Dear Friend of 4-H:

As you probably know, 2004 marks the 100th anniversary of the Indiana 4-H program. A variety of state and local commemorative events are planned in the coming months. With over a million living Indiana alumni, 4-H has delivered a valuable educational benefit for generations of Hoosiers, and continues to do so.

The coming year presents a unique opportunity to further extend the reach of 4-H with our role as host of the **2004 North Central Region Volunteer Forum, November 11-14, in Indianapolis**. 4-H volunteers and Purdue Extension staff are currently forming plans for a memorable event based on the theme, **“Ignite Your Passion for 4-H”**. The forum will feature inspirational speakers, highlight a wide range of positive youth and volunteer development ideas, showcase the Indiana 4-H program, and provide a good measure of Hoosier hospitality. Over 500 4-H volunteers from the 12-state North Central Region and 3 Canadian provinces are expected at this year's forum.

We would like to request your assistance to help offset the expenses for the Volunteer Forum. Your investment will not only aid us in providing a great experience for the Adult 4-H Volunteers, it will also benefit the thousands of young people the 4-H Volunteers work with throughout the year.

Some of the ways that your organization can help are:

1. Make a **direct donation** to offset a specific portion of the forum expenses;
2. **Sponsor at least 1 volunteer** to attend the forum;
3. Contribute items for the forum’s **silent auction, hospitality suite, or door prize drawings**.

A **contribution form is enclosed** with this letter that you may use to indicate how you would like to support the forum.

The combination of youth participants and adult volunteers is the most valuable asset of 4-H. Thank you for considering support of the 2004 North Central Region Volunteer Forum. And, as always, thank you kindly for supporting the overall educational mission of the 4-H program. It is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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