

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2015

Kansas



Lindy Richardson Lindquist
Kansas 4-H Youth Development Professional

Home: Manhattan, KS

Nominated by: Kansas 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Served 30 year career 4-H in a rural county, an urban county and the State 4-H Office: Chase County Home Economist and 4-H Agent, Douglas County 4-H Agent, and State 4-H Events Coordinator.

Honors: La Sertoma Outstanding Young Educator; Graduate of Leadership Lawrence; KAE4-HA President; President Kansas Extension Agents Association; NAE4-HA Distinguished and Meritorious Service Awards; Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award; Kansas Friend of IFYE Award; Finalist for Campus Advisor of the Year as K-State Collegiate 4-H Advisor; Member, Kansas 4-H Family of the Year.

Biography:

Lindy Lindquist has dedicated her life to the youth of Kansas through the 4-H Program. Her Extension career started in Chase County, a small rural county in the Flint Hills, where she served as Home Economist and 4-H Agent. Finding that working with youth was her passion, she accepted a position as Douglas County 4-H Agent. Douglas is an urban county, with a strong Community Club program that was expanded to include outreach programs like school enrichment, special interest and project clubs and Day camps. Lindy became Kansas' first State 4-H Events Coordinator, coordinating state and national educational events.

Lindy is an award winning youth educator, whether helping a young 4-H'er get over the fear of a first demonstration, hatching chicks for a school program, writing materials for a new project or program or providing teens with new learning experiences. She is such a positive role model that 15 of her former 4-H members are Extension Agents. Since retirement, her 4-H service has taken volunteer and philanthropic roles. She continues to provide instruction and logistical coordination of state wide events, judge at fairs, sponsor an annual college scholarship, and establishing an estate gift to 4-H through the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Lindy helped thousands of young people become confident adults who continue to Make the Best Better.

Quote:

Watching youth develop their interests and skills is a positive experience and certainly reinforcement for working extra hours and weekends. I think the kids captured my heart.



Lindy - 'The 4-H Answer Lady' in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Kansas State Fair.



'It's a success!' - Planning committee celebrating at the 1st Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum.



Lindy & Jack Lindquist with Collegiate 4-H scholarship winners at the Emerald Circle 4-H Awards Banquet.