



**Dorothy Bates**

Dorothy has volunteered and served the 4-H community for 35 years. She became a project leader when her daughter, Julie, started 4-H. In addition to helping members with their projects, Dorothy notes she too gained knowledge and improved her skills by attending 4-H workshops and trainings. Dorothy has served in numerous leadership roles including organizational leader; Leader's Council; Fair superintendent; and County resource leader for the Foods project.

Dorothy is involved with the local Family & Community Education (FCE) Club, serving as Secretary. This club does several community service projects including giving books to newborns at North Colorado Medical Center; and donating supplies to support A Woman's Place in Greeley. She is also the program coordinator for the State FCE Board, and a liaison for FCE on the Colorado Extension Advisory Council. Further, she is Secretary for the Colorado Master Farm Homemakers Guild, and Vice-President and International Chairperson for the National Master Farm Homemakers Guild.

Dorothy is retired from Aims Community College, where she worked in the Human Resources Office for 20 years. She lives with her husband, Dave, near Kersey.

The rewards of being a 4-H volunteer, says Dorothy, comes with sharing in the joy when a young member completes a project and feels pride in their accomplishments; and in seeing their enthusiasm to advance and continue to expand their knowledge in a project area.