

# **Marie Cano**

Austin, MN Mower County

# Why REP CAB...

Because she was curious and wanted to find out more about the REP CAB. And, because the research that is being done is valuable to our local communities and could be/might be/is of value to the state or global community.



# **Family**

Three adult children and 6 grandchildren. One son lives with his family in Green Bay, WI and another son and one daughter live with their families in Austin, MN.

# Occupation

Retired High School and College Spanish teacher

#### **Hobbies/Interests**

Marie enjoys traveling to Mexico and Central America – especially during the very long MN winters. Additionally, Marie helped initiate a Backpack Program in Austin to supplement weekend meals for approx. 75 Head Start children (3-5 year olds). And, Marie keeps busy teaching an evening conversation Spanish class & participating in several reading groups.

### **Passion**

Many things, including literature, art, travel, nature, and the environment. Marie is especially passionate about eliminating hunger and want in our local communities, especially among our children (this should not be!).

# Quote(s)

"Life is either a grand adventure or nothing." ~ Helen Keller



"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

# Dream project for next year...

The Backpack Program has expanded to include preschool through 5th grade students – Marie would see this expanded to HS students.

Learn anything...Paint

# Scenery to paint...

Seascape of the beach, waves and view of the Mayan ruins at Tulum in Yucatan, Mexico