

2010-2011 Community Service Awards for With Our Youth Marrietta Catlin, Community Service Chair

Providing our youth with better learning skills, a sense of self-worth and confidence, better nutrition as well as serving as good role models and caring adults in their lives are what retired teachers are all about. One unit impacts the lives of youth in a variety of ways but they reported being the most proud of their “Afternoon in the Past” sessions at Dacotah Museum. Twenty to forty 3rd and 4th graders per session find out about the past as they churn butter, make candles, wash clothes on a washboard and weave on a loom. The children enjoy finding out about the past history of Brown County but also learn to appreciate the modern conveniences of today. Congratulations to the Aberdeen Retired Teachers Association. **(Lois Sollie, community service chair and Evelyn Blum president)**

2010-2011 Honorable Mention Award for With Our Youth

This RTA unit also is involved in activities that benefit our youth in a variety of ways. The With Our Youth project they are most proud of the past year is their Sack Pack Program. Realizing that there is a need in their area for many students to have proper nutrition on the weekends, the group fills sacks of food items for students to have on the weekends to be better prepared for school each week. Congratulations to the Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association. **(Marilyn Kratz serving as community service chair as well as president)**