

Philanthropy

- an altruistic (selfless) concern for human welfare (well being) and advancement (going somewhere in the world), usually manifested (shown) by donations of money, property, or work to needy persons (does not need to be a needy person), by endowment (donations) to institutions of learning and hospitals, and by generosity to other socially useful purposes.¹

What all of those fancy words and long-winded examples are basically trying to explain is that philanthropy is to generously give to a cause that inspires you, which is pretty applicable to 4-H when you think of all of the support that 4-H receives from various organizations and individuals – and you don't even need to look that far to find one!

Donating to the \$90 for 90 Years campaign is a close-to-home example of a philanthropic contribution. What better way to show your appreciation for all of the growth, awareness and skill you have gained from being part of the 4-H program then to contribute to a fund that will help to continue the 4-H legacy?

On **November 15**, which is **National Philanthropy Day**, please make a point of personally thanking someone - individual or organization - who has contributed to your 4-H experience. This can be done via letter, phone call or face-to-face conversation because any way you look at it – it doesn't take much time out of your day to say 'thank-you' to someone, yet, it will mean a ton to them.

So, lead by example and plan a "thank-you" for the 15th, and then challenge all members of your club to plan one too. Let's make the 15th count.

For more information on the \$90 for 90 Years, click on:

[http://www.4h.ab.ca/about/90_Anniversary/90_Anniversary.shtml#90 Dollars for 90 Years](http://www.4h.ab.ca/about/90_Anniversary/90_Anniversary.shtml#90_Dollars_for_90_Years)

¹ Resource: Dictionary.com