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**Dr. Jerry Westerfield Becomes the Kentucky 4-H Foundation's
First Lifetime Investor**

Westerfield Joins the Foundations Leadership Circle with \$10,000 donation

Dr. Jerry Westerfield of Russell Springs, KY, has been named the first Lifetime Investor of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation's Leadership Circle after donating \$10,000 to establish the Leadership Circle Endowment.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Leadership Circle was instituted in 2011 to recognize donors for substantial, unrestricted donations. It is designed to recognize investors who donate \$1,000 or more in an annual unrestricted gift. The donations made by investors go into the Foundation's annual fund. The annual fund is then used by the Board of Directors to support 4-H programs not associated with designated donors and to grow financial support for Kentucky 4-H.

Dr. Jerry Westerfield is a diagnostic radiologist at the Russell County Hospital in Russell Springs, KY. He was one of six boys who grew up on a dairy farm in Hartford, KY. At a young age, his parents involved him and his brothers in 4-H. After winning many district and state competitions and traveling to National 4-H Congress, he became state 4-H president from 1960-1961. After practicing radiology in Tampa, Florida for 25 years he decided to move back to Kentucky.

"4-H did so much for me growing up. It taught me responsibility, perseverance and hard work but it also helped build my self-confidence and broadened my horizons outside of Ohio County, KY. I use lessons and values that I learned in 4-H throughout my whole life – from high school to med school and still to this day practicing medicine," said Dr. Westerfield. "I hope my donation encourages others to give to the Foundation to support these programs. 4-H is such a great organization and has done so much for me, I want it to continue to impact the lives of Kentucky youth and give students opportunities that they wouldn't have without 4-H."

“We are honored to have Dr. Westerfield be our first lifetime investor of the Leadership Circle. He is a true leader and role model for the Kentucky 4-H Program,” said Keith Rogers, Executive Director, Kentucky 4-H Foundation.” The Foundation is beyond grateful for his generous donation.”

To support the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and learn more about the Leadership Circle visit www.ky4hfoundation.org

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About Kentucky 4-H Foundation: The Kentucky 4-H Foundation exists to advance today’s Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation raises funds to support Kentucky 4-H programs that provide leadership development, life skills, citizenship, and positive experiences and opportunities. Kentucky ranks in the top 10 of several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide, with 229,674 different youth involved in 4-H programs, about one of every four youth in Kentucky.