

## Ohio 4-H Foundation Grant Impact Report

Title of Grant: Taking the "Special" Out of 4-H Projects for Special Needs Youth

Applicant Name & Title: Bonnie Malone, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Unit Reporting: Huron County

Amount Funded: \$580

Amount Used: \$519

Grant Funds Remaining: \$61

Calendar Year of Grant: 2008

Type of Grant (please mark all that apply):

State Grant	Priority Area Grant
Cashman Grant	Lewis/Barnhart/Jenkins Grant
Cleveland Grant	Ebling Urban Extension Grant
Helt Family Grant	Nationwide Volunteer Development Grant
Sauder Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Wadlington Grant</u>
Ulrich Grant	

**Please use as much space as needed to answer the following requests for information.**

Please give an overview of your project. Assume the reader knows nothing about the program.

The Chris-T-Clovers is a 4-H club at the Christie Lane MR/DD school in Huron County. The 14 members range in age from 8-21. They are all students at Christie Lane and have a wide variety of abilities and challenges. The club meets for one hour each school week and also has their own day camp in May. The objective this year was to provide members with project experience similar to those experienced by members in traditional community clubs.

Please list the objectives of the project and evaluate the measurable objectives achieved. Explain how you measured those objectives.

Objectives of the program:

- Provide Chris-T-Clovers 4-H Club members with project experiences that 4-H members in other clubs experience.
- Help members gain basic life skills and knowledge in electricity, food safety, nutrition and food preparation.
- Allow members to interact with peers from other classrooms in a large group setting.

One of the teachers who assists with the program said, "The 4-H program has been a benefit to the attending students at Christie Lane, bringing a variety of activities and knowledge to them. The first benefit it brings to the members is the boost in self-esteem from belonging to an organization that serves them, as it does other children, perhaps their siblings at home. It provides hands on activities to those attending. The activities are also opportunities for improving socialization skills, fine motor skills, listening to directions and other social interactions. The functional nature of the lessons help them as they grow and mature to young adults. There are cooking experiences, as well as activities of cleanliness. The members of the club are given choices in materials and activities and snacks. There is sensory input with sounds and colors activities both indoors and out, as well as tactile. Many of the weekly activities are brought to a culmination at the final day camp event."

Describe the population(s) or target audience(s) served. List how many individuals benefited or were impacted by this program.

The population served was students, ages 8-21, attending the Huron County MR/DD School, Christie Lane. Fourteen students, 4 teachers and 6 staff members were impacted by the program.

Which of the 8 critical elements were realized in the program and how was this accomplished?

Positive relationship with a caring adult: Members recognize and relate to the Extension staff who conduct the weekly 4-H programs.

A welcoming environment: The teachers and aides assist in assuring that the students are comfortable in an environment different from their normal classroom setting.

Mastery and competency: 4-H project activities this year centered on gaining an understanding of basic electrical wiring, rocketry, food safety, and food preparation.

Emotionally and physically safe environment: The large group setting for the 4-H club meeting stressed some of the members who do not like changes in their routine. A calm and positive approach by all adults involved help make the meetings an emotionally safe place. Every effort is also made to provide a physically safe environment as well.

Self-determination: Members select colors, patterns, etc. for supplementary craft projects.

Engagement in learning: Many of the educational sessions were hands-on, learning by doing sessions.

Provide a **detailed** budget and actual expenditures. Original receipts or copies are not necessary, but be sure that your expenditures are detailed with specific dollar amounts.

Food Safety Teaching Materials from Brevis	\$102.51
Food Supplies for Food Preparation Activities	209.20
Supplies to Build 2-Liter Bottle Rockets	32.83
Launcher to Launch 2-Liter Bottle Rockets	68.00
Supplies to Conduct Electrical Wiring Activities	<u>106.45</u>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$518.99</b>

If this is a continuing program, please describe future plans/program objectives.

This program will continue in cooperation with the Christie Lane School and Huron County 4-H Clubs.

Bonnie Malone  
Grant Recipient Signature

January, 2009  
Date