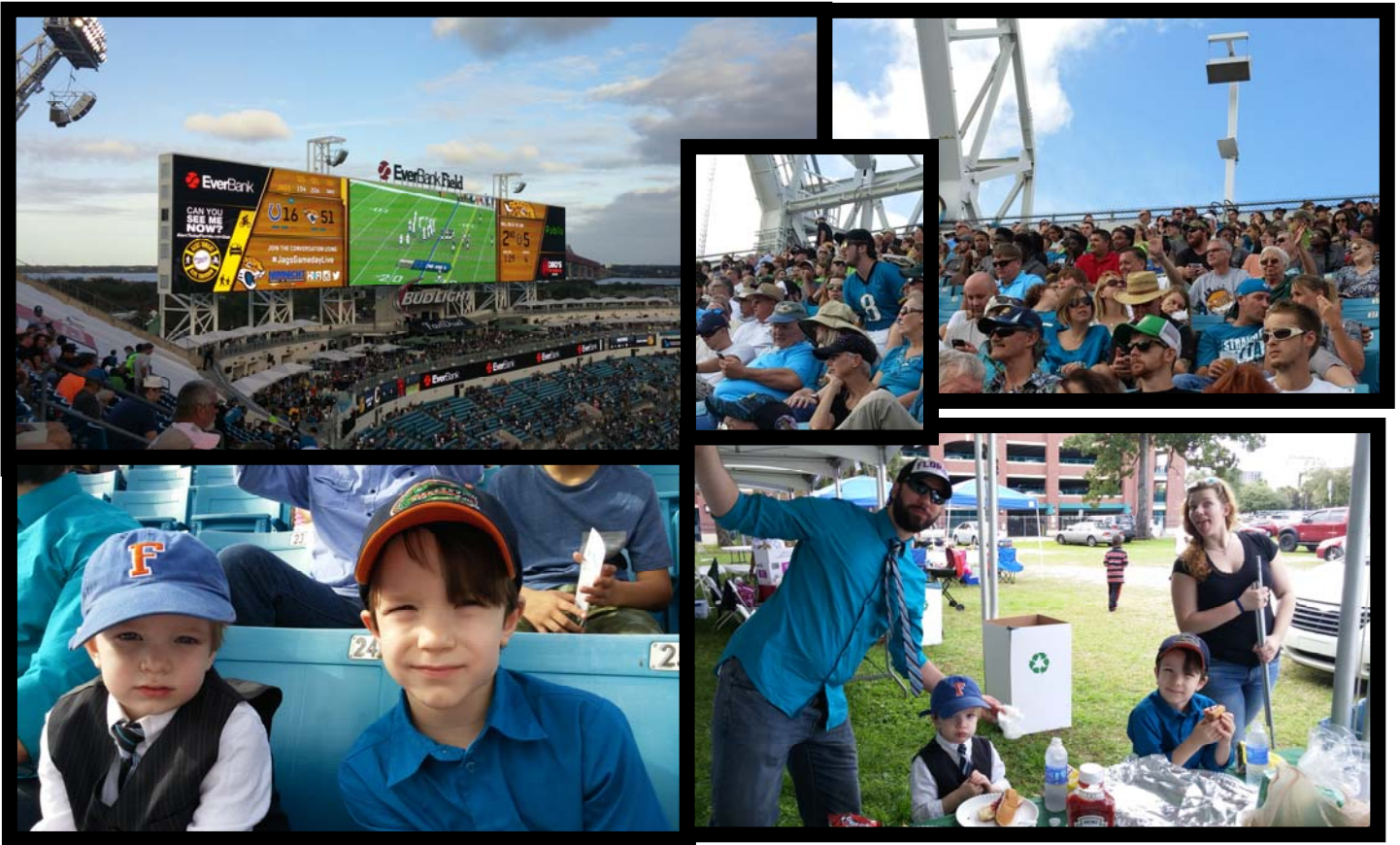
Through 4-H I learned how to meet deadlines and there were many. If you didn't get it there, it wasn't accepted – be it a scholarship application, horticulture entries at the fair, registrations for events, whatever. You had to follow the rules and the deadlines. Life is like that. When a bid is due for a project, there is no extension – you get it there, and if you are on vacation you still get it there. LIFE LESSONS. I learned to love the legislative process. It is messy and not always logical. It can be very emotional. 4-H Legislature and local, annual My Government Day and 4-H National Conference led me to understand and appreciate the legislative process. It takes hard work and dedication. I participated in 4-H My Government Day many years, 4-H Legislature for 6 years, and National Conference one time. It was my favorite activity. I learned to teach other 4-Hers the things I knew – how to make a peanut butter sandwich, how to build rockets and engines, how to love science and math and how to participate in Challenge Adventure activities. As teen leaders, my friends and I did a lot of teaching.

I also camped at Cherry Lake, was a counselor, and did Challenge Adventure activities. The first year I didn't shower all week and was petrified. But later I loved it and was a Teen counselor through my senior year in high school.

4-H was a wonderful experience for me. I want to thank the 4-H Foundation for the support they provide to the program, for the wonderful opportunities and experiences they provided me, for the great people I met and for my college scholarship.



We had a great time at the Colts/Jaguar game in December!



Thank you for your support of 4-H through the **Jaguar Give & GO Fundraiser!** We had a Josh Scobee Helmet and Club Seat and Field Passes that we collected donations for. The two winners for the Club Seats and Field Passes were **David Scott** and **Mark Brown**. They were able to enjoy the game with three of their closest friends.

Congratulations!



Emma Adams was the winner of the **Josh Scobee Helmet!** She is a member of the **At Large Club**.

Congratulations Emma!





“Goodness is the only investment that never fails.”
 – Henry David Thoreau



Quilt Winner

Karen Davis won the quilt donated by Mary Alvarez at the Farm City Luncheon.
Congratulations Karen!

The 4-H Munch Wagon was a huge success this year due to the contributions of **AA Bottled Gas, J.B. Coxwell, Everbank, Sam’s Club, Dr. Howard Acree, George Corey, Ross Processing, Doug Webb, and Webbco Hood Cleaning.** Also, thank you to all of the many volunteers, clubs and supporters who worked and purchased food from us at the Jacksonville Agricultural Fair!



You make a difference in the lives of 4-H youth & adult volunteers

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



March 10, 2016 @ 12:00 PM
Endowment Committee Meeting



March 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM
Fundraising Committee Meeting



April 8, 2016 @ 12:00 PM
Fundraising Committee Meeting
Dinner & Auction Set-Up



April 9, 2016 @ 5:00 PM
Dinner & Auction Fundraiser



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The **Benefactor** is published 4 times a year for the members of the Duval County 4-H Foundation. When you have finished reading this newsletter please pass it along to someone you know may be interested in helping the youth of our community.

This program is jointly sponsored by the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service, Nick Place, Dean; City of Jacksonville, Lenny Curry, Mayor; and the Duval County Extension Service, Mike Sweat, Director.

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Glover/Atkinson *est. 12/2002*
The Modesky Family *est. 10/2003*
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George & Elizabeth Corey *est. 04/2008*
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Duval Family & Consumer Sciences *est. 01/2010*
Valerie McBride Ansell *est. 12/2014*
Homer & Emerita Webb *est. 5/2015*

Silver Clover Club

Tom & Mary Braddock *est. 12/2000*
Christine C. Semler *est. 06/2004*
Hogan-Southside F.C.E. Club *est. 06/2004*
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The Legacy Society

“Leaving a legacy for the next 4-H generation”
Tom & Mary Braddock
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We meet our mission with your support!

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Duval 4-H County Council
Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville

2015 Annual Dinner and Auction Recognition:

Dr. Howard Acree•Martha Adams•Adventure Landing-Beaches•Al's Pizza•Leslie Allen•Alligator Farm-St Augustine Warren Alvarez•Famous Amos•Anita's Garden Shop•Bent Creek Feed•Hillary Berry•Gus and Linda Bock Bodacious Food•Buffalo Wild Wings•Jerold and Darlene Burroughs Carrabba's•Casa Marina Hotel•Cason Studio's•Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary•Cedar Hills Animal Hospital Kennedy's Closet•Cookie Bokay•George Corey •Costco•Cowford Traders•Community First Federal Credit Union•Bill Crawford•Crowne Plaza•Terry Delvalle•Dalton Dowdy•Edible Arrangements-Southside•Greater Jacksonville Fair•FNGLA NE Chapter 4-H County Council•Farmer's Market•Carolynne Fooshee•Fowler Accounting Services•Faith Adams Frishberg Furniture and More•Teresa Pennington Gagliardo•Michelle Green•Gores Nursery•Heritage Institute Massage•Kelly Hogan •Home Depot•Carl Hoyt•Jacksonville Symphony•Jacksonville Zoo•Lealia Joyner•Junior Seafood•Corey Kerlin Funeral Home•Randy Kerr•The Loop•Judie and Richard Loveless Longhorn Steakhouse•Marietta Feed Store•Marineland•Moe's MOSH•Mossfire Grill•North Florida Feed & Farm Supply•Karla Nurmela•O' Brother's•Olive Garden•Phillips Garden Store•PRP Wine International•Procter Ace Hardware•Publix Judy Rees•Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum•Ruth's Chris Steak House•Vicki Sale•Sawyer Gas•David and Gaye Schmidt •Neil and Lori Stagner•Starbucks on Roosevelt•Sticky Fingers •Susan Stutsman•Mike Sweat• Thrasher-Horne Center•Theatre Jacksonville•Greg Tison•Tree Steakhouse•Tractor Supply Trad's Garden Center•Linda Turner•Rev. F. Ray Turner•Doug and Ann Webb •Westside Wranglers•Wild Adventures Theme Park•Yulee Pawn and Collectables•Zoe's Kitchen

Food Donated By:

Monroe Bryant•Bono's Barbeque•Gator's Barbeque Golden Corral•Mojo's No 4•Sonny's Barbeque•Tidbits Doug Webb•George Corey • Dr. Howard Acree

Munch Wagon Fundraiser

AA Bottled Gas•Dr. Howard Acree Jr. •George Corey J.B. Coxwell•Doug Webb•Everbank Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Webbco Hood Cleaning•Sawyer Bottled Gas Ross Processing•Sam's Club

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers & donors who make fundraising for Duval 4-H programs a great success!

The Duval County 4-H Foundation meets its mission through memberships, fundraisers, endowment investments and grants. This money is directly invested in 4-H youth programs in Duval County.

Each year Duval County 4-H serves approximately 8500 local youth through school enrichment, traditional clubs, and summer camp programs. Students, clubs, leaders and volunteers utilize 4-H academic study materials and complete hands-on projects in subjects such as: horticulture, animal sciences, technology, public speaking & leadership, citizenship & volunteerism, health, nutrition and home economics.

Without you we would not be able to have such an impact on our community.

INVEST TODAY AND BECOME A MEMBER

Levels of Membership:

Benefactor - \$1,000 & above
Donor - \$500 - \$999
Patron - \$250 - \$499
Sponsor - \$100 - \$249
Supporter - \$50 - \$99
Friend - \$25 - \$49
Associate - \$1 - \$24

Why do we need Endowments?

Our Endowments demonstrate that we have made a long - term commitment to our mission. It provides an additional and enduring source of annual income. Endowment earnings can be used each year to help fund operations, programs and unanticipated needs.

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Green Clover	\$5,000 – \$9,999
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Gold Clover	\$15,000 – \$24,999
Ruby Clover	\$25,000 - \$49,999
Sapphire Clover	\$50,000 – \$99,999
Emerald Clover	\$100,000 – \$499,999
Platinum Clover	\$500,000 - \$999,999
Diamond Clover	\$1,000,000 & above

Start building an Endowment with a pledge to donate a minimum of \$5,000 over a period of 5 years. When the donation reaches \$5,000 it will be recognized at the Green Clover level and you will be able to name the Endowment. The Endowment will be recognized in the month and year that it reaches \$5,000. You can continually add to your endowment and when it reaches the next level it will be recognized at that level.

Take advantage of this opportunity **NOW** to support our 4-H youth!

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JOIN | THE REVOLUTION 
OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Mark your Calendars for our
Annual Spring Dinner and Auction!**

**April 9, 2016 @ 5:00 PM at the
Duval County Extension Office**

Tickets will be \$25.00 each for dinner with Carrabba's providing the catering services. We have some exciting auction items so please don't miss it!

Please see the enclosed Flyer.