

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2018 Missouri



## Linda Jo Turner

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### Major 4-H Accomplishments:

10-year 4-H member, Boone Co., MO; Mizzou 4-H/Nat. Collegiate 4-H Officer. Vice Provost/Director, Cooperative Extension (Interim), Univ. of Missouri. Director/Consultant Foundation Relations, Global 4-H, Food Security, National 4-H Council. Director, MO 4-H Youth Development Programs; State/Area 4-H Youth Development Specialist. Honors: 4-H Impact Assessment Project Steering Committee. 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development Scientific Advisory Board. Africa/Global 4-H Network Advisor. Child Advocate of the Year, Citizens for Missouri's Children. Meritorious/Distinguished Service Awards, NAE4-HA, MAE4HYW. Nat. 4-H

Centennial Committee. Nat. 4-H Leadership Trust. Nat. 4-H Strategic Directions Team. Nat. Chair, State 4-H Program Leaders.

### Biography:

Jo Turner's career spanned county, state, national and international levels. In Missouri, she developed volunteer screening processes, establishing "youth protection" policies and procedures that are the foundation of systems used today. She championed programs for underserved audiences that were replicated nationally: 4-H Youth Futures--College within Reach, a college access program, and 4-H LIFE, a program for children of incarcerated parents. Under her leadership, program partnerships with AmeriCorps VISTA, Lincoln University, and state agencies extended 4-H impact to broader audiences. Jo's peers elected her Chair of State 4-H Program Leaders and representative to the National 4-H Leadership Trust.

Jo served on many national committees, including the National 4-H Centennial Steering Committee, helping to plan and implement the Power of Youth community service campaign and national "Conversations on Youth Development." Jo worked with researchers from Tufts University to engage LGUs in the ground-breaking 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. At National 4-H Council, she helped secure over \$7 million in grant awards to increase youth access to STEM programs. Globally, Jo helped Council secure and administer \$2 million in grant awards to support 4-H program development in Africa, focusing on improving livelihoods for young farmers with special emphasis on girls and young women.

### Quote:

"Jo is known for connecting people of all ages and places to the resources and benefits of higher education. Her passion ignites learning for youth and adults in meaningful and fun ways. Her wisdom and competence evoke trust. This trust afforded Jo to be tapped to lead in Missouri and nationally during organizational transitions and for building partnerships in the youth development movement nationally and internationally. Over her career, Jo's love for the 4-H Brand of positive youth development has touched and brightened the lives of thousands of youth, volunteers and professionals."

- Dr. Ina Linville, Missouri 4-H Program Director (Retired).



Co-presenting Missouri 4-H's Kids Helping Kids check to New York 4-H following 9-11 (2002).



Mizzou 4-H officer planning 1976 National Collegiate 4-H conference.



Meeting with African 4-H leaders in Tanga, Tanzania, 2009.

