

The Community Service Committee of the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association proudly announces the winners of the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award and the Special Projects award.

The winners of the Volunteer of the Year award were chosen because of their service in a wide variety of areas, the amount of service hours, and because lives were improved and enriched because of their volunteerism.

Co-winners were selected as the competition was stiff this year. The Co-Winners of the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award are: **Jerry Keys** of Rogers County and **Jo Klingman** of Custer, Dewey and Washita Counties.

Volunteer of the Year Jerry Keys ~ Rogers County



**Nanny to
three month old
grand twins**



**Installation as President of Rogers County
Association of Retired Educators and Support Personnel**



Special Touch Ministries

Jerry Keys

Jerry's first volunteer job lasted six years when he became "nanny" to his twin grandbabies.

Jerry is active in the Rogers County Association of Retired Educators and Support Personnel. He has held the offices of vice-president, president (twice) and treasurer for eight years.

Youth: Jerry is presently volunteering as an assistant to the track coach at Oologah-Talala High School. He volunteers five days a week during track practice and also volunteers at the track meets.

Church: In January 2010 Jerry completed ten years of driving a church van. He also works with the youth and lawn maintenance.

Special Touch Ministries: Jerry is a volunteer staff member for special needs guests at a summer camp. His daily responsibilities require him to be with his guests for one week twenty-four hours a day.

Jerry selflessly donates his time and energy. He possesses the heart of a true servant whose sole desire is to help others. Jerry Keys is the kind of retired educator that the community respects and admires.

**Volunteer of the Year
Jo Klingman
Custer/Dewey/Washita Counties**





Jo Klingman

Jo is the coordinator of the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance food pantry. Jo is responsible for securing the donations of food, money and volunteers to operate the pantry. The facility is open two afternoons a week and provides food for 85 to 90 families each month. Jo devotes more than 500 hours annually to this venture. In all likelihood, the food pantry would not exist without the efforts and dedication of this remarkable woman. She was instrumental in securing a new location and raising funds for the down payment. Jo then began a campaign along with other community leaders to pay off the balance of the note. Following a city wide campaign, donations from local congregations, businesses, individuals and civic clubs retired the note and provided a \$5,000 excess that is kept in a building maintenance account.

As if this was not enough, Jo also volunteers on the Sharing & Caring Christmas Project, as an officer and committee member of Kappa Kappa Iota, as a math tutor for SWOSU students, a Meals on Wheels volunteer, in church activities, on the VFW Auxiliary, as a FCCLA judge, and as a Miss Oklahoma pageant chaperone for the past 16 years.