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4-H Volunteers Honored with Salute to Excellence Awards

Delaware 4-H recently honored seven volunteers as recipients of the 2008 Salute to Excellence awards – two were recognized at the state level and have now been nominated for national recognition; five were recognized at the county level. Hard work, excellence, and dedication to the 4-H organization are the criteria on which these honors are based.

The Delaware Volunteer of the Year award was received by Brenda Shaffer of Middletown and the Delaware Lifetime 4-H Volunteer Award went to Sandy Reynolds of Frederica.

Shaffer was cited for “promoting positive and pro-social behavior in the youth she works with and the committees she serves on.” Shaffer has been a volunteer 4-H leader for the Summit Bridge 4-H Club for the past six years. She has played an active role in livestock shows, community service activities and State Fair events. She was instrumental in revitalizing New Castle County’s sewing program and Fashion Revue Contest.

Reynolds has been a dedicated volunteer with the Kent County Order of 4-H Links, which is a group that supports Kent County 4-H programs. She has chaired the Kent County Favorite Foods Contest for the past eight years, has been involved in the county Fashion Revue Contest, and has chaired the concession stand at the county Livestock Show. She recently created a new 4-H club devoted to line dancing.

At the county level, the Salute to Excellence winners are Dave Simpson of Middletown; Carole Vincent of Laurel; Charmayne P. Busker of Harrington; Patrick Sullivan of Harrington; and Michele Walfred of Lewes.