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Help the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension transform lives and communities across Wisconsin. Your gift supports practical educational programs tailored to local needs and based on university knowledge and research. We’re making a measurable difference in five tribal nations and in all 72 counties in our state, and you can be a part of it! To learn more, visit go.wisc.edu/extfund.

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Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin to deliver practical educational programs—on the farm, in schools and throughout urban and rural communities.

Empowering families and communities
We provide individuals and families with the tools and guidance they need to adopt positive health behaviors. Our programming focuses on nutrition, food security, food safety, chronic disease prevention, mental health, substance abuse and health insurance literacy.

Fostering leadership and civic engagement
From educating elected officials to training the next generation of local leaders, we’re committed to empowering citizens to make positive, transformative change in their communities.

Supporting Wisconsin’s agriculture industry
Whether on the farm or in the field, we’re on the front lines of modern agriculture, building stronger, more productive food systems and agricultural products. From animal management to crops and soils to financial planning, our educators and researchers help solve challenges that Wisconsin producers face.

Did you know?
With funding from the federal SNAP-Ed and EFNEP programs, FoodWise delivers nutrition education programming to 70,000+ participants statewide annually.

Promoting aging-friendly communities
We embrace the philosophy that each stage of life is unique, exciting and filled with potential. Our programs promote aging-friendly communities, coach parents and help families put technology, mindfulness and financial awareness into everyday use.

Enhancing resilient natural resource systems
We work with partners across the state to ensure that our diverse natural resources remain resilient and productive. From water and forestry programming to conservation training and youth environmental education, our educators and researchers navigate complex issues, facilitate challenging conversations, and help develop innovative solutions.

Supporting positive youth development
Our research-based youth enrichment programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to grow into the global leaders of tomorrow. From youth governance to Wisconsin 4-H clubs, we provide diverse educational opportunities to prepare youth for success in Wisconsin and beyond.

Did you know?
Our agriculture programs have a positive impact on nearly every Wisconsin cow, gallon of milk, quart of specialty ice cream, wedge of cheese, bratwurst, bag of potato chips and dish of cranberry sauce.

Did you know?
We take water quality very seriously and work at local, regional and multi-state levels to ensure that our lakes and rivers remain healthy and productive. Programs like Extension Lakes and Water Action Volunteers provide critical data and links to local community partnerships.

Did you know?
Wisconsin 4-H has over 9,600 adult volunteers working with over 30,000 youth club members annually.