

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

## Wisconsin



### **Kathleen (Kathi) E. Vos** 4-H Youth Development Specialist

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#### **Major 4-H Accomplishments:**

Kenosha Co. 4-H'er, Univ. of Arizona Extension Home Economist, Manitowoc Co. 4-H and Youth Agent, Colorado State Univ. Research Assistant, Dane Co. 4-H Leader, UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist, 4-H District Program Leader, Dept. of Youth Development Vice Chair, Labo 4-H International Forum Presenter and Host, National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Chair, Wisconsin Afterschool Network Coordinator and Extension Centennial Committees.

**Honors:** 4-H Key Award, 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Delegate, WAE4-HAYDP and NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Awards, Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame, 4-H Executive Development Institute Fellow, Extension Administrative

Leadership Program and Univ. of Wisconsin Extension Professor Emerita.

#### **Biography:**

Kathi was a ten-year 4-H'er, and her club received many county 4-H Community Builders Awards. In 1997-99, she helped design Public Adventures, a national 4-H citizenship curriculum that engages youth to address community needs. From 1996-98, she chaired the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System that funded \$810,000 to 24 design teams, producing 66 curriculum products. She had a leadership role on six of the design teams. In 2004, she pioneered an online system that created 108 activities and offered five Creating 4-H Learning Experiences online courses that involved 180 people. As co-leader of the Wisconsin Afterschool Network she built partnerships to keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

From 2004-08, Kathi leveraged \$151,950 in grants to support 4-H Afterschool programs and served as co-investigator of a \$450,000 Mott Afterschool Grant. Kathi co-presented at the 1996 Labo International Conference in Williamsburg, VA, in 2006 presented six leadership seminars in Japan, and hosted five Japanese tutors and youth. Kathi led a five-year partnership with the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Extension to co-create the Living by the Seasons curriculum that encouraged cross-cultural understanding. Her doctoral research, Facilitating Change with Volunteer Leaders, focused on Vision-to-Action, a strategic planning process that is widely used today. Recently, Kathi became Vice President of the Zonta Club of Madison that empowers women through service and advocacy.

#### **Quote:**

Kathi is an enthusiastic, positive, forward thinker who inspires and mentors others to be innovative risk takers and often tells people, "If you do what you love and love what you do; then life is full, life is abundant, and life is REALLY good! 4-H provided me the opportunity to continually grow as a person and be part of a life-long learning process. I truly believe that the best is yet to come for myself, my family, my community, as well as for all 4-H Youth Development programs around the world!"



Providing leadership to the 1st WI 4-H Space Camp Delegation, Hunstville, Alabama, 2000.



Facilitating learning at Dane County JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant Training in Madison, 2004.



Participating in a cultural immersion experience as a Labo International Youth Development Seminar Presenter, Osaka, Japan, 2006.