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4-H and ND 4-H Ambassadors		

Please describe your Agriculture and/or Extension needs and potential solution. *

My time as a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador has been an impactful and formative experience. Being an Ambassador has given me great confidence in myself. It's required me to facilitate events, lead groups, and engage young 4-Hers in activities even when I was unsure of myself. It's shown me that I have what it takes to create meaningful change in my community. I have taken the community-building and leadership skills I have developed with the Ambassadors and partnered with the local elementary school to paint murals in the hallways. I am now forming partnerships with local businesses to spread these murals to our empty downtown walls. The confidence to initiate these projects and the skills to see them through have been formed in my time as an Ambassador. With a little elbow grease, a little grit, and some faith in myself, I know that I can accomplish anything. The 4-H Ambassador program, and 4-H generally, has widespread positive impacts on communities all across North Dakota. 4-H encourages our youth to become bold, effective leaders in our communities, our state, and our country.

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