



Citizenship Washington Focus

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Dear County Council,

This year, Monterey County is immensely lucky to have 10 4-H'ers planning to attend Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), one of the premiere youth leadership conferences in the nation for 4-H teens. Nearly 1,000 young people across the nation join together each summer to attend this event, which is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center near Washington, D.C. There, we are able to learn about the legislative process, meet Congressmen, experience our country's history, see national memorials and monuments, and interact with other young 4-Her's from across the country. Through these activities, we are able to accomplish the CWF program's main goal, which is for us to become better citizens today and better leaders tomorrow.

Although we are very fortunate to have so many young people interested in attending this event, sadly it is not free. We have all been working extremely hard in order to fundraise the enormous amount of \$40,000, and you can easily help us reach our goal. All you have to do is dedicate 100% of the proceeds from the Monterey County Color Me Green 5K Run to the youth in Monterey County who will be attending CWF. This would be a very practical decision, because the CWF youth will be working with Hilltown 4-H to make the run as successful as it can be. Also, all the proceeds are used for leadership development funding, and CWF is one of the greatest programs for improving leadership skills.

Your contribution will allow us to take the lessons we learn in Washington, D.C. and bring them home to make a positive impact in our club, community, and world. Thank you so much for considering this request to support Monterey County 4-H delegation's attendance at the Citizenship Washington Focus program in Washington, D.C. Thank you so much for your time, the dedication of this money will be greatly appreciated, so please take this offer into consideration.

Thank you,
Sarah Mikkelsen, Hilltown 4-H club member, CWF Candidate