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Cooperative Extension Volunteers and Staff Receive Awards

Every year hundreds of 4-H volunteers from across the state gather in the Research Triangle Park for the North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference. We are proud to say that this year, several volunteers and staff members from the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Office were honored with awards.

Mable Murray has been a 4-H Volunteer in Cumberland County for 18 years. She was recognized with the NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership Award. Additionally, Mable received recognition for her participation in the Achievement in Continuing Education (ACE) Master Volunteer Program.

Eleanore Getz, better known as “Mom” to 4-H’ers and volunteers across the state, has volunteered in Cumberland County for 38 years. Her children, Jeffrey and Deborah, honored her through officially establishing the Eleanore Davis Getz 4-H Volunteer Endowment. Friends and family are now invited to support the endowment which will support volunteer training and the ACE Master Volunteer Program.

The Cumberland County Livestock Association has been a supporter of the county 4-H Program for its 49 year history. Through the years, they have continued to support the county fair livestock shows, serving as the planning board and volunteers for the events. They also continue to support our livestock judging and skill-a-thon teams and practices.

Donna Foster, 4-H Administrative Support Specialist, received the NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Extension Staff Support Award. Donna is an asset for 4-H volunteers and the entire county 4-H program. She readily steps up to provide support for our volunteers in any way that she can. Julia Little, Cumberland County 4-H Parents stated, “She sees the best traits in all of her 4-H students, 4-H parents, and 4-H leaders.”

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The 4-H program would not survive without the support of volunteers. Each year 4-H Agents support volunteers through continued training and development. The Four County Volunteer Revolution was formed in 2012 with funding from the NC Agricultural Foundation to help connect volunteers and youth through helping adult volunteers learn about current technologies. The program was so successful it is now continuing for its second year.



For more information on this event or other 4-H programs, please contact Angela Shaver, Youth Development Extension Agent, in Cumberland County at 321-6860.



Cumberland County 4-H Volunteer, Mable Murray, is presented the Achievement Hall of 4-H Leadership Award from Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader



Cumberland County 4-H Volunteer, Eleanore Getz (front left), is pictured with her daughter, Deborah Simms, and her son-in-law, Hank Simms, as well as her son, Jeffery Getz, and grandson, Bryson Getz in recognition of the signing of the Eleanore Davis Getz Endowment to support 4-H Volunteer Training.

The Cumberland County Livestock Association was honored with the Donor Recognition Award for their generous support of the Cumberland County 4-H Program. They were represented by (from left to right): Jackie Lewis, Livestock Association Board Member, Mandy Harris, Cumberland County Livestock Agent, and Debby Lewis, Livestock Association President. They are pictured with Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader.



Donna Foster receives the Extension Staff Support Award from Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader.



The Four County Volunteer Revolution Leadership Team made up of 4-H Agents in four different counties, received the Extension Staff Support Award. The team is led by (from left to right): Shea Ann DeJarnette of Robeson County, Angela Shaver of Cumberland County, Cathy Brown of Hoke County, and Linda Gore of Moore County.