

# COUNTY MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT



# SUCCESS STORIES | 2015

## LEISURE SERVICES



Andy was a shy, polite ninth grader in 2011. His parents diligently dropped him off at all the 4-H Community Club meetings, a program supported by Seminole County's Extension Services Division. Andy's parents were concerned he wasn't socializing enough in school, and that he would have challenges making it through high school.

Throughout the first half of his initial year attending 4-H Club meetings, Andy remained reserved, and mostly kept to himself. Six months later, Andy turned a new leaf when he was put in charge of leading a group of 8-year-olds in their entomology project. Once quiet and reserved, Andy began planning their lessons, requesting materials from the club leader, delegating responsibilities, and enthusiastically leading the youth in their experiments. Andy realized his group members were looking to him for direction; pairing him with younger members allowed Andy to gain the confidence to feel comfortable in a leadership role. By 10th grade, Andy was participating in 4-H State Events such as Legislature and 4-H University, further developing his skills in public speaking, working with diverse groups of youth, and engaging in leadership development.

Andy continued his participation on the County level by taking on an additional leadership role with 4-H County Council, where he assisted with planning and implementation of fundraisers. Andy participated in almost every fundraising and community service opportunity that Seminole County 4-H offered from 2011-2015, accruing the required hours he needed to be able to receive state scholarship to attend a private college in Indiana in fall 2016. Additionally, Andy applied and interviewed for the Seminole County 4-H Scholarship Program and received one of two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a junior and senior in high school.

Andy is 1 of 357 Seminole County 4-H youth members that are supported by volunteer leaders who contributed 2,131 service hours in 2015. Local businesses and private donors also donated over \$7,000 for youth like Andy to attend 4-H State Events.

### FAST FACT



SEMINOLE COUNTY 4H  
VOLUNTEER LEADERS  
CONTRIBUTED **2,131**  
SERVICE HOURS IN  
2014-2015