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4-H Endowment Established In Honor of Longtime Volunteer

FAYETTEVILLE – An endowment has been established in honor of one of Cumberland County’s longest-serving 4-H volunteers to fund training for 4-H volunteer leaders. The Eleanore Davis Getz 4-H Volunteer Training and Development Endowment was established through the N.C. Agricultural Foundation at N.C. State University by her children, Jeff Getz and Deborah Sims.

The endowment will assist in sending 4-H volunteer leaders to the state 4-H conference, workshops, volunteer training and project area trainings. The fund is required to have \$15,000 in five years to retain endowment status.

Getz, who is known as “Mom” to generations of 4-H volunteers, has been involved with Cumberland County’s 4-H program since 1976, when she and her late husband, Joe Getz, arrived in Fayetteville via the Army. She first joined 4-H in 1950 in her native West Virginia. Getz is a member of the Cumberland County Agriculture Hall of Fame and North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame. She has served as a club leader, district president and has held many statewide 4-H offices including two terms as state 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association president. Getz also founded the 4-H Master Volunteer ACE (Achieving Continuing Education) Program in Cumberland County.

“As I’ve said many times before, 4-H is not something I volunteered for, it is a way of life,” Getz said. “The purpose of the endowment is to make it less expensive to train leaders, because if you don’t have leaders, you don’t have youth and if you don’t have youth, you don’t have 4-H clubs.”

Getz was honored with a reception in the I.B. Julian Auditorium of the Cooperative Extension office at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center on Nov. 14.

Donations for the Eleanore Davis Getz 4-H Volunteer Training and Development Endowment can be sent to: N.C. Agricultural Foundation, N.C. State University, Box 7645, Raleigh, N.C., 27695, or contact Heather Daughtridge at 919-513-4037.

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Volunteer Eleanore Davis Getz has been honored with the establishment of an endowment to assist 4-H leaders with staff development.

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