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(Image attached: 2009 4-H Master Showmanship Winner, Katherine DeWitt, 16 years old of Accord, NY)

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Ulster County 4-H Trophy & Fair Fund Seeks Supporters

Each year, the Ulster County 4-H Youth Development Program invites the public to help recognize the achievements of the county's 4-H youth members by making a donation to their 4-H Trophy and Fair Fund. Contributions will be used for medals, trophies and recognition of a 4-H exhibitor's achievement. Individuals or businesses contributing to the fund will have their name placed on signs posted during the Ulster County Fair at each of the three show rings reading: "We proudly support the Ulster County 4-H Program". Ulster County 4-H members prepare for the first week of August to show off their achievements to the public. Help us acknowledge their efforts by contributing to the 4-H Trophy and Fair Fund.

Those who contribute by Wednesday, May 26, 2010 will have their name or business name in the Ulster County Fair 4-H Premium Book, and banners located in each of the three show tents on the fair grounds throughout fair week which will be seen by nearly 50,000 fairgoers. The deadline for contributions to be only on a banner at the fair grounds is July 1, 2010. Businesses and individuals are welcome to participate.

The ability to exhibit and be recognized at the Ulster County Fair is a very important component in the development of 4-H youth. With more than 2,000 exhibits, the Fair showcases Ulster County 4-H members' expertise in caring for, training and raising animals; mastery of skills in areas as diverse as agriculture, horticulture, fashion design and cooking; and their generosity in serving others.

For details on sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact Patti Zellmer, 4-H Program Leader, at 845-340-3990, or email psz2@cornell.edu to request a sponsorship form. A sponsorship form can also be downloaded at <http://www.cceulster.org/2010%204-H%20Trophy%20Fund%20Brochure.pdf>

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