NOMINATION FOR Chapter Meritorious Support Service Recognition



Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Zeta Chapter – Texas

Nominee's Name:Kim ITitle:ExtenAddress:P.O. ICity, State Zip:OrangE-Mail:kpevePhone Number:409-8Year Initiated into ESP: n/a

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Position and Dates of Extension Employment:

Orange County AgriLife Extension Office 12-18-2001 Thru Present Orange County Sherriff Department 8-11-1997 Thru 12-17-2001

Outstanding Professional Accomplishments:

Kim Peveto has served as Extension Secretary in Orange County for over 12 years. She provides support to programming in Family Consumer Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and 4-H and Youth Development. Kim works well with youth and adult clientele involved in programming efforts. She exhibits a helpful spirit in her interactions in the office or on the phone. People leave feeling they have had their needs met. Kim collaborates on programming efforts. When several projects are going on at once, everyone knows that Kim will prioritize tasks and make sure that everything needed for an educational program is completed. Through this support she demonstrates a commitment to helping those in our community through Extension education.

Outstanding Programmatic Accomplishments:

In 2008 a hurricane hit Orange County. The extension office was called to serve in the emergency command center. Kim was first on the scene. Her presence at that time was priceless, she knew the people who needed our assistance as well as resources available to our agriculture producers. One challenge at that time was our Extension office flooded with 5-feet of water. A greater personal challenge to Kim was that her home burnt down to the flood-water line during the hurricane. She worked for over a week helping citizens while she had nothing to her name left except the safety of her boys and herself.

Kim is always helpful even when her "plate is full" with other projects and family challenges as she is a single mother of twin teenage boys. Her love of people and her full commitment to her job is seen on a daily basis. If a 4-H family needs anything she will stay late to meet their needs. This is also the case when one of the Extension Agents needs help preparing last minute program details.

Support Statement:

Kim has demonstrated that she understands and is committed to the mission of Extension. This is evident on an ongoing basis in the Orange County office as she overcomes difficult circumstances to make a difference in the lives of individuals in our community. I am honored to nominate Kim Peveto for the Chapter Meritorious Support Service Recognition.