

Texas – 2007



Tammera Beckham

Extension 4-H Agent and NAE4-HA President

4-H Efforts & Honors: Texas 4-H Member: Cook Co., 1968-72; Dallas Co., 1972-1979. Dallas Co. 4-H Gold Star Award: 1977. Dallas Co. 4-H Council: 1975 - 1978; President 1977. Texas 4-H Council: 1977-1978. Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship: 1977. B.S., Tarleton State University: 1980; M.Ed., Texas Women's University: 1995. County Extension 4-H Agent: Grayson Co., 1980-1989; Lubbock Co., 1989-1992; Bell Co., 1992-1999. Member, TAE4-HA: 1980-present; NAE4-HA: 1980-present, President 1997-98. Grayson Co. Achievement (1985) and Distinguished Service (1989); TAE4HA Professional Grant (1994) and Distinguished Service (1989); Bell Co. Diversity Award (1998); Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award (1999).

Tammera joined her local 4-H club at age nine. Over the next ten years, she and her family immersed themselves in green and white, making 4-H their primary avenue for growth and development outside the family. In 4-H Tammera found lifetime friends and developed career goals that would carry her to the pinnacle of achievement in her chosen profession. As a member of both Texas and National Associations of Extension 4-H Agents, Tammera has grown and developed and provided leadership for others. She has held

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every major office in both organizations, including National President, 1997-98. Tammera's devotion to helping young people grow and develop has resulted in thousands of boys and girls living out their dreams as successful adults. Tammera devoted herself to ensuring that all young people had the opportunity to grow through 4-H. Every child, rich or poor, was given this chance, often spurring Tammera to seek resources to supplement their experiences. Her greatest rewards were smiles on the faces of youth who discovered that nothing was out of reach if they tried. Tammera's bright career ended on a cold, rainy road in Belton, Texas on Dec. 18, 1998. Having just returned from Kentucky, where she served as President at the NAE4-HA conference, she was on her way to a youth advisory committee meeting when her car hydroplaned on the wet street. In the years since that fateful day, Tammera has become an even greater example of hope, courage, and faith - a true inspiration and living miracle.

Quote: A former coworker says of Tammera, "Her personal commitment and leadership qualities have inspired and enriched the lives of countless young people and their families, volunteers, coworkers, and friends. She has a great heart that is determined to make this a better world."