



Featured 4-H Alumnus



Dori Gingera-Beauchemin

Hometown: McCreary, MB

4-H Club: McCreary 4-H Busy Hands

Years in 4-H: 6 as a member

Projects: Sewing, Crafts, Foods, Jr. Leader

Favourite Leader: Mrs. Doucette because she helped us believe in ourselves.



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Career History: I have worked for Manitoba Department of Agriculture since 1979 and my positions over those years have included 4-H Youth Specialist, Chief of 4-H Program, Director of Central Region, Director of Marketing and Farm Business Management Branch, Assistant Deputy Minister Agri-Food and Rural Development Division, Assistant Deputy Minister Policy Division and Deputy Minister.

Current Employer/Position: Manitoba Agriculture - Deputy Minister

My 4-H Story: I joined 4-H when our family moved to McCreary. In fact not only did I join but so did my 2 sisters and my mother who served as our 4-H leader. Our club was very active, offering many fabulous experiences to those who wanted to participate. Through the years as a member of McCreary 4-H Busy Hands, I participated in events such as public speaking competitions, summer camps, rallies, junior conferences and exchange trips. I can honestly say that not only these events but also the people I met at these events helped shape the person I have become.

While in high school, I had summer jobs with the Department of Agriculture which introduced me to Dept. of Agriculture staff. Influenced by those connections, I entered the Faculty of Agriculture, again working every summer with the department, during which I had the opportunity to work on many 4-H events, rallies, cattle shows, fairs and camps.

Following graduation, my first full time job was as the 4-H specialist in Eastern Manitoba. I then moved on to become the Chief of Manitoba's 4-H Program. While serving as Chief, I represented Manitoba on the Canadian 4-H Council which allowed me to see the depth and breadth of the 4-H program in Canada.

Although my career positions after that did not have me directly working with the 4-H Program, I held the program close to me and watched with a very caring eye. As the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, I am very proud that we continue to have a strong and positive relationship with the MB 4-H Program.

I was also given the opportunity as a volunteer to sit as a Board member for the Canadian 4-H Foundation, serving as its Vice and then President.

In 2013 the Canadian 4-H Council presented me with an Honorary Membership, of which I am still humbled to join the ranks of those who have given so much to the program over its history.

Single Greatest Attribute: "Respect for small town and everything rural".

While our lives often take us away from the communities where we were raised, the experiences and connections we gained through 4-H weave such a strong rural blanket for us that wraps itself around us. We are never left alone in the cold and it gives us the strength to stand tall and proud. With that confidence can come good things.

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