



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory: Wisconsin Date: 2/14/2021
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

Represented at NEAFCS Annual Session (Virtual), JCEP Leadership Conference, and PILD.

Set up mentoring opportunities for potential new members.

Add new venture of legacy giving, Lifetime Member Chris Kniep authored and mailed requests for financial support to honorary and lifetime members with the assistance of Lifetime Member Peggy Nordgren. This resulted in over \$3,000 of new income for WEAFCs! The plan is to conduct this campaign annually and to consider building a planned giving outreach, too. WEAFCs will continue to invite honorary and lifetime members to our annual banquet, considers retiree learning sessions at JCEP conference, and maintains regular contact through Communiqué or other means. Committee members personally thanked donors by mail and donor names were listed in the Communiqué. This new source of income is significant because it supports association awards and national participation, which tend to cost more than annual membership dues generate.

Marlys Richert Rising Star Award—Angela DeSmith Angela DeSmith is a FoodWise Coordinator (Juneau & Adams counties)

WEAFCS Mid-Career Award acknowledges the leadership, contributions and efforts of a member of WEAFCs who has completed four years and not more than twelve years of Extension employment.— Pattie Carroll

Dean Don Felker Family Resource Management Award—1st Place National Winner – “Rent Smart Curriculum” The rent smart curriculum is designed to provide practical education to help potential renters acquire and keep housing by offering guidance to those who may encounter difficulty obtaining rental housing. Team Members: Michelle Tidemann, Carol Bralich, Bev Baker, Sherry Daniels, Lori Baltrusis, Marybeth Wohlrahe, Judy Knutsen, Jenny Abel, Jackie Carattini, Heather Quackenboss, Peggy Olive, Joan Sprain, Jill Cholewa, Chris Kneip, Mandi Dornfeld, Lilliann Paine, Deb Neubauer, Gail Peavy, Chelsea Wunnicke, and Sara Siegel Bangart

Human Development/Family Relationships Award--2nd Place National Winner --"Raising Caring Kids (RCK)" Raising Caring Kids is a research informed program delivered through school partners that uses short articles and videos to teach different social and emotional learning skills to parents of 1st-5th graders. Team Members: Sue Allen, Brook Berg, Lori Zierl, Anne Clarkson, Mary Huser, and Margaret Ker

Participated in the NEAFCS Annual Session Service Project Even though none of us were able to travel to Utah this fall, we still wanted to contribute to the service project they had planned. So how do you do a quilting bee during a pandemic? A few of us did some e-discussions on how to make this work and collectively, we had two quilts donated from Wisconsin! One of them was a rich, jewel-toned batik jelly-roll project that Bev Doll and her daughter started. She got the pieced top to Ruth Schriefer along with 5 yds of a hot pink batik from her stash. Ruth found her collection of batiks to combine with the pink to create the borders, backing, and binding. Then the quilt was mailed off to Oshkosh so Chris Kniep could work

her magic with the machine quilting and binding. At the same time Chris, a former NEAFCS president, was working on her own donation creation. Chris mailed both quilts to Utah on behalf of WEAFCFS

Promoted Retiree Corner in our Quarterly WEAFCFS Communique highlighting individual retirees.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

1. Award promotion and annual session presentations
2. Membership recruitment to the association,
3. Finding additional ways to connect statewide building relationships especially with new hires.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

- Working remotely in response to the pandemic.
- Navigating transitional changes after merger with UW Madison
- Budget restraints
- Statewide Hiring freeze
- Increasing mental health issues statewide
- Rethinking educational efforts due to COVID

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

None at this time.