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Manitoba 4-H Council Incorporated  
1129 Queen's Avenue  
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Dear 4-H Clubs,

As a provider of critical care to sick and critically injured Manitobans, STARS air ambulance shares a special bond with the people of this great province, particularly those in rural Manitoba.

STARS exists to save lives. The sight of a red STARS helicopter is a beacon of hope for Manitobans in their moments of need. Since going into service full-time in 2011, we have existed to provide a safe, rapid, highly specialized emergency transport system for the critically injured, all at no cost to the patient.

To ensure that the service will continue to be there for Manitobans, STARS relies on the support of our allies in the province such as 4-H. Your club can help to ensure that the lifesaving service of our talented flight nurses, paramedics and transport physicians is there when Manitobans need it most.

Manitobans like Beckham Koscielny of Neepawa, who was just six weeks old when he became gravely ill and was flown to Winnipeg to treat what was later diagnosed as a heart condition.

STARS is a non-profit organization that operates on a community-partnered model consisting of government funding, community fundraising, individual donations and corporate support. To ensure our long-term sustainability in Manitoba we are continually working to broaden our donor base in the province. We would appreciate if your club would consider STARS as part of its fundraising activities. We are fortunate to enjoy terrific support from clubs in Saskatchewan and Alberta which have come forward with a number of creative fundraising ideas such as auctioning off a steer and donating the proceeds to STARS.

As the new Community Relations Officer for Manitoba I would appreciate the chance to speak with you further about ways that your club can support STARS Manitoba operations. I would also welcome the opportunity to speak with your club about STARS.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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