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**Jenkins and Mendenhall to Receive
Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service from
American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences**

(Reno, Nev. – June 18, 2007) – Martha C. Jenkins, CFCS, Retired, of Bowling Green, Ky., and Juanita M. Mendenhall, CFCS, of Ridgeway, S.C., will be recognized with the Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service at the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 98th Annual Conference & Expo in Reno, Nev., on June 23.

Established in 1989, the Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service recognizes commitment to volunteer service and to family and consumer sciences. The award is given in memory of David R. Wiley, D. Reid, and Agnes Miller Berger, and is an outgrowth of a 1985 award proposal originated by AAFCS' Home and Community Section. The award is co-sponsored by the Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service Endowment Fund and AAFCS.

Martha C. Jenkins, professor emeritus at Western Kentucky University, has been a persistent advocate for AAFCS and the profession for 50 years. Jenkins was instrumental in establishing the Phi Upsilon Omicron chapter at Western Kentucky University and has been a strong leader and advisor to many AAFCS members. When the family and consumer sciences department at Western Kentucky University was in a vulnerable position, she gathered alumni and marshaled forces to maintain programs for future students. She has held many volunteer positions in AAFCS and the Kentucky Affiliate and continues to generously share her knowledge and wisdom.

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Juanita M. Mendenhall, CFCS, is executive director of the Kershaw County Teen Health Promotion Coalition in Camden, South Carolina. On September 7, 2004, the Caribbean Island country of Grenada was hit by Hurricane Ivan, a category four storm that caused massive devastation. A home economist in the Grenada Ministry of Education emailed colleagues, including Mendenhall who had been the young woman's teacher. As president of the International Federation of Home Economics-U.S., Mendenhall immediately contacted leaders and officers of AAFCS and sister organizations with suggestions for how to help in Grenada. She flew to Grenada, toured the schools, and made a list of supplies and equipment needed to rebuild. Families are now recovering because people like Juanita Mendenhall helped them get the assistance they needed right away. Mendenhall has responded to similar crises with grace and commitment and exemplifies the definition of an outstanding volunteer who is willing to take action.

About AAFCS

Founded in 1909, AAFCS is the only national not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization providing leadership and support to FCS students and professionals in multiple practice settings. FCS professionals help individuals, families, and communities make informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. AAFCS' 8,000 members are elementary, secondary, and post-secondary educators, researchers, and administrators; Cooperative Extension educators; and other professionals in business and industry, not-for-profit organizations, and government. With national headquarters based in Alexandria, Va., AAFCS has 52 affiliates located across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Interviews/Quotes

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