

Three Statewide Organizations Donate to the State Fair Nordby Exhibit Hall

HURON, S.D.—Three statewide organizations have made an investment in the future of South Dakota 4-H. South Dakota State University's (SDSU) College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, the SD 4-H Foundation and the state 4-H Leaders Association have joined forces to provide a total of \$40,000 toward the Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth, and Community on the State Fairgrounds in Huron, S.D.

Gifts were made to the South Dakota State Fair Foundation's Capital Campaign Saturday, April 11, at the state 4-H Leaders Conference in Mitchell. The SD 4-H Foundation donated \$25,000; SDSU's College of Ag and Biological Sciences donated \$10,000; and the SD 4-H Leaders Association donated \$5,000.

With their donations, these organizations are sponsoring the South Dakota flag, State Fair flag, 4-H flag and

day sponsor flag at the State Fairgrounds. A few months ago, Jerry and Sandra Mencke of Huron kicked off the flag pole naming program by selecting the American flag.

Loren Noess of Central Electric Cooperative, and chairperson of the Capital Campaign said, "I was overjoyed to see these three groups step up to support the exhibit hall where so many 4-H members will learn life and leadership skills for decades to come. We are very grateful to SDSU, the 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Leaders Association."

Dr. Barry Dunn, dean of the SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences said, "The 4-H program is growing in South Dakota! This new home for 4-H'ers will help propel the program to new heights. We are proud to be among those to invest in the future of our state's youth."

SDSU's College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences administers SDSU Extension, which employs 4-H advisors to carry out local 4-H programming throughout the state.

When built, the 48,000 square-foot Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth and Community will feature more than 30,000 square feet of exhibit space, multiple classrooms, a large kitchen for 4-H Special Foods competitions and a performance stage for the many 4-H activities that will take place there year-round.

4-H is the largest youth development organization in the nation. Through hands-on experience, 4-H members learn elements of responsibility, community service, teamwork, organization, project management, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, judging, animal stewardship, fundraising, mentoring

younger children and a number of other specific skills. 4-H has prepared many South Dakotans to meet challenges in their communities.

To date, the South Dakota State Fair Foundation has raised \$3.83 million of its \$4.7 million goal. Those interested in supporting the Capital Campaign are invited to contact the State Fair Foundation at 605-274-3370 or visit www.sdstatefairfoundation.com.

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