

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

Idaho



Frankie Marler
Idaho Extension Educator

Home: King Hill & Boise, Idaho

Nominated by: Idaho 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

4-H member 4 years - foods, clothing, demonstrations and style review. 4-H parent and 4-H leader, 1974-76. Extension positions in ID, AK and WA for 29 years. Active in all 3 state 4-H Agents Associations; President in ID & AK; Secretary in WA. NAE4-HA Policy & Resolutions Comm. 6 years, Chair, 1995-97. AK State role in 1991 Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum. 4-H Team Leader, WA Youth Development Advisory Team.

Honors: NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award; Mary Ann Krug Professional Study Tour Award. Western Region 4-H Affiliates Outstanding Work Award for Volunteer Management Systems. Safety Education Partner, ATV Safety, AK. ID 4-H Hall of Fame. Meritorious Award, AK & ID.

Biography:

Working in three states enabled Frankie Marler to learn about and implement new programs. In AK she organized the 4-H/Youth Community Leadership Project for high risk youth. In WA she started the Youth Agency Roundtable, a coalition of 20 agencies. She introduced special interest and school enrichment and networked with Boise Parks & Recreation to reach new audiences in ID. ATV safety was important in AK, so she co-designed materials and conducted programs in cooperation with Honda. She adapted "On My Own and OK," self-care curriculum and conducted workshops in WA. Returning to ID in 1993, she was assigned to work with the 4-H Livestock program, which brought new knowledge and experiences.

Frankie believed that volunteers were the heart of 4-H. Her leadership in recruiting and training of volunteers led to increased middle management roles. In Idaho, she secured funding for additional 4-H Program Assistants that continues today. She was instrumental in establishing the Ada County 4-H Endowment Committee to raise funds to support 4-H youth. Since retirement, Frankie is active in Kiwanis and has served as her club President and as Division 6 Lt. Governor, Utah-Idaho District. She has volunteered in an elementary public school for 16 years as well as the Ada County 4-H Program. She is a member of the Suburbanites Extension Homemakers Club that has been active for over 40 years.

Quote:

4-H made an impact on my life. Even though I was a member for only 4 years, I learned life-long skills that I have used since I was 10 years old. Shy as a child, I gained self-esteem and confidence as well. 4-H gave me lasting friendships, the desire to continue learning, and the motivation to volunteer with youth after retirement. What I have enjoyed most throughout my 4-H career is watching adult volunteers gain leadership skills and 4-H youth grow personally. I'm honored that I have been part of a program helping youth be the best they can be.



Frankie and 4-H leaders in Alaska.



Frankie and co-worker with Idaho 4-H Award Winner.



Frankie and Washington 4-Hers at County Fair.