4-H teaches compassion, appreciation through community service

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During the holidays, our attention often goes to how we can help others and give back to our communities. Kentucky 4-H youth practice this caring attitude throughout the year.

By participating in 4-H, members learn ways to become engaged citizens in their communities with the hope that they become future local leaders and decision makers. One way 4-H encourages youth develop compassion and local pride is through community service.

While 4-H offers specific community service projects, many of our local 4-H clubs and projects contain a community service component. As youth move into leadership roles within local and statewide 4-H programs, we encourage them to look beyond themselves to identify needs in their communities and develop solutions or ways to meet those needs or to acknowledge the sacrifices of others. Even during the pandemic, our 4-H’ers found ways to brighten people’s days and make the effects of the pandemic a little more bearable for individuals in their communities.

In (COUNTY NAME), our 4-H’ers have served the community in 2021 by (LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES HERE).

If you have a suggestion for a potential 4-H community service project or are just interested in learning more about how 4-H is impacting the community, contact the (COUNTY NAME) office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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