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4-H volunteering - a reward in itself

by Lorna Wilson

Being a volunteer for an organization such as 4-H Ontario certainly has its rewards and these usually come in the form of volunteer opportunities.

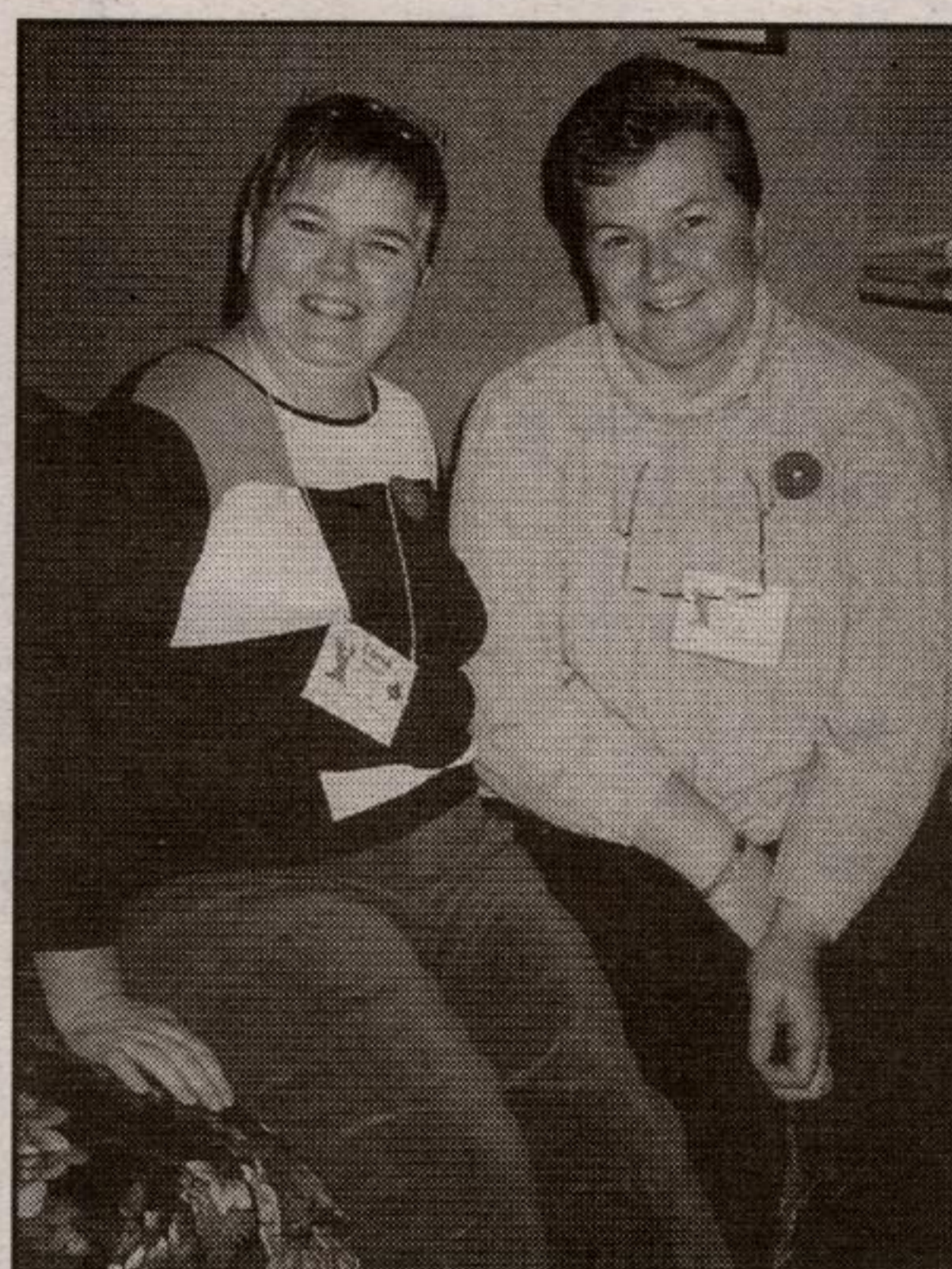
This past November, I was lucky enough to capitalize on one of those opportunities - the North Central Region Volunteer Forum in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

This forum was host to 500 delegates from 12 states and two provinces - Manitoba and Ontario. At the conference we attended many excellent workshops.

Risk Management was one very interesting workshop. The volunteer sector needs to be more cognizant of the ramifications of certain actions involving youth, an example being as innocent as offering a youth member a lift home from a meeting. In today's world this is not to be done, just as giving a friendly encouraging pat on the back or hug is not recommended. A sad commentary on the way we live, but as a volunteer we need to be aware of this.

Volunteer Stress was another very timely workshop. The demands put on those of us who give of our time, often weigh us down physically and mentally. I gained insight in how to "lift" the spirits of volunteers and also how to "Say No" when asked to do that extra task.

If you are a volunteer, you know the rewards of offering your time and talents far outweigh the



Ellen Chojko-Bolec and Lorna Wilson

stresses and concerns.

We also had the opportunity to go on tours of the area. I was very fortunate to tour the massive John Deere Plant in Ankeny, Iowa, as well as the main Pioneer Seed Lab and plant in Johnston, Iowa. Others saw the actual Bridge of Madison County, the birthplace of John Wayne and the very impressive Capital Building.

Iowa was a gracious host to the 4-H Volunteers and we came away from the three day event with many new friends, contacts, ideas and enthusiasm.

If you are a 4-H Volunteer you are eligible to apply for any opportunities such as the Iowa Conference. Please check the Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide, which is sent to every 4-H Member Family. If you wish to be a 4-H volunteer, please contact our Co-ordinator Brenda Mathies at 519-822-0285.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

The Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation offers Excellence Awards and Bursaries to young people furthering their studies in post secondary institutions. Interested members please visit www.millennium-scholarships.ca for information on criteria and application processes.

FCC Scholarship

Planning to attend college or university? The Farm Credit Corporation is once again sponsoring scholarships for 4-H members. For more information contact Brenda at 519-822-0285 before February 28.

FWIO Scholarships

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is once again sponsoring scholarships to 4-H members. One scholarship will be awarded in each County/District/Area and one scholarship in each of the four Provincial Regions. For more information contact Brenda at 519-822-0285 before March 1.

Summer Employment Opportunities with 4-H Ontario

4-H Ontario is again offering the following summer employment opportunities for youth.

Youth Corp Coordinator (2 positions)

Develop and facilitate programming at five 4-H Members Conferences across Ontario; promote 4-H member events and facilitate 4-H member focus groups; provide written documentation to 4-H Ontario staff as designated.

4-H Resource Assistant (2 positions)

Aid in development and review of resources; research and prepare technical updates for current resources; assist with writing, editing and proofing resources for youth and volunteers.

For additional information please visit www.4hontario.ca (opportunities).

IMPORTANT DATES

Be sure to mark your calendar!

- February 6: Second meeting for the Safety Day Committee and the Campbellville Life Skills.
- February 7: Safety Committee meeting
- February 15: Annual Meeting of the Ontario 4-H Council
- February 15: Royal Bank IPE deadline and Camp Enterprise deadline.
- February 15-17: 2002 Building our Future with Hands across the Province.
- February 16: Annual Meeting of the Ontario 4-H Foundation.
- February 27: The Halton 4-H Association hosts its annual meeting at Hillcrest Church.
- February 28: Deadline for FCC Scholarship applications.
- March 1: Deadline for FWIO Scholarship applications.
- March 9-14: Provincial Leadership Camp (Port Sydney).
- March 15: Summer Employment Opportunities with 4-H Ontario deadline.
- March 27: Halton 4-H Kickoff Night at Hillcrest Church.

4-H Opportunities

Royal Bank Inter-Provincial Exchange

Five delegates from Ontario will be selected to represent our province and travel either to Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or British Columbia and then host the delegate they are paired with. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2002. For more information contact Brenda at 519-822-0285.

Camp Enterprise

This opportunity to expose, explore, challenge and spur your imagination on the subject of business and private enterprise is offered through the Rotary Club of Toronto. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2002. For more information contact Brenda at 519-822-0285.

4-H Trading Post

The 4-H Trading Post is up and running on the 4-H Ontario web site. This is a great place to find and advertise 4-H related items such as boots, clippers, display boards, halters, tack etc.. Just go on line the www.4hontario.ca and select Trading Post and browse through the postings or make one of your own.

Halton 4-H Projects

This year Halton is running a few projects to help you get through the winter blahs. Please contact Brenda at 519-822-0285 for more information concerning the Alternative Farming, Competitive Judging, Good Foods Fast and Safety Clubs. It is not too late to join the fun!

2002 Season

The 2002 season will KICK OFF fully on March 27 at Hillcrest Church. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Halton now on the Website

January first not only brought in a new year but also launched a new means of communication between the Halton 4-H members and leaders. Please visit www.4hontario.ca and check out YOUR county page. Effective immediately the information concerning meetings, events and special announcements are listed for you. Just go to the county pages and select Halton to see exactly what we are all up to.

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