

2016 Spirit of FCL



Patricia Kubo Hawaii

One of the hallmarks of the FCL program is to assist members of a community in taking control of their lives and changing the world for the better using the leadership skills that were learned thru the Family Community Leadership program. The winner of the 2016 Spirit of FCL Award Patricia Kubo from Hawaii has done just that. Pat has been an inspiring leader and mentor to many. She received her FCL training by attending national conferences and workshops in Hawaii and used the skills that she learned by putting them to good use holding many officers in the Hawaii Association for Family & Community Education.

Pat has worked with her local FCE Council in organizing community service activities and is using her FCL skills in working with Ikebana International Honolulu Chapter 56 to organize community service projects which included organizing demonstrations for community groups at universities, libraries and community centers. She is also working with students hand on workshops. For those of us that don't know what Ikebana is – it is the disciplined art form of Japanese flower arranging in which the arrangement is a living thing where nature and humanity are brought together. It is steeped in the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature.

FCL training has helped Pat be a dedicated leader and mentor. She has helped her local club members learn to preside over a meeting, she is very willing to share her knowledge and experiences with others, and believes that a leader should be able to encourage others to take on roles in leadership.

Pat says “I have no problem speaking and directing children but speaking in front of adults still makes me a bit nervous.” She believes participating in FCL training has helped in giving her more confidence.

We are lucky to have Patricia Kubo as part of our FCE Family.

Congratulations, Pat!!!!