

The **Power** of Youth

The Joyce Clarke Memorial Community Service Award was funded in August 2017 after the passing of long time 4-H supporter Joyce E. Clarke of Berwyn, NE. Joyce was involved heavily in 4-H for more than half a century as a leader, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Even though Joyce was busy all year long with 4-H, other organizations and activities, she always found time to help others. You would see her at numerous pancake and soup supper benefits, attending hotdog and hamburger fundraisers, or if you saw her at church, in the parking lot at the grocery store, or etc. you could count on her to purchase a raffle ticket for a good cause. Whatever she was doing she would put others needs in front of her own. After attending her last Custer County Fair in 2017 she passed, and the Clarke family decided to give part of her memorial money to develop a community service award to be given annually to a Custer County 4-H club that is making a significant contribution to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. This club should be living the 4-H pledge by putting their “hands to larger service”, for their club, their community, our country and our world. Preference will be given to the club that supports several different community service projects, and involve many of their members, leaders, and parents during a twelve month period (from August 15th to August 15th). One hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.00) will be awarded to a Custer County 4-H Club that completes the application, returns it to the Nebraska Extension - Custer County Office before the deadline of October 1st, and is chosen by the Clarke family as the outstanding service club. The winning club will receive this award at the 4-H Recognition Night in November. One hundred dollars (\$100) of the money can be kept by the club to do as they wish, but twenty five dollars (\$25) of the award money must be set aside “seed money” to begin the next year’s round of giving back to the community that has given so much to them. In short these twenty five dollars must be given to a community service project of the clubs choosing.

“Every human being feels pleasure in doing good to another.” - Thomas Jefferson



Joyce Clarke Memorial

Community Service Award

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Leader(s) Name: _____

Leader(s) Address: _____

Leader(s) Phone: _____

Please list ALL the community service projects/activities your 4-H Club has completed for this year, running from August 15th to August 15th (one full year):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

On a separate piece of paper, please describe fully ONE community service project/activity done by your 4-H Club this past year. What was the goal for the service project/activity? How many members were involved? What was done? What impact did the project/activity have on the club members and the community? Please keep your description to 300-500 words. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action. Please return this form to the Nebraska Extension - Custer County Office by October 1st. The Joyce Clarke Memorial Community Service Award in the amount of \$125.00 will be presented at the 4-H Recognition Night in November.