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## 4-H Alberta Expands Partnership with Federated Co-operatives Limited and Local Alberta Co-ops to grow the CO-OP Growing Leaders Program

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(Westerose, Alta) Today, 4-H Alberta is pleased to announce that we will continue the strong partnership with Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) and a growing group of local Alberta Co-ops in support of our organization and the invaluable programming that we bring to young people each year.

4-H Alberta is thrilled to receive over \$50,000 sponsorship investment this year.

The key component of this partnership is the *CO-OP Growing Leaders Program*. The innovative and ground-breaking program is designed to remove barriers and provide easy access for youth who may have been curious about 4-H Alberta, but have never enrolled in a local club. Last year 4-H Alberta welcomed 316 new members and an additional 74 returning members through the *CO-OP Growing Leaders Program* for a total of 679 members since the program began in 2023/2024.

“We’re excited to build on the momentum of the CO-OP Growing Leaders Program after two successful years. This innovative partnership has opened the door for over 679 new youth to engage with 4-H Alberta—an experience that builds leadership, life skills, and lasting friendships in a fun and supportive environment,” said Tracy Gardner, CEO of 4-H Alberta. “We’re grateful for the continued support of Federated Co-operatives Ltd. and the many Co-ops joining this effort.”

This generous investment and support will continue to position FCL and 16 Alberta Co-ops as one of 4-H Alberta’s top funders in the Gold Clover sponsorship category, with the following Co-ops participating in the *CO-OP Growing Leaders Program*:

Arrowwood Co-op

206 Railway Ave East  
Arrowwood, Alberta, T0L 0B0  
Phone: 403.534.3800

Central Alberta Co-op Ltd.

6201-46 Avenue  
Red Deer, AB T4N 6Z1  
Phone: 403.967.0157

Cornerstone Co-op

5008 51st Avenue  
Vermilion, Alberta, T9X 1B3  
Phone: 780.853.6732

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**Learn To Do By Doing**

Irma Co-op  
5005 50 St.  
Irma, Alberta, T0B 2H0  
Phone: 780.754.3654

Lakeland Co-op  
6020 - 54th Avenue  
Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2M8  
Phone: 780.826.3349

Lloydminster & District Co-op  
3606 50 Ave  
Lloydminster, Alberta, T9V 0V7  
Phone: 780. 808.8338

Neerlandia Co-op  
3224 Township Road 615A  
County of Barrhead  
Neerlandia, AB T0G 1R2  
Phone: 780.674.3020

New Horizon Co-op  
9831 - 100 Avenue  
Grande Prairie, Alberta, T8V 0T7  
Phone: 780. 539.6111

North Central Co-op  
14163 28 Ave SW  
Edmonton, Alberta, T6W 0C3  
Phone: 780.431.7100

North Corridor Co-op  
5701 Railway Ave  
Boyle, Alberta, T0A 0M0  
Phone: 780.689.4562

Peace Country Co-op  
9714 - 96th Avenue  
Peace River, AB, T8S 1R5  
Phone: 780.624.1096

Pembina West Co-op  
4705 49th Street  
Barrhead, Alberta, T7N 1A1  
Phone: 780. 674.2201

Pincher Creek Co-op  
1300 Hewetson Avenue  
Pincher Creek, Alberta, T0K 1W0  
Phone: 403. 627.2667

South Country Co-op  
969 16 St SW  
Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 4X5  
Phone: 403.528.6600

Westview Co-op  
6207 46 Street  
Olds, Alberta, T4H 1P6  
Phone: 403.556.3335

Wild Rose Co-op  
4818 51 St  
Camrose, Alberta, T4V 2R8  
Phone: 780.672.3107

“We are incredibly proud to continue our partnership with 4-H Alberta and the growing number of local Co-ops across the province,” said Ron Healey, Vice-President, Energy & Ag, FCL. “Through initiatives like the Co-op Growing Leaders Program, we’re not only investing in today’s youth—we’re cultivating the next generation of leaders across the Co-operative Retailing System. This partnership reflects our long-term commitment to building sustainable communities together.

### **About 4-H Alberta**

4-H Alberta is the new streamlined youth development body that combines the former three-party organizations that operated 4-H in Alberta; the 4-H Council of Alberta, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, and the 4-H Section of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

4-H Alberta was developed after extensive consultation with Alberta's 4-H community. It involves a new governance, structure and operating model that is efficient and effective, and supported by a modernized constitution/by-law alignment to coordinate 4-H staff and volunteer

roles, and build operational harmony for the growth of the 4-H youth leadership program in Alberta.

### **About Federated Co-operatives Limited and the Co-operative Retailing System**

Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL), based in Saskatoon, is focused on providing more than 150 local Co-ops across Western Canada with strategy and leadership, wholesaling, manufacturing, logistics, operational support, business-enabling services, and marketing support. Together, FCL and those local co-operatives form the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS). The CRS serves our members and communities with products and services that help grow, build, feed and fuel individuals and communities from Vancouver Island to northwestern Ontario. Our total workforce of over 27,000 employees serve more than 2 million active individual members and many more non-member customers at 1,600+ retail locations in more than 650 communities. We are a different kind of business – we are locally invested, community-minded, care for the environment and offer lifetime membership benefits, including patronage refunds, quality products, quality service and fair prices. More information is available at [www.fcl.crs](http://www.fcl.crs) and [www.co-op.crs](http://www.co-op.crs).

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