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**2018-2019
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2019-2020
PROGRAM OF WORK**

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2019-2020 Program of Work and Budget

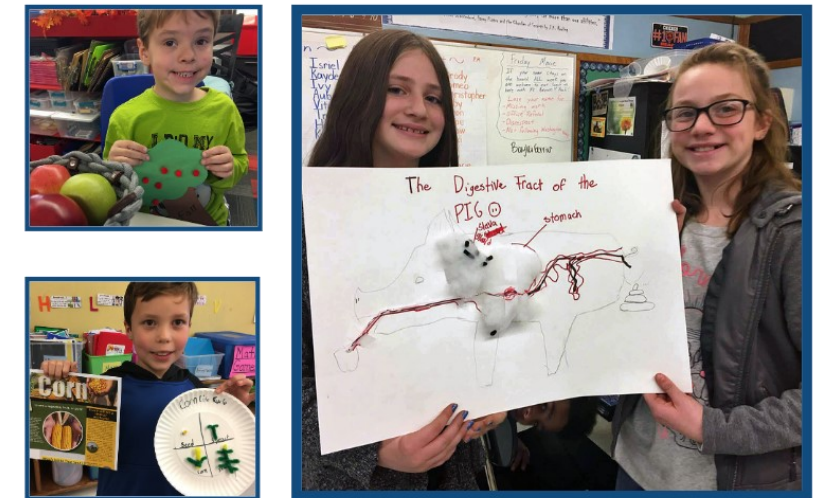
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM (AIRC) Educates students about agriculture and the role it plays in their daily lives by providing free materials and classroom presentations. The Foundation's Agriculture Literacy Coordinator works in schools around the county.	\$20,650
SCHOLARSHIPS Enhance the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to Farm Bureau members and their children who major in an agriculture-related field of study. Awarded in spring 2020.	\$13,500
SUMMER INTERNS Summer interns play a key role in the success of the Farm Camp program; organizing daily activities for each camp. The Foundation will hire three interns to carry out programs.	\$5,500
FARM CAMP Farm Camp is a five-day camp that provides a unique, hands-on learning experience about agriculture. Includes daily field trips to local farms and AIRC activities. In 2020, the Foundation will host a total of eight camps around the county for more than 200 kids.	\$4,250
SUPPORTING LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION/FFA Agriculture offers many career paths. To support the agricultural education of Whiteside County youth, the Foundation has committed funds to support their various program needs. Whether it's a local program, or sending students to a competition or conference, the WCFB Foundation is here to support agriculture's future leaders.	\$3,000
WHITESIDE COUNTY AG MAG Ag Mag will be a four-color, four-page tabloid featuring facts about Whiteside County agriculture. It will feature farmers from the county. Topics include dairy, horses, alpacas, pigs, honey bees, goats, sheep and specialty crops.	\$2,900
CLASSROOM GRANTS The Foundation will award up to five \$200 grants awarded to teachers for developing new and creative lessons about agriculture to enhance their classroom experiences.	\$1,000
BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST Agriculture in the Classroom is sponsoring a contest for kids to design an agriculture-themed bookmark. Contest is open to kids' ages 5 to 12 years old. The winning design will be professionally printed and distributed to local libraries and shared with classrooms during the 2019-2020 school year.	\$600
CLASSROOM DOOR & BULLETIN BOARD DECORATING CONTEST To celebrate National Agriculture Week in 2020, classrooms will decorate their classroom door or a bulletin board showing what agriculture means to them. The door and bulletin boards selected as contest winners will receive a gift card to purchase supplies for their classrooms.	\$600
POLLINATOR PROJECT Agriculture needs pollinators! The one-day event will provide hands-on learning experiences teaching kids about the role pollinators play in food production.	\$500
SUMMER AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE Educators receive intensive hands-on training and field trip experiences in agriculture which help them become more comfortable incorporating agriculture into their daily lessons through use of AIRC materials.	\$250
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$52,750



Program Results and Future Programs

Program Results

- ❖ During the 2018-2019 school year, Agriculture in the Classroom reached 9,567 students.
- ❖ 216 kids attended one of eight week-long Farm Camps during summer 2019.
- ❖ Hired three summer interns to coordinate the Foundation's Farm Camp program.
- ❖ In October 2019, we awarded \$800 in classroom grants to four teachers.
- ❖ In October 2019, the Farm Bureau Young Leaders donated \$1,500 to local FFA chapters.
- ❖ In April 2019, awarded \$16,500 in scholarships to local high school and college students pursuing agriculture-related careers. (\$13,500 from the Foundation and \$3,000 from Farm Bureau Young Leaders)



Classroom Grant check presentation at Christ Lutheran School, Sterling.

Other schools were Dillon Elementary, Merrill Elementary & Prophetstown Elementary



Future Programs

- ❖ Develop an Ag Mag about agriculture in Whiteside County. This will be used as part of the county's Agriculture in the Classroom program.
- ❖ Continue support for local high school agriculture education programs.
- ❖ Explore creating a Junior Vet University Day for kids to experience a day in the life of a veterinarian.
- ❖ Develop an e-newsletter for donors to keep them up-to-date on Foundation programs.



Bookmark Contest Winner
Paige Emerson



Pollinator Celebration
September 2019



Classroom Door & Bulletin Board Contest
March 2019