

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation 2013 Important Volunteer of the Year (IVY) Winner

Darlene Buglovsky

Darlene Buglovsky has been a 4-H leader in Arapahoe County twenty-one years and has served as Organizational Leader and a project leader with the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club and when her children were in 4-H, she was a leader with the Simpson's 4-H Club.

Darlene has been a project leader in Foods & Nutrition, Cake Decorating, Guide Dogs and Rabbit projects as well as many other projects. She has helped with the Cake Decorating Contests, served as a 4-H Home Economics and General projects co-Superintendent at the fair 3 years and also fair co-superintendent of the rabbit show for eight years. She has helped with fair project displays, and Fashion revue.

She received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award for her hours of volunteering in 2010. She volunteers in the Smoky Hill Methodist Church office one day a week and can be found in the nursery on Sundays. She also volunteered at her Granddaughter's elementary school five days a week.

(This is a testimony from one of the leaders in the club.)

"Darlene has made a huge difference in my boys' lives as their 4-H leader. Both boys are special needs and Darlene is kind, patient, adaptable and has a sense of humor, so I have seen my sons thrive in her club, the Lucky Clovers. She has led our group with enthusiasm and energy, handling difficult situations with wisdom and diplomacy. She has organized social get-togethers and has involved our group in volunteer activities. Darlene has been a tremendous encouragement to project leaders like myself, giving me ideas and insight when I ask for advice. She has tirelessly thought out ways to make our group better and better. My sons' lives have been made much richer because of Darlene's unselfish dedication."