

## Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation 2011 Important Volunteer of the Year (IVY) Winner



This year's Important Volunteer of the Year is Toni Gaffney. Toni Gaffney has been a volunteer and 4-H Leader in Arapahoe County 4-H for 10 years. She has been a 4-H project leader with Family Ties 4-H Club for two years and Smoky Hill 4-H club for eight years. Toni has assisted youth with a large variety of projects - Cake Decorating; Foods & Nutrition; Heritage Art; Cloverbuds, Horse and Horseless Horse.

She has been an advisor for the Arapahoe County Jr. Leader Council and District 3 Senate, as well as a chaperon for many county and state contest events. She has volunteered as a committee member for the Creative Cooks Contest, Consumer Choices, Speech and

Demonstration contests, Cake Decorating contests, and Fashion Revue at various times.

Toni also helps at the County Fair and State Fair and is always there to help the 4-H Foundation with wreath decorating.

Toni's daughter Julia says that her mother always does everything in her power to help every 4-H'er she has in her sphere of influence. She is always willing to get up early or stay up late and give everything she can to help 4-H youth. Hugs, advice, teaching— whatever 4-H'ers need, they know they can count on Toni.