

## 4-H After-School Program Receives Grant

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—More Philadelphia inner-city youngsters will have an opportunity to participate in Penn State Cooperative Extension's 4-H Program—thanks to a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Philadelphia is one of four cities to share a \$3.5 million HUD

grant for expansion of the 4-H After School Program, which was created to bring the fundamentals of 4-H to young people ages 7 to 13, who live in public housing communities.

Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Oakland each will receive \$1 million, while Los Angeles, where the program was established in 1988 as one of the first collabora-

tive programs ever involving 4-H, corporations and communities with inner city and urban school children, will receive \$500,000 to expand its efforts.

William W. Asbury, vice president for student affairs, said the HUD grant will assist Penn State in the continuing development of its urban agenda in Philadelphia.

"This grant also will enable 4-H to expand its impact on the city. Currently, some 12,000 Philadelphia youngsters are involved, making it the largest 4-H program of all 67 Pennsylvania counties. The After School Program will enable 4-H to involve even more children."

The HUD grant is "seed money," given with the stipulation that additional support for the After School Program come from local residents, community groups, the academic community at all levels, state and federal agencies, and the business community.

According to Elmore Hunter, Philadelphia County Extension agent and director of community relations, the three-year grant funding will be funneled through the Philadelphia Housing Authority to Penn State Cooperative Extension. Programming will be offered at five public housing development sites from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for 41 weeks in the calendar year and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for eight weeks in the summer.

The 4-H After School Program focuses on homework and academic tutoring, 4-H "learn by doing" projects, community service, and nutrition and fitness education."

"This is real exciting for our 4-H staff," Hunter said. "We are very fortunate to be selected for the grant. Bruce Richards led the effort to write the funding proposal on which we've been working very hard. It's gratifying to know that our efforts have finally paid off."

he said the key element in the grant program is the identification of corporate sponsors who, together with Cooperative Extension and Housing Authority staff, will form a vision team. Corporate sponsors in Philadelphia are Mellon Bank, SpectraGuard, a security company, and Appomatox Development Corporation, a training and development company.

"The Vision Team will attempt to bring others to the table to see how they can provide resources for the program," Hunter said. "We want to make certain that the program survives past its three-year funding life."

Plans call for the appointment of a director to oversee the program and for two persons at each site to operate program activities.

"Cooperative Extension has been working with the Philadelphia Housing Authority since 1985 on after-school programming," Hunter said. "We have done it the traditional way, utilizing a few small grants and the regular 4-H program."

"Now, however, the HUD funding will provide for a concentrated effort to make a change in the lives of young people and their parents. We hope to say that over a three-year period, we have empowered people to improve their lives."

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**ANSWER** — Oops! We printed that a reader wanted to know where to buy lye that is used in making homemade soup. Thanks to Brenda Breisch, Bloomsburg, who caught the error and wrote that lye for soap is available in supermarkets. She uses the Red Devil brand that is arranged on the shelf with drain cleaners.

**ANSWER** — A Millersburg reader wanted an address for ordering candle making supplies. Thanks to Mrs. David Fisher, Lewistown, who sent the following address. Pourette Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 15220, Seattle, WA 98115 or phone (206) 525-4488.

**ANSWER** — Edward Clark, Frazer, wanted to know where to get seeds for Dr. Martin lima pole beans. Thanks to Becky Thomas, Manheim, who writes that the seeds are available through the heirloom seed project at Landis Valley Museum, write for the catalogue at 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601 or call (717) 569-0401. It's a wonderful catalog that offers old seed varieties of many types and gives brief historical notes on each.

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**ANSWER** — Judy Looney, New Castle, wanted a recipe for a cake with a hot milk dressing served on it. Thanks to Charlotte Hoffman, Spring Grove, for sending a recipe that she copied from a television cooking program.

### Creole Custard Pudding

2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
¾ cup flour  
1 cup cream  
3 cups milk, scalded  
½ teaspoon almond extract  
½ teaspoon vanilla

Beat together eggs, add sugar, mix until sugar is blended. Add the flour and blend then add cream and blend. Add scalded milk and blend. Return to heat and cook mixture until thickened. Cool slightly and serve over any good pound cake.

**ANSWER** — Rosene Leinbach, Leola, wanted to know how to make stuffed tomatoes. Thanks to Cindy Stoodley, Shickshinny for sending her recipe.

### Baked Stuffed Tomatoes

6 medium tomatoes  
½ small green pepper, finely chopped  
¼ cup Parmesan cheese  
¼ cup croutons  
1 teaspoon salt

Remove stem ends from tomatoes; cut thin slice from bottom of each tomato to prevent tipping. Remove pulp from each tomato, leaving a ½ -inch wall; chop enough pulp to measure ¼ cup

Mix tomato pulp, green pepper, cheese, croutons, and salt. Fill tomatoes with tomato-cheese mixture. Place filled tomatoes in ungreased oblong baking dish. Cook uncovered in 350 degree oven until tomatoes are heated thoroughly, about 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley sprigs or crumbled crispy fried bacon if desired.