



***Strong Communities***

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**4-H Hall of Fame recognizes 2008 inductee**

***Long-term supporter lauded for outstanding leadership and dedication***

Edmonton... Alberta's 4-H program is recognizing Sharon Uhrich for her outstanding community leadership and dedication to Alberta's youth by inducting her into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

"Our 4-H programs depend on many volunteers who tirelessly give of their time, energy and talents to clubs across Alberta," said George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Sharon is a shining example of the high quality of leadership that inspires our youth, and fosters the next generation of leaders in the province's agriculture industry and rural communities."

A long-standing supporter of Alberta's 4-H programs, Ms. Uhrich has made significant contributions throughout her more than 25 years of service at the club district and regional levels, including working directly with 4-H members on various activities.

Ms. Uhrich's history with 4-H in Alberta commenced with 17 years of leadership with the Golden Rod 4-H Multi-Club. She has served on the Rockyview 4-H District Council, holding a variety of executive positions since 1985, and is currently serving as a 4-H Key Leader for the district. In addition, Ms. Uhrich has sat on the Calgary Regional 4-H Council for 21 years, which includes the past 11 years as Treasurer for the region.

Ms. Uhrich joins the ranks of 70 Alberta men and women inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame since it began in 1971, and will be officially honoured with an induction ceremony at the annual 4-H Leaders' Conference in Red Deer, January 10, 2009.

For more information about Alberta's 4-H Hall of Fame, visit [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca).

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**Attachment:** Backgrounder on Alberta's Hall of Fame and 4-H program.

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### **Alberta 4-H Program**

#### **Program History**

Building communities since 1917, Alberta 4-H has been mentoring the youth of this province in the ways of leadership and communication, all the while equipping them with confidence, life-applicable skills and a network of friends that spans the entire country. With 250,000 alumni, 4-H is proud to be the number one youth organization in the province.

#### **4-Hall of Fame**

Each Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame inductee has been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the 4-H program development and/or its members and leadership at the local, regional, provincial, and at times, national level. Candidates are nominated by members or leaders from their local clubs and councils, and nominations must be backed up by community references.

A selection committee, consisting of key leaders of the provincial 4-H council, the 4-H Foundation and representatives from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, evaluates each nomination submission based on the candidate's strong personal qualities and significant contributions to 4-H, agriculture and rural life.

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