



4-H Takes a Bite Out of Hunger Report Summary 2018

In 2018, the Indiana 4-H Foundation allotted funds for 4-H groups in Indiana to develop and implement county-based projects to address community hunger and food insecurity issues. Up to \$750 was allotted for each of 10 funded projects, with a dollar-for-dollar match required of the local 4-H groups. This report is a summary of the impact this funding across the State of Indiana.

Overview

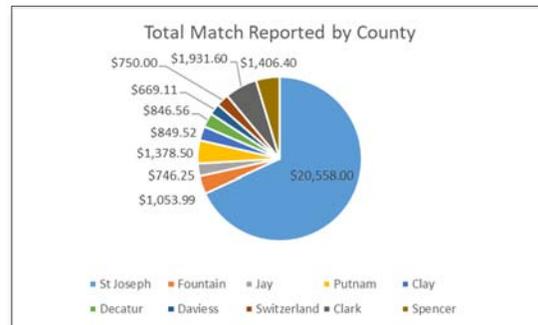
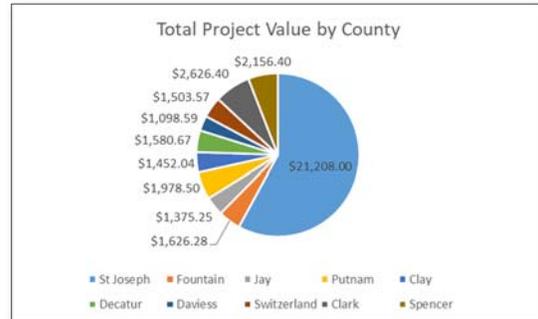
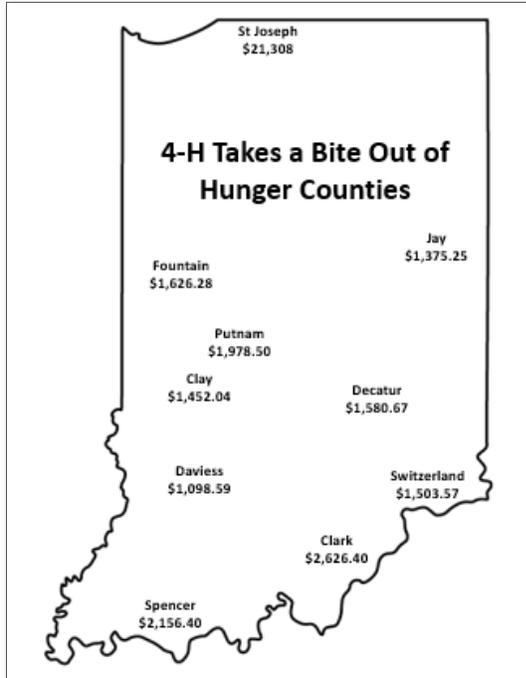
Total 4-H Foundation Funds Expended: \$6,527.37

Average Match Reported: \$3,017.84

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Average Value of Projects: \$3,660.57

Total Value of Projects: \$36,605.70



Clark County

Description: The Clark County 4-H Jr. Leaders hosted “Backpacks and Snacks” which provided families in need with a backpack, healthy snacks, and school supplies while also providing information to youth about 4-H STEM Programming.

Impact: 550 Community youth and adults participated in the event
275 youth were able to take home backpacks, snacks, and school supplies
Teens as Teachers Team presented to 300 youth

Match Reported: \$1,931.60

Total Value of Project: \$2,626.40



“This program has been a blessing to our school. I can’t wait to continue this new partnership with the Clark County 4-H Program.”- Henryville Elementary School Guidance Counselor



Clay County

Description: After working with Heifer International, a group of 4-H members from Clay County have continued to build on that experience by facilitating a food insecurity program at a 4-H Jr Leaders Meeting; hosting a corn hole tournament to increase awareness of food insecurity; and purchasing food for the county food pantry and the Clay County Backpack Program for youth.

Impact: 42 community youth involved in programming
1,348 lbs. of food collected and donated
\$602.52 of food items purchased

Match Reported: \$849.52

Total Value of Project: \$1,452.04

“The food drives and support of 4-H has been very helpful during the summer months when we get a limited amount of donations” – Community Member

Daviess County

Description: The Country Cougars 4-H Club collected monetary and food donations to help with the North Daviess “Blessings in a Brown Bag” program.

Impact: 4-H members secured donations from several organizations
90 bags of food were assembled

Match Reported: \$669.11

Total Value of Project: \$1,098.59



“I enjoyed doing it because it was helping other children. I sometimes put myself into those kids shoes and imagine what it’s like to get a bag” –Youth Participant

Decatur County

Description: The Decatur County 4-H Jr. Leaders assisted with a summer food program called “Weekend Warriors.” This program assists children from ages 3 to 16 who are food insecure by providing them with food packs each weekend during the summer months.

Impact: 32 children received food bags each week with enough food for Saturday and Sunday.

Match Reported: \$846.56

Total Value of Project: \$1,580.67



"It is nice to see our young people taking care of each other and the community. It brings a renewed sense that there are young people who will help the community and want to make a difference." – Community Member

Fountain County

Description: The Fountain County 4-H Jr. Leaders teamed up with the FAIRs Care program, and implemented a food drive during the Fountain County fair as well as raising money to send a team to Heifer International 2019.

Impact: 15 4-H Members and 60 Community members were involved in the project
Money was raised to help send youth to Heifer International
A food drive was organized and executed at the Fountain County Fair

Match Reported: \$1,053.99

Total Value of Project: \$1,626.28



"Poverty isn't something we just see in third world countries, but right here in our community. I now know that even though I'm young, I can do something to help." – Youth Participant

Jay County

Description: 4-H Members in Jay County helped create a community garden to help alleviate food insecurity in their community.

Impact: Provided 50 plants and books for the community garden
Ordered benches for placement in the garden
Will be building beds to double the amount of growing space in the garden

Match Reported: \$746.25

Total Value of Project: \$1,375.25



"This project was a great idea to help our community. It also shows how much our little community can come together"
–Community Member

Putnam County

Description: Putnam County 4-H Jr. Leaders organized a program that allowed people to exchange non-perishable food items for concession stand vouchers at the County Fair. The food they collected from this program was then distributed to 9 food pantries in Putnam County.

Impact: \$1,100 worth of food donations was split among 9 food pantries
\$500 in cash was split among 4 food pantries

Match Reported: \$1,378.50

Total Project Value: \$1,978.50

"It was amazing seeing the reaction of the food pantry organizers when they received the donated items and how they openly told the kids how this would impact their visitors" –Adult Participant

Spencer County

Description: The Spencer County Jr Leaders organized a bake sale to raise money for their youth backpack program which assisted food insecure youth in Northern Spencer County.

Impact: \$200 raised through donations
800 backpacks filled with food were distributed to Spencer County Youth

Match Reported: \$1,406.40

Total Value of Project: \$2,156.40

"I learned there is a greater need in the community than I previously realized. I can give my time and talents to help others in my community."–Youth Participant

Switzerland County

Description: 4-H members in Switzerland County prepared food bags for youth in partnership with *We Deliver Switzerland County*, an organization that provides nutritious food on weekends to students that participate in the free and reduced lunch program.

Impact: 10 4-H members and volunteers helped with the program
Food bags were prepared for 103 youth

Match Reported: \$750

Total Value of Project: \$1,503.57



St Joseph County

Description: Meat Hunger is a 4-H livestock auction buyers group that raised money to buy livestock from fellow St. Joseph County 4-H members. Purchased livestock is then processed and the meat is donated to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Cultivate Culinary School, and St. Margaret's House.

Impact: 24,000 servings of fresh meat were distributed to organizations serving those in need
\$8,115 in financial donations was raised
Livestock was purchased above market price to reward 4-H members for their hard work

Match Reported: \$20,558

Total Value of Project: \$21,308



“Meat Hunger is a great example of what 4-H strives to inspire among its youth. This idea was created by kids, ran by kids, and has been proven a success in its first year” -Rachel Wigington, St. Joseph County, Purdue Extension Director

