

[AREA] 4-H'ers Team Up with Microsoft to Create "Tech Changemakers" that Empower Communities

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A group of teen leaders from [COUNTY] 4-H are gearing up to have a big impact here in [TOWN/CITY/AREA].

These young 4-H leaders believe they can bring about positive community change in [AREA], leveraging the power of technology. Two major national organizations, [National 4-H Council](#) and [Microsoft Philanthropies](#), are supporting their work.

"Young people have incredible creativity, energy and passion when it comes to improving the communities they love," said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of National 4-H Council. "What makes this new program unique is that 4-H and Microsoft are teaming up to give young people in [AREA] the training, resources and support they need to make real and lasting positive community change."

Over the next several months, the teens will work with [COUNTY] 4-H educators, community members and Microsoft to identify a community or societal challenge that affects [AREA], and to implement plans that include the use of technology to address that challenge. The team will then work with a wide range of [AREA] community members to get it done.

This project is part of a new national partnership that equips young people with the digital skills and resources they need to make a positive impact in their communities. "4-H Tech Changemakers" places young people at the center of community improvement.

"It's an honor for Microsoft to work with 4-H, an organization that brings leadership skills to young people throughout this community, and throughout the United States," said Microsoft TechSpark Manager XXX. "This partnership will extend 4-H's long track record of empowering young people, adding digital skills development to the many abilities they help tomorrow's leaders develop."

Microsoft's TechSpark program, launched in 2017, is focused on accelerating economic growth through regional internet connectivity, digital and career skills development, nonprofit support, and digital business transformation.

Here in [AREA], 4-H Tech Changemakers will tackle [BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE YOUR GROUP IS TRYING TO SOLVE].

"QUOTE FROM TEEN ABOUT WHY THE GROUP CHOSE ITS TOPIC AND/OR WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH."

To be successful in their project, the [COUNTY] 4-H teens have already begun recruiting other kids and volunteers to support their efforts. In coming months, they will work with local organizations, community members and elected officials, as they look to make a lasting positive impact on the community.

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community members to determine... or, Last month the teens formed a partnership with the local aid society to... On Feb 15, the group will be hosting a town hall to...]

[AREA] residents who are interested in getting involved or learning more are encouraged to [INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONNECTING WITH 4-H AND GETTING INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT.]

