

PEGGY ADKINS

Peggy Adkins, a retired 4-H youth-development specialist at the University of Tennessee, has served as executive director of Girls' Clubs of Knoxville Inc., as 4-H coordinator in Cobb County, Georgia, and as president of the 3,400-member National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. For 13 years, she was 4-H curriculum specialist for the University of Georgia where she trained extension faculty and volunteers, developed educational materials for 190,000 4-H members, and worked closely with both Georgia's Department of Education and the state's 159 county school systems. As curriculum development specialist for the USDA/National 4-H Council's "Community Cares" project on youth at risk, Adkins developed widely acclaimed programs on volunteer leadership, community action, conflict management, and trainer education. She chaired Washington, D.C.'s first and second Legislative Update on Youth at Risk (1987 and 1991). In 1991, she was part of the U.S. delegation to the first African/African-American Summit in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. A member of several honor societies, boards, and councils and recipient of the President's Medallion for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service (for her 4-H curriculum), Adkins was named in 1985 one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Women of America" from over 113,000 nominees. She has authored the Exercising Character curriculum supplement and *What's a Parent to Do?* booklet for CHARACTER COUNTS! and has trained thousands of Character Development Seminar graduates.