

2020-2021 Outstanding 4-H Family Award

The Dallman family from the Clinton Eagles 4-H Club, live and breathe 4-H spirit and embody what it means to be an outstanding 4-H family. Kurt, Marisa, Erik, Asher, and Rowin are committed to “making the best better” with every opportunity they encounter.

The Dallman family gives unselfishly of their time and talents and actively engages with a variety of organizations. Marisa has dedicated her time to the Douglas County 4-H program serving on multiple boards and serving on the State Extension Board. Marisa makes everyone feel comfortable, valued, and has a passion for connecting with members, and makes it a priority to interact with all 4-H members and families.

Kurt’s lighthearted and fun approach at events helps keep kids engaged. He can always be found helping with set-up and clean-up during events and serves on many club committees. Kurt served as a chaperone for the state 4-H Cosmosphere STEM Camp and assisted the State Action STEM team.

Erik is an active member of the Clinton Eagles 4-H Club and comfortably works outside the bounds of his club. He is committed to being a leader at the local, county, and state levels. His leadership experiences include serving as a junior project leader for STEM and presenting STEM programs for county day camps both in person and virtually. He served as a county 4-H Ambassador and chaired the State Ambassador Action team. He also served on the Discovery Days Takes Force and as a facilitator for multiple Community Conversation events.

Asher and Rowin Morgan are nephews of Kurt and Marisa and cousins to Erik. You are sure to find the boys lending a hand when needed and growing confidence and leadership skills as they engage with multiple 4-H programs at the local, county, and state levels.

The Dallman family donates time, food, and other goods to any number of causes and events. You will find them volunteering on various club committees such as the club Parent/Finance Committee, National 4-H Science Day Committee, and Gingerbread House Committee for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Douglas County.

When fundraisers and parades were canceled due to COVID, the Dallman family stepped up! They assisted with three club Grab and Go Meal fundraisers and helped develop the Clinton Eagles Cares program, which kept 4-H'ers engaged with community service activities. The Dallman family offered their space when restrictions began to lift so members could meet in person wearing masks and social distance.

The Dallman family gives their time outside the borders of 4-H and Douglas County. They support their college fraternity and sorority service activities, church, the Appanoose Elementary school where Rowin and Asher attend, and regularly travel to the family farm in Hope, Kansas caring for livestock and other chores required of farm operations. The farm also contains a historical cemetery which the family maintains.

The Dallman Family truly exemplifies the 4-H way of life and makes a difference with their calm, friendly, and generous nature. Congratulations, Kurt, Maris, Erik, Asher, and Rowin.