

## CASS COUNTY

### Developing Youth



Cass County 4-H continues to work towards reaching 1 in 2 youth through positive youth development through our 4-H programming. In 2019, we served 463 youth through our traditional club model and 1,477 youth through school enrichment, summer workshops, and other special programs. These 1,940 youth were exposed to topics such as leadership, STEM, agricultural literacy and embryology, healthy living, and cultural awareness. Youth are mentored by caring adults who equip the students with lifelong skills to grow into confident, capable, caring citizens that share their knowledge with their local communities.

*"4-H teaches you how hard work, dedication and responsibility can make you a champion in the show ring and in life." – 4-H member*

### Growing Adult Volunteers

Cass County Extension provides many opportunities for adults to give back to their communities. Over 200 adults volunteered their service with Cass County Extension in 2019. Whether at the county fair that reaches over 30,000 people from the region, leading workshops for county youth, or mentoring youth through a local 4-H club, our adult volunteers are at the heart of what we do. By serving as a volunteer, Cass County adults added over \$225,000 of value to their communities in 2019 through their selfless service.

*"Volunteering is important to me as it's a way to share skills and knowledge and give back to others, as well as learn new things in the process. What a joy it is to see the light of an understanding glow from a youth when a new concept is learned or a tough task accomplished!" – 4-H Volunteer*



### Engaging Adult Learners



Cass County Extension engages adult learners with seminars, workshops, and field days that educate about needs-based topics such as Medicare Part D, specialty crop production, food systems, regenerative farming, crop diversification, and farm planning and start-up. Our Medicare personal and workshops in Cass County saved over 150 participants near \$30,000 dollars combined in 2019 alone. Attendees of the agricultural programs totaled 399. Of the surveyed attendees, 100% of respondents stated that they gained new knowledge, and 57% said that they definitely would apply knowledge gained from the program to their business operations (n=192).

*"The event helped show me real-world examples of how I can succeed following graduation." – specialty crop production program participant*