

2003 Hall of Fame Inductee Marilyn White

Marilyn White has chosen to dedicate 33 years of service to the growth and development of Clay County 4-H youth. Marilyn began her 4-H career as a club leader for her daughter Kathleen's 4-H Club in 1970. Her service continued with three terms on the 4-H and Youth County Committee, and chair of the County Home Economics and the 4-H Small Animal Committees. She was instrumental in the development of the poultry and rabbit shows at the Clay County Fair in the mid-1980's, as well as the broiler project in the early 90's. Marilyn, now in her eighteenth year as a member, is the most tenured volunteer on the County 4-H Poultry Committee.

Marilyn and her husband Bob have four grown children and live in the Peterson area. Marilyn's Social Work degree paved the way for significant civic and professional contributions. She set up the county child welfare program for the Iowa Department of Social Services, served on the Clay County Board of Human Services for nearly 30 years, and worked nine years at the Midwest Christian Children's Home. Marilyn has volunteered 28 years for the American Legion Auxiliary, 35 years on the Peterson Township Election Board, and most recently accepted a position on the Seasons Center for Mental Health Advisory Board.

Marilyn is highly respected for her ability to build consensus, create positive educational environments, and generate enthusiasm among youth and adults. Marilyn White, who was honored with Clay County's Adult Meritorious Service Award in 1981 and the Honorary 4-H'er award in 1992, has been steadfast in her service to 4-H. In 1970 she nurtured her daughter and other young members; today she nurtures three granddaughters who have joined the ranks of Iowa 4-H.