



Press Release

Ontario 4-H Foundation provides \$1500 to support 4-H Ontario delegates at national events!

Volunteers and members receive support from the Katherine & Byron Beeler Leadership & Citizenship Endowment Fund.

(Guelph, ON) More than 180 delegates from across Canada gathered at three different National events to share ideas, create change and build marketable skills. Support for 4-H Ontario's delegates at these events – National 4-H Citizenship Seminar, National 4-H Members Conference and National 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference - was made possible through the Katherine and Byron Beeler Leadership & Citizenship Endowment Fund.

Ontario delegates attending the Citizenship Seminar were Emily den Haan (Loretto), Adrianna Van Osterveen (Lakeside), Julia Smith (Ancaster), Kim Hooey (Ripley), Lesleigh Elgie (Brantford) and Nicole Charlton (Brantford). National Members' Conference delegates included Kelly Ross (Russell), Robin Callaghan (Reaboro), chaperone June Switzer (Hillsburgh), Jordon Morrison (Owen Sound), Jason Schill (Wallenstein), and Robert May (Glencoe). National Volunteers' Conference delegates were Marj Larson (Oxdrift), Sue Vincent (Picton) and Kathryn Zimmer (Otterville).

When asked about her experience at National Citizenship Seminar delegate Lesleigh Elgie stated, "This opportunity is definitely an opportunity of a lifetime! Citizenship is the best National opportunity offered. I haven't stopped promoting it since being back."

"Leadership and citizenship speak well to the core values of the Beeler Family and the 4-H Program, and the Ontario 4-H Foundation is very fortunate to steward the Beeler Fund for the purpose of supporting access to these great programs by 4-H Ontario's members and volunteers," stated Lyndon Stewart, Executive Director of 4-H Ontario (a partnership between the Ontario 4-H Foundation and the Ontario 4-H Council). He went on to say, "The Beeler Fund is a wonderful testament of the impact that can be created through the establishment of a named Legacy Endowment Fund."

The Katherine and Byron Beeler Leadership & Citizenship Endowment Fund (The Beeler Fund) was established in November 2005 to honour the Beeler family in conjunction with Byron's induction into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. In three short years with donor support, the fund grew to be able to support its first grant in 2008 and the Ontario 4-H Foundation was pleased to announce the 2009 grant this year. The Beeler Fund was designed to offset travel and registration costs associated with members and volunteers attending the National Citizenship Seminar, National 4-H Members' Conference and National 4-H Volunteers' Conference. For more information about the Beeler Fund or the Ontario 4-H Foundation, please contact Lyndon Stewart at 1-877-410-6748 or by email ed@4-hontario.ca.

4-H is an organization of leaders building leaders. Over 6000 youth 10-21 years of age, and a grass roots network of 1600 trained, screened volunteers pledge their Head, Heart, Hands and Health as members of community based clubs. With projects encompassing agriculture, food, health and the environment, 4-H Ontario's "Learn To Do By Doing" clubs, camps and conferences have a successful 94 year history in developing competence, confidence, connection, character and caring within rural and urban youth.

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