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Dear Virginia 4-H Horse Program Supporter,

I am writing with hopes that you will consider providing financial support or in-kind donations to help us fund the efforts of the Silent Auction, the primary fundraiser for the 2022 Virginia State 4-H Horse and Pony Championship Show. The Show is held at the Lexington Horse Center in mid-September each year. This year the dates are September 8 -11, 2022. The State Horse Show is the highlight event for nearly 300 4-H members from across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The 4-H Horse and Pony Championship Show is largely supported by the time and efforts of volunteers, with the entirety of the costs covered through entry fees, sponsors, and the funds generated through the efforts of our Silent Auction. Our volunteers, with the support of VA Tech youth animal science faculty and field agents, perform all duties associated with the running of the show, a few of which include jump crew, speed crew, trail crew, ring maintenance, ring monitors, special contest volunteers, gate keepers, announcers, auction crew, score/tabulators, hospitality, scribes and even our volunteer EMT's on duty to take care of any emergencies that may arise.

The silent auction, and the show, would not be possible without the assistance of many generous businesses and individuals, such as yourself. Please consider contributing an item (s) to the auction, such as tack, horse equipment, jewelry, crafts, services, home goods, outdoor stuff, hunting/camping/fishing stuff, gift certificates, or other items. To donate items, please, contact Rose McDonald at 540-877-4935 or va4hsilentauction@gmail.com to schedule a pick up. Items do not have to be horse related!

Monetary donations to the Silent Auction are also greatly appreciated and can be made payable to VTF 4-H Horse Show and mailed to VA 4-H Horse Program, c/o Jessica Dotson, 175 West Campus Drive, 372 Litton Reaves Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

The past few years have brought many programming challenges, and we are excited to be offering youth in-person opportunities, once again. Your support of these fundraising efforts not only benefit the State Horse Show, but also allow us to continue our reach across Virginia to engage all 4-H age youth. The help of our supporters, community and everyone across the Commonwealth is much appreciated.

We value your support at any level. The 4-H members of Virginia will greatly appreciate your help. We welcome you to come to this year's show at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA, September 8 - 11 to witness what your donations make possible. If you have any questions or need to reach me for any reason please feel free to contact me at your convenience at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

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