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## **2009 National 4-H Hall of Fame, Salute to Excellence Honorees to be Recognized**

Chevy Chase, MD (October 27, 2009) — On October 9, 2009, the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) inducted 15 honorees from around the country into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame Award recipients were recognized for their lifetime achievements and contributions to 4-H. National 4-H Council also honored two recipients with the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Award.

"National Association of Extension 4-H Agents is proud to acknowledge the outstanding 2009 National 4-H Hall of Fame honorees for the passion, dedication, vision, and leadership they've shown toward our young people during their many years of service to 4-H," said Karen Hatch-Gagne, President, NAE4-HA.

National 4-H Hall of Fame honorees are nominated by their states based upon their exceptional leadership at the local, state, national, and international level. This year's recipients are: Chester D. Black, NC; Janet A. Blanchard, MI; Sen. Saxby Chambliss, GA; H.T. Tom Davison, TX; Barbara Hatfield, NAE4-HA; Jim Kemp, NAE4-HA; Sen. C. William Nelson, II, FL; Jack Odle, AL; A. Lois Redman, KS; William F. Stevens, MN; Ella Agnew, 4-H National Headquarters; Dr. Joe Hughes, OK; Fern Shipley Kelley, 4-H National Headquarters; Rhonwyn Lowry, 4-H National Headquarters; and Tom H. Scott, LA.

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Award is reserved for those 4-H volunteers who promote service as both an opportunity and a privilege. This year, the award was presented to two exemplary individuals: Priscilla Rice, AK and Karen Russi, FL.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 as part of the Centennial Project of the NAE4-HA, and partners with National 4-H Council and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA. The ceremony was held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md. For more information about National 4-H Hall of Fame events and past recipients, visit [www.nae4ha.org/hof](http://www.nae4ha.org/hof).

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### **About 4-H**

4-H is a community of six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of 4-H National Headquarters located at the USDA. The 4-H programs are implemented by the 106 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local extension offices across the country. Learn more about 4-H at [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org).

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