



September 22, 2021

Dear Friend of 4-H,



Hello, my name is Laura Gilliard, and to say that I would be a different person without 4-H is a gross understatement. 4-H has impacted me from day one. I started my 4-H journey in 4th grade, and since then, I have met so many wonderful people and made countless memories. I am beyond blessed from all that Knox County 4-H has given and taught me. Through judging teams and officer positions, I have improved my communication and leadership skills. Additionally, 4-H livestock projects taught me how to raise and care for animals like goats and sheep. The experiences and friendships that I have made through 4-H are unlike any other club. As a senior looking back, it is not the ribbons and trophies, but the teammates and hard work that have stayed with me through all these years.

As an active Knox County 4-H member, I currently serve as your Knox County 4-H Honor Club Vice President and I am one of Knox County 4-H's TN Healthy Living Ambassadors. The Knox County 4-H Volunteer Leaders serve the youth in Knox County 4-H through educational scholarships, sponsorships, and awards of events that impact youth like me. These leaders provide supplies and materials for meetings, and dedicate their time to help Knox County 4-H be what it is today! The main fundraiser for the Knox County 4-H Volunteer Leaders is an annual auction. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this auction will be held virtually from November 18-25, 2021.

Please consider making a donation to the auction. Knox County 4-H provides programs in citizenship, leadership, and other educational training opportunities to over 1300 youth involved in Knox county 4-H programs. We are in the process of collecting merchandise or gift certificates for the events and writing to request your assistance in making the Knox County 4-H auctions successful. By donating an item, you will be making a tax-deductible contribution that will directly benefit Knox County 4-H.

If a donation is possible, please send it to the 4-H office at the address above or give us a call and we can come and pick it up. *Please retain this letter for tax purposes.* You can contact our 4-H agent, Sharon Davis, at 865-705-4982, if you have any questions.

On behalf of our club, I would like to thank you for your donation and support of this worthy cause. Thank you for your investment in the lives and future of our youth!

Sincerely,

Laura Gilliard

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Knox Co. 4-H Member

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sharon Ann Davis'.

Sharon Davis

Extension Agent