

2004 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Inductee

Randall and Kathy Anderson

Inductee's contribution to 4-H Program

Randall and Kathy Anderson, two individuals who have earned a multitude of prestigious awards in Clay County, are most deserving of induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. They have made significant contributions to their community, Iowa State University Extension and the 4-H program. Randall and Kathy, both former 4-H members, give selflessly and generously of their time, energy, and resources to benefit today's youth and their families.



Randall's exemplary leadership since 1982 to the 4-H swine committee, and in recent years his volunteer service to the county animal care committee and the animal sales committee, have produced the highest quality of educational opportunities for project members. Randall, having missed only one meeting during his 22 years of service, has an attendance record paralleled by very, very few! When Randall is called upon, he responds with thoughtfulness and consideration. He is not only a man of words, but of deeds. If Randall commits to helping, he will be there and accomplish the task above and beyond what is expected. Kathy's election to the Clay County Extension Council in 2000 and her appointment to the Clay County Youth & 4-H Endowment Board in 2003 increased her advocacy for Iowa State University Extension. Kathy keeps state legislators informed, secures significant financial contributors, organizes and helps at a multitude of 4-H events, initiates 4-H promotional efforts, and provides meaningful support to 4-Her's, 4-H volunteers, and Extension staff. The couple's collaboration in 2003 to kick-off the first annual "Celebrity Swine Showmanship Event" added one more feather to their volunteer caps!

The Andersons support all of the 4-H livestock auctions at the Clay County Fair. In her professional work as property manager of the Southpark Mall, and prior to that as owner of Custom Gut Gutters, Kathy and her husband buy 4-H livestock. To the delight of 4-H families, Kathy's cooperation with 4-H has resulted in many 4-H programs being showcased at the Southpark Mall. Under Kathy's leadership, the staff and Southpark Mall businesses go out of their way to accommodate 4-H members, families, and staff during 4-H events. And mind you ... Randall is there as well! Kathy and Randall, as individuals and as a team, are among 4-H's most valuable assets.

Randall and Kathy take their civic duty to heart and are positive, contributing community members. They are very active members of the First Christian Church. Randall is an active member of the community's Agriculture Committee, and Kathy serves as President of the Business and Professional Women's Organization in Clay County. She was recently awarded Hospice Volunteer of the Year.

Randall and Kathy's continuing commitment for over 20 years to 4-H youth, education, and community service is admirable. Their spirit of cooperation, generosity, and personal demeanors make a difference in the Clay County 4-H program, and most importantly, in the lives of Clay County 4-H families. It is with great pleasure we recognize Randall and Kathy Anderson with this Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame honor.