

Awards & Recognitions

Operation Readiness



National Association for Family
and Community Education

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2013 Program Award Book Winners

Leadership –

First Place: Missouri

Since Missouri is situated near the center of the United States and experiences all types of natural disasters, the state determined that they need to education their friends and neighbors. Disaster Planning was the name of their project. They taught them about emergency disaster kits, gave them lessons on emergency preparedness, and on completing a comprehensive home inventory.

Action –

First Place – Texas

Texas, even though it is a small state, took on a big problem – breast cancer, Breast cancer is one of the scariest things women (and men) might have to face. Texas wanted to see what they could do to educate people on the importance of early detection through mammograms and self-exams. With only half their 7 membership participating, they managed to distribute 400 Hearth Fire #8, 2000 Promise Cards, and 75 shower cards.

Second Place – Kansas

Kansas chose to show citizenship in action by making their communities a better place to live, to put a smile on faces of the less fortunate, and encourage people to vote. They set a goal of 50 pillow cases, which turned into 115, and 10 items each month for the community Health Ministries, which turned into 20, and 164 inspirational boxes for the VA, which turned into 286. They were 26 organizations and facilities that were invoiced in this program. They touched 129,061 people with this program.

Third Place – Colorado

Colorado chose to promote their program “Honor Our Heroes” throughout their state. Their objective was to honor and assist heroes, both military and non-military, on a community level. Each group determined how they would accomplish this – they included donations made to the Wyoming VA Medical Center on a non-holiday day, providing food for an opening a a new home to a young injured veteran and his family, encouraging members to wear red on the Friday of their state conference (red = Remember Everyone Deployed), and working on a Wall of Heroes to be displayed in various stores.

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Education

First Place – Tennessee

A Tennessee club took up the issue of bullying in the elementary schools. They developed a brochure called SAFE (Steps to Avoid Fearful Encounters) and distributed them to the classrooms with a response sheet attached. They asked if the parents knew what the policy was at their school, and if they wanted anymore information. They also made a bulletin board in the public library, a display for the County Fair, and donated books on bullying to each school.

Second Place – Kansas

Kansas took the Essay and Artwork contest on Citizenship and expanded it – not only did they use the programs as designed in the schools, but they also gave lessons to community senior centers, high school history classed, church groups, and the Boy Scouts. They taught these groups about the election process (voting machines), history of the flag and the history of the National Anthem.

Third Place – North Dakota

With the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program being implemented in many North Dakota schools, North Dakota wanted to help. By volunteering to bring the National FCE pillar booklets and FCE Friends storybooks to the schools, they found that they were warming welcomed into the schools to supplement their programs with our fun and educational activities. They were able to work with the teachers at different grade levels by using the booklets and storybooks, and well as the stuffed animals.

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Display Board Winners

Leadership –

First Place: Missouri

Action –

First Place – Texas

Second Place – Colorado

Third Place – Missouri

Education

First Place – Tennessee

Second Place – Kansas

Third Place – Missouri

2013 Spirit of FCL Winner



Lei Chow was nominated for the **Spirit of FCL Award** by her many fans in Hawaii. Below are just a few of the quotes they gave on her behalf.

LaVerne "Lei" Chow, 81 years young, has been a wonderful FCE/FCL member who has shared her knowledge and skills in many ways. She served as State Leadership Chairperson for two terms (4 years) and Hawaii State Secretary, for the past two years. Lei (an artist) created a "Balance the Budget" Tree and helped draw in several hundreds of dollars in donations at our last State Convention by selling "leaves and flowers". - Pat Kubo

"Lei Chow embodies the Spirit of FCL through her speech, actions, and generosity. After completing her FCL training she immediately took on leadership roles no one else wanted in order to help the FCE organization weather challenges and changes." - Jean Young

"Since Lei's training in FCL techniques, she has been demonstrating the Spirit of FCL through her involvement and commitment to various groups and organizations. She has shown growth and her goals/mission is (in her words) "to involve others, educate and help others who have gone through adversity." - Ruth Haituka

Lei has contributed to a variety of groups. Some of the groups and her contributions are listed below.

- NaTuTu - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Six Hats of Thinking
- Brown Bag Series at Windward Community College
- Young Ladies Institute
- Lunch and Learn
- Balance the Budget Tree

Presently, Lei has accepted leadership positions at the Council level (Windward Oahu Vice President) and at the Club level (Hui 'O Makani FCE Club Co-President).

We are lucky to have Lei Chow as part of our FCE Family.

Congratulations, Lei !!!!

"YOU CAN ONLY GIVE TO OTHERS WHAT YOU HAVE INSIDE YOURSELF"



2013 National FCL Certifications from 2012 Conference to Present

**CONGRATULATIONS!
TO THE FOLLOWING:**

30 HOUR LEADER CERTIFICATION

Marilyn Bryan, TN
Ferne Baxter, TN
Shirley Winter, TN
Helen Davis, TN

Patricia Mills, TN
Judy Ramsey, TN
Ruby Babcock, TN
Ann Luther, TN

60 HOUR TRAINER CERTIFICATION

2013 Heart of FCE



Nancy Heckart
Alaska

Nancy is actively involved in FCE projects. She works on researching community programs to help make a difference. This year, her club contributed to the Jessie Lee Home's Christmas Celebration, Kid's Lunch Box Program, Bibs for Seniors, and supported Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Raise A Reader Literacy is one of her favorite projects. She is always ready to help individuals develop skills that enrich life, family and community. Her computer skills have provided support at every level of FCE.



Sonya Engbretson
Arizona

Sonya joined FCE in 1975 as a member of the Mod Madres Homemakers Club and served as secretary and president of the club. As an accomplished artist she worked on crafts, quilts, layettes for babies and duffle bags for kids. She donated a beautiful southwest oil painting at the dedication of the new Pima County Extension building, also donating a painted/quilt wall hanging for the CWC Conference in Phoenix. She taught at CHARACTER COUNTS! workshops for several years and teaches Bible study and Sunday school at her church. She has been a loyal dedicated FCE member for 38 years.



Linda Fisher
Colorado

Linda is a dedicated FCE member, loved and appreciated by co-workers, club members, family and friends, while being involved in her community. She is neat, organized and friendly to everyone who she meets and greets. She interacts with people of all ages and is sensitive to the needs of others. She's received numerous awards in her career and is efficient and dependable in the job that she does, always lending a helpful hand to all those in need of assistance. She represents everything that is special about a Heart of FCE winner.



Gladys Fujiuchi
Hawaii

A 47 year member, Gladys was president of KAFCE for two terms, chaired the Trimble Distribution Committee, co-chaired three state conventions on Kauai, was club president three times and is the editor of the Kauai FCE Newsletter. She is there when in need of a MC, song leader or skit presentation. She is choir director at her church, volunteers at the Cancer Society, Kauai Museum, and chaired the Retired Senior Volunteer Program board. She takes classes in tai chi, yoga, enhanced fitness. She travels extensively after being a widow, breast cancer survivor and having two knees replaced.

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Valdimer Bairow
Kansas

As a member of FCE for 61 years, Valdimer has held many local and county offices and acted as County Council President at various community and state events. She's attended district, state meetings, and ACWW Convention. She is a pen pal of a ACWW member in another country. She was a 4-H leader, foods and clothing leader, and worked to recruit new members to FCE including neighbors and family. She has presented lessons to local, district and church organizations on various subjects. She wrote the local news for her community area newspapers for 56 years.



Debra Rausch
Maryland

Debra has belonged to Prince Georges County FCE since 1987. She has been treasurer for two clubs, treasurer of our county FCE since 1994 and president of Adelphi Club. Individual projects include decorating two bras for fundraisers for NAFCE conventions, co-chairing our county hosting the last Region Two meeting, and making crocheted lap blankets for a veterans home. She enjoys the fellowship and togetherness with her club members. Her true interest is using her hands making most any craft item and looks forward to each monthly meeting.



Carol Tschirhart
Michigan

Carol is an amazing lady, mother, grandmother and friend. While raising six children with her husband Philip, of 53 years FCE is an important part of her life. She has served in every office in our study group and county council, and continues to encourage members to take advantage of the many enrichment opportunities FCE offers. She is a retired registered nurse and volunteers for the hospital auxiliary. She served as a 4-H leader for 10 years and is active in her parish. She has set a great example on how to be a better citizen and leader in our community.



Wilma Carter
Missouri

Wilma was a farm wife and "club" has been a very important part of her life for over 60 years. She has belonged the Hickory Grove, Friendly Neighbors and Early Bird Clubs. She has held all offices and has written reports for the newspaper for the last several years. Wilma regularly attends club, district and state conferences, and Child Advocacy Day at the state capitol. As chair, she is in charge of the Home and Community Environment project making at least 20 dolls. She participates in all activities and is deserving of the Heart of FCE award.

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Linda Hanberry
Mississippi

Early involvement in a 4-H Club led Linda to recognize the benefit of volunteer organizations. She became a member of a local Mississippi Homemakers Club in the early 1970's and has been involved as a member and officer of FCE in Mississippi and Louisiana. She is dedicated to family, community and an active officer and community volunteer. She is an advocate of CHARACTER COUNTS! and Teen Pregnancy Prevention. FCE is for Family Community Education but FCE has been a major personal education and contribution to her individual growth and development.



Carolyn Woodman
Nebraska

Carolyn has been a member of FCE for 60 years. She has held all offices at the local, county and state levels. She and her husband Raye have been married for 47 years and have four sons. As a member of the Sheldon Methodist Church for 54 years she taught Sunday School and was chair for funeral dinners. She is a member of the Shelton Historical Society, Shelton Alumni and Omaha Genealogical Society. She's currently working on eight family genealogy books. Education is very important to this family. Their motto: learn something new every day, that way life is never dull!



Ardyce Snyder
North Dakota

Ardyce is truly a Heart of FCE. As a child, she attended meetings with her mother, and was involved with 4-H for many years. After joining FCE while in Montana, she moved back to ND, and has been a member there for 18 years. Ardyce and her mother attended many FCE functions, the most memorable was attending the 1998 NAFCE conference in Bismarck. She has held various offices at all levels in ND and is presently on the NAFCE Board. Her leadership and organizational skills, sense of humor and a willingness to help wherever needed has made her a great asset to FCE and a positive influence in her community.



Marlene Currin
Oregon

Marlene joined FCE in 1981. She has held every office in her local study group and served as Oregon State President. She is currently serving as president of the Umatilla/Morrow Council. She has written several lessons for FCE: Fiber in your Diet, Finland, Scotland and assisted with others. She helped to develop our FCE brochure. Marlene has developed her poise and self confidence and has given many lessons, locally and statewide. She received an award from the National Certified Leaders program, a 30 hour program recognizing outstanding work and skills applied in FCE and FCL and her community.

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Carolyn Cook
Tennessee

Carolyn has loved FCE since she joined thirty-two years ago. She has been president of her club, county and region. She has served as secretary and vice president in region and as a state board member. She has been Coordinator of the State Conference twice and helped coordinate many bus trips to state conferences. She was county coordinator of the Nu-twist Workshop for 23 years. Carolyn is a certified FCL Leader and has taught more than 100 hours of FCL. She has shared her many FCE talents with her church and community.



Karen Gnegy
Virginia

Karen started in Homemakers as a very young girl with her mother. She has held various offices in her local club and is currently president. She has served as county treasurer and is the recipient of the county Outstanding Homemaker Award. Retired as an educational consultant after 33 years of service, is a 4-H All Star and past 4-H leader. She teaches an adult Sunday school class, is president of the group and serves on the county Literacy Board. She's conscious of the needs of others, demonstrates her faith in God and continues to show pride in her role in FCE.





2013 Essay & Artwork Contest

Trustworthiness

1st Place: Kristopher Shramek
“Trustworthiness”
Missouri

2nd Place: Brooke Hammeke
“Trustworthiness”
Kansas

3rd Place: Raely Langston
“The Trustworthy Friend”
Mississippi

2013 Community Service

Kansas - Staying Connected to our Community

2013 Public Relations

Alaska—Kenai Peninsula

Alaska—Mat-Su District

Tennessee—Sullivan County

Virginia- by Karen Jones

Maryland—Carroll County

Virginia—Carol Shaffer

Alaska—Northern District

2013 Board Alumni Scholarships

Donna Veen, North Dakota

Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, North Dakota

Colette Dang, Hawaii

2013 Outstanding Unit

Tennessee– Sullivan County

2013 Superior Unit

Tennessee– Sullivan County

Congratulations Everyone!!!