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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Somerset County 4-H has been selected
as a State Farm Neighborhood Assist® Top 200 Finalist
and needs your votes!**

BRIDGEWATER, NJ -- Somerset County 4-H needs your help – you can vote for them to receive a \$25,000 grant from State Farm® to help improve their community. U.S. residents who are 18 and older with a valid email address can vote for their favorite cause at www.neighborhoodassist.com.

Somerset County 4-H has until Aug. 23 at 11:59pm ET to rally votes and anyone voting is allowed up to 10 votes per day. On Sept. 25, the top 40 vote-receiving causes will be announced at www.neighborhoodassist.com and a \$25,000 grant will be awarded to each of the affiliated nonprofits.

Receiving this grant would allow Somerset County 4-H and Middle Earth to be able to continue to empower youth to identify issues in their community and create solutions for positive change. Through a previous RWJ-NJHI grant, the 4-H/Middle Earth Student Ambassadors for Community Health (SACH) were able to create positive change and revitalization in Bound Brook, New Jersey, in various ways.

As this original grant is coming to an end, this award would allow SACH to continue to address the needs of underserved communities in the future and broaden its reach to more youth and other communities. This project offers teens the opportunity to make significant changes in their community while learning life skills that are transferable to college and jobs, including public speaking, community service, mentoring, teamwork, designing, and implementing projects in a timely fashion. You can vote for the 4-H/Middle Earth Student Ambassadors for Community Health by going to: <https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2023328>

State Farm Neighborhood Assist® is a crowd-sourced, philanthropic initiative that empowers communities to identify issues in their neighborhoods. The State Farm Review Committee selected the top 200 finalists from 2,000 submissions.

About Somerset County 4-H:

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension, 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. For additional information, visit: www.4hisTops.org.

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