

We are sending you this letter to solicit your help and involvement in our new project, the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction Ag Boosters. The Linn County Youth Livestock Auction (LYCLA) is an outlet for the 4-H and FFA youth of Linn County to sell their market animals to the public at the Linn County Fair.

Our job as the LCYLA Committee is to organize and manage the youth livestock auction at the Linn County Fair. Our success is dependent on our ability to bring community support and youth together to allow for the sale of the animals. The LCYLA Committee is a not for profit organization. We have seen tremendous growth in the number of youth participating in market projects year after year and we are challenged with finding enough monetary support to help ensure all our youth are able to recoup their cost and make a little money for their time invested. Thanks to strong community participation, our auction has shown significant increases the last few years in the dollar amounts we were able to generate for the youth members. However, we anticipate another increase in number of animals that will be sold this year and the need for additional support now and in the future, is critical to ensure profitability for all the youth involved.

The development of this new project, the LCYLA Ag Boosters, is one way we hope to help our community members and businesses become involved in helping the 4-H and FFA youth that participate in the auction. The Ag Booster program is being implemented to allow those interested in helping the youth, but maybe not fully understanding how the auction process or market animal projects work, to collaborate with fellow boosters and current auction supporters to better understand the process and the importance of youth agriculture in developing hardworking, honest and upstanding citizens. The Ag Booster program also allows for support of 4-H and FFA market animal projects, without the full dollar commitment of purchasing a project at the auction.

We are asking for your willingness to help get this program off and running and help us generate the money needed to make the 2018 and all future auctions a fun and profitable venture for the young people raising these animals. We are asking all those willing to join and help this great cause to donate \$250.00 annually to become a member of the Ag Boosters. Along with the support of the auction, all Boosters will be recognized within our sale catalog and with signs around the sale area. We will also be hosting a dinner for all Ag Booster members in the fall, to allow for the collaboration with other members and businesses who have joined you in the support of this program.

Keep in mind, the LCYLA Committee is a Non-Profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible. Our Tax ID# 26-3929297 can be used for your records and we will send you a receipt for your donation. Any and all donations are gladly accepted. If you have any questions, you can reach out to our committee president via email at rob.damon@alryica.net. Thank You.

We have two payment options listed below.

Make Checks Payable to:

LCYLA

Pay by Credit Card by visiting www.lcykla.com

Checks can be mailed to:

Linn County Extension Office

Attn:LCYLA

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