



# 2024 National FCE Conference

July 24-28, 2024  
Erlanger, Kentucky

Empowering Volunteers-  
Treasure the Present

Awards and Recognitions

# 2024 Heart of FCE Winners

## Alaska

### Sandra Garity



Homer FCE Vice-President, Sandy manages our Raise-a-Reader project by collecting supplemental materials from other organizations and educating them about the project, assembling packets, and taking them to hospitals to be distributed to new parents. Sandy enthusiastically presents *Hearth Fire Series* lessons; for 10 years she has faithfully attended FCE meetings and participated in fund raising. Sandy volunteers with Hospice of Homer, Homer Thrift, Haven House, and is on the board of the League of Women Voters of Alaska. Grandmother Sandy is the home-keeper for her family. She's a member of the Homer Hiking Group.

## Colorado

### Rose Mary Shanks



Rose Mary Shanks of Colorado is an active member of the Idalia FCE Club, serving as Vice President and President several times. Rose belonged to the Carousel Quilt Guild for 25 years. She's made 13 quilts for Veterans, quilts that were sent to Hawaii after the fire, and some for Children's Hospital in Colorado Springs. She is part of the Women's Fellowship that is making 100 drawstring bags to be put in the Christmas Shoe Boxes which will be sent overseas. Also, she has made 250 dresses that were sent to a mission in Haiti.

## Hawaii

### Katsuko Enoki



Katsuko (Kats) Enoki from Hawaii is a registered nurse and certified nurse practitioner. She's held positions at club/council/state levels including State President. Kats was awarded the 2015 National Spirit of FCL and the Maui County Outstanding Older American. She was co-teacher for the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" workshop. She volunteered at the YMCA, and was active in her Bible study group until her fall in 2021 which resulted in a cervical fracture. Currently in a nursing home, she keeps active and continues to spread FCE. She encourages other to apply for the Trimble Foundation and the Maui FCE scholarships.

## **Kansas**

### **Nadine Holmes**



Nadine joined Movers & Shakers FCE in 2008 while Secretary for Smith County Extension Office. She is Secretary for Movers & Shakers FCE and has served as Secretary/Treasurer for Smith County FCE Council since 2011. As an active member Nadine is willing to assist with activities and served as Secretary for the NW area meetings for several years. Nadine had the privilege of serving as representative for the KAFCE on the William Allen White Committee from 2018-2020. Nadine serves Smith County Kiwanis Club as treasurer. Nadine serves Smith County Convention Center Elementary classroom, helping students with their reading.

## **Maryland**

### **Kathie Mack**



Kathie Mack of Maryland is an amazing person! She has tackled any task that has been asked of her. Besides being the Vice President for Program, Kathie has taken on the duties of publicity chair. She handles all the announcements of programs in students the school's system and the website. Kathie designs flyers for each informational event our county FCE presents. This has resulted in an increase in attendance. Kathie is thoughtful and full of enthusiasm for FCE. She is truly our Heart of FCE.

## **Missouri**

### **Bonnie McKeown**



Bonnie may be short, but she is mighty! Never underestimate the power of this 89-Year-old woman. In addition to all the FCE projects and activities, Bonnie spends hours of her time volunteering. She serves on several church committees, teaches Sunday school, and has served as an election judge for 60 years.

Bonnie has had her share of tragedy and grief. But Bonnie has never lost her compassion for others, her sense of humor, or her faith and love of God. As a fellow FCE member, she truly is the heart of her church, community and FCE.

## Nebraska

### Betty Hamata



Betty Hamata of Nebraska has been a member of Stitch N Stir and Rawhide FCE Clubs for 51 years. She has held local leadership positions, Dodge County President, and Nebraska Southeast District Director. Former owner of Betty's Bouquets, a master gardener, and Goldenrod Gardening Club member, she has maintained flowerbeds at Birchwood Manor, the city park, and volunteered to plant Main Street in North Bend. A 20-year 4-H leader, she served on the Dodge County Extension Board and horticultural chair at the Dodge County Fair. She currently serves as Dodge County FCE

Treasurer.

## North Dakota

### Marilyn Binde DeJardine



Marilyn has been a 'stand-out' in FCE for 40 years. Active in winter clothing & personal item drives, filling backpacks, and sewing comfort bears and quilting. Marilyn is involved with the Historical Society Homestead Shack upkeep and is a tour guide.

While working as a County Extension Secretary, she supported the 4-H, entering, and judging fair exhibits. Through her fundraising talents she was instrumental in the Veteran's Memorial Rock honoring North Dakota Veterans. Marilyn promotes FCE with literature, display booths and floats and also teaches Character Counts. Her ready smile

and servant's spirit shows us the Heart of FCE.

## Oregon

### Scott Teeples



Scott supports FCE's mission and believes in what FCE does for individuals and communities. He has seen the difference FCE makes in people's lives. Encouraging personal growth of members is important to Scott. He wants all to be successful in FCE and community endeavors. Knowing some members cannot attend in-person meetings he keeps the monthly ZOOM lessons going. They prove to be an area of personal growth for many members as they connect, learn, develop lessons, and teach a new skill or concept to others. Recently he scanned all FCE's printed lessons for the website making them available for members.

## **Tennessee**

### **Janice Lynch**



Janice Lynch of Tennessee has been the backbone for FCE ever since she joined in 1988, serving in nearly EVERY local club and County Council offices. Regionally, she has served as VP of Programs and Gift Shop Coordinator, leader of trainings and classes at retreat and state conference. She has attended every state conference since 1988 and completed FCL training. Janice loves FCE and is always promoting FCE at public events, increasing membership, funding FCE projects and assisting with all FCE

events.

## **Virginia**

### **Bettyann Blanton**



Betty Ann from Virginia, is always volunteering and willing to help anyway she can. She is very generous in providing monetary, goods and providing her time to help others. She is very outgoing and knowledgeable in many areas. She is always seeking to provide for the community as her teaching skills, has made this her most valuable asset to our community.

SPIRIT of FCL



WINNER for 2024

Since 2002, this nominee has started a club, involved over 229 FCE members in a long-term project, involved over 175 students in this project. She started this group with just those who were interested in the project of making blankets and infant hats and building from there to “may I bring a friend?” This speaks to her leadership abilities.

For 23 years, her group has made blankets and infant hats. Giving those 175 plus students the volunteer hours needed to graduate high school. With everyone’s help and participation her project has grown to include shelters, food pantries, Immigration centers and Meals on Wheels as well as the hospitals they started with.

Members enjoy making the blankets, hats and now scarves. Students enjoy helping where needed. There is always a request for more.

This nominee has served as the lynch pin to get this organized and make it a success.

It is with great honor to present, Jeanne Purich of Maryland, as the 2024 winner of the Spirit of FCL Award.



**2024 National FCL Certifications from  
2023 Conference to Present**

**30 Hour Leader Certification**

Sarah Sharp, TN

Kenny Nix, TN

Melinda Browning, TN

Ann Trout, TN

**60 Hour Training Certification**

Amy Wall, TN

Cynthia Mishtal, TN

Regina McCathern, TN

# 2024 ESSAY and ARTWORK CITIZENSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~Kaira Terui, Hawaii  
“The Acts of Citizenship”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~Nataname Girma, Maryland  
“Citizenship is Important”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place ~ Kitsyn Hasenauer, Colorado  
“My World”



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## Community Service Awards

### **McMinn County, Tennessee “Crocheted Blessings”**

The project, CROCHETED BLESSINGS, was chosen because several members crochet. 60 members donated 1,100 hours to crochet toys and caps and sew other items. 125 fleece blankets and throws for the police, boo-boo bags for Athen Pediatrics, McMinn Health and Child Advocacy. 40 pairs of fleece mittens to two schools, 421 crocheted animals to Nursing Homes and Child Advocacy, 145 cat and dog beds to Spay and Neuter and 13 dog toys to McMinn Sheriff. They assist with dog and cat rescues with 292 rescued out of 4,824 cared for. Over 2,500 people were reached.

### **Montgomery County, Tennessee “Loaves and Fishes”**

Mongomery County Family and Community Education (FCE) volunteer members chose “Loaves and Fishes” for their community action project to address local hunger. The goal was to provide food assistance, promote education, and engage the community. Members organized donation drives at local FCE events to collect food and food supplies, and members also donated their time to work in the soup kitchen. 183 FCE members participated in the initiative, donating 1,014 volunteer hours, reaching a total of 5,231 community members.

### **Randolph County, Missouri “Craft and Gift Show”**

All 15 members are involved in our 47th annual fund raiser. The building rent is \$1,000 for two days and we spent \$600 on advertising. Our 2023 show had 94 vendors that pay \$45 for an 8’ x 8’ space for two days or \$35 for one day. Each shopper pays \$2. We had to turn down 6 vendors because of space this last year. With our profits we give a \$500 scholarship to a senior student in each of the 4 high schools in the county and a \$500 scholarship to the New Traditions program at the area community college. We also support our local 4-H and our military

### **Sharing Hearts FCE – McNairy County, Tennessee “Helping Loaves and Fishes Feed Our Community”**

We wanted our local food bank to have some food to hand out. Eleven members spent \$8,891.50 out of their own pockets to shop, buy and donate food. No money was taken out of the club treasury. 20,000 people were reached and 2,976 hours were spent. Three members work at the food bank so they knew what foods were need most. Over 425 families get food every month in our county. Without our members stepping up the food bank would not be able to supply the need for the hungry.

# 2024 Open Brochure Winners

## Marketing/Membership

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Scott Teeples

2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Warren County FCE, Tennessee

3<sup>rd</sup> Place~ Kathie Mack

## FCE Tools

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Connie Chavez

2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Scott Teeples

## Other

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Scott Teeples

# 2024 Program Award Book

## **Education**

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Kansas

## **Action**

1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Kansas

2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Tennessee

## **FCE RECOGNITION**

Spring Creek FCE

Lane County Kansas

# 2024 MEMORIALS

## ACWW OFFICER

Irene Chinje  
~ July 2024  
ACWW Deputy World President 2023 - 2026  
Area President, East, West and Central Africa 2016 - 2022

## NATIONAL FCE STATE PRESIDENTS

### MASSACHUSETTS

\*Sandy Medeiros  
June 27, 1939 ~ April 21, 2024  
Eastern Region Public Policy Coordinator 2007 - 2009  
State President 2000 – 2003, 2008 - 2024

### NEBRASKA

Dixie Alberry  
September 7, 1937 ~ September 7, 2023  
State President 2007 - 2009

Donna Lapour  
May 27, 1946 ~ January 3, 2024  
State President 2004 - 2006

Adelaide (Addie) Scheve  
March 1919 ~ August 10, 2023  
State President 1978 - 1979

### NORTH DAKOTA

\*Joan Geyer  
May 6, 1949 ~ April 3, 2024  
Secretary/Historian 2006 - 2008

### VIRGINIA

Ann Dancy  
April 12, 1932 ~ August 28, 2023  
State President 2005 - 2006

Elizabeth “Betty” Durrett  
August 15, 1929 ~ April 21, 2021  
State President 2007 - 2008

Rosetta Harris  
June 9, 1935 ~ June 25, 2020  
State President 1989 – 1991

Isabelle Kimmeth  
September 2, 1930 ~ November 14, 2014  
State President 1994 - 1995

Juanita Nelson  
1922 ~ December 31, 2011  
State President 1996 - 1997