

## 2008 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

People in our country are known for volunteerism and 69% of adults volunteer. These volunteers are very important to the Kentucky Extension Homemakers, our communities and the whole Commonwealth. Homemakers are always looking for ways to serve as they work in charities, schools, churches, extension, hospitals and many other organizations in each community.

The number of individual homemakers reporting their volunteer hours (VSU) has once again increased. Thank you to all homemakers who turned in their hours. Thank you also to the clubs that reported project hours. Names and hours will be reported in a booklet, and certificates are given out at the state meeting Awards Breakfast.

Reports were received from 758 individuals who submitted VSU hours totaling 561,634 and 172 clubs who submitted 575,306 hours. The hours reported for individuals and clubs totaled 1,136,940. This is an increase from last year of 41,355 individual hours and 59,751 club hours. If paid, these volunteer hours would be worth \$18,270,625.80.

We received 4 scholarship applications for the Evans, Hansen, Weldon Memorial Scholarship and 1 application for the KEHA scholarship.

The Areas that submitted reports show 2,334 homemakers received special officer and chairman training in their clubs, counties and areas.

Homemakers are sponsoring special interest, nontraditional and junior clubs, such as:

Quilt Club.....	3	Basket Club.....	2
Garden Club.....	2	Craft Club.....	1
Heritage Club.....	1	New US Citizens Club...	1

One county started a Junior Club through the Home School Association.

Two counties began a special program to adopt mail box members.

Homemakers continue to use their leadership training to help Extension programs. They serve and hold office on County Extension Councils, Family and Consumer Sciences Councils, District Boards, Farmers Market Councils, Fair Boards and 4H Councils. Also, they serve on many community boards, such as hospital, charities, health department, planning commissions, schools, tourism, church and elected public office.

Homemakers are working with 4H programs, as Club leaders, teaching sewing, judging projects, Reality Store, shooting sports, scrapbooking, livestock, Fashion Reviews, Horse camp, knitting and crochet classes, and many more.

Homemakers are serving their communities on Farm Family Days, Clothesline Quilt Projects, Cattleman's Association, Master Food, Clothing and Gardner programs, Get Moving KY. Art Guilds and the Historical Society. They have worked at nursing homes, hospitals, Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Farmers Market, Hospice, Project Graduation, libraries, Habitat

for Humanity, schools at all levels, the county fair and Senior Citizens Centers.

Homemakers are involved in many projects where they work with other community groups: the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, AARP, Woman's Club and their church. Projects include, Free Clinics, Second Sunday, Relay for Life, World Food Day, the World's Greatest Baby Shower, KY Quilt Trail, the Girl Scouts, Books for Babies, Recording for the Blind, Ovarian Cancer Lunch & Learn, Farm Safety Day, and the Ronald McDonald House. At Christmas time they ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

Homemakers continue to make and donate lap robes, cancer turbans, baby blankets and cookies and socks for nursing homes. They have collected items and raised money for many charities, the Heifer Project, The Nest, the March of Dimes, clothing banks, homeless shelters, Toys for Tots, Coats for Kids, Humane Society, the Backpack Program, Soup Kitchens, and solders at home and overseas.

Homemakers clubs, counties and areas gave scholarships to high school students, homemaker members, non-traditional students and 4H'ers, for college, vocational school and camp. The counties that reported gave over \$54,000. The state homemakers (KEHA) presented scholarships in the amount of \$3500.

Homemakers raised money for scholarships in many ways, including White Elephant sales, Holiday Stores, Bazaars, yard sales, bake sales, raffles and silent auctions. They sold coffee cakes, cookbooks, lilies, candy, pecans and crafts. Some counties had soup and chili lunches, and others hosted a cook off. Memorials were given in memory of friends and family.

Homemakers are good citizens. They have studied flag etiquette and display the flag at their home. Members register and vote and serve as election officers.

Thank you to all the areas who filed reports. Your reports tell a story of busy homemaker members learning, leading, serving and giving back to their community.

Thank you for the suggestions on how we can improve our leadership program. We will review your ideas as we work to improve and expand the leadership program.

The new three year program of work will be presented at the 2009 state meeting. The program of work will include new lessons in citizenship, marketing and fundraising and list ideas for activities and projects. We will hold leadership seminars for members on July 28 and 29, in Lexington and Princeton, Kentucky. In the summer of 2010, we will have the first sessions of our annual leadership school for homemaker members and other groups in our communities. Check the website - [keha.org](http://keha.org) - Chairman Information - for additional and new information.

Thank you to the FCS agents who work with us every day. I look forward to working with you and all the homemaker members.

Rene' Siria, Leadership Development Chairman