

January 22, 2013

Dear _____:

As the old joke goes, the best way to double your money is to fold it in half. But now there's a better way. When you make a donation to the Pulaski County Extension Council, the Warren Family Charitable Trust will match it, thus **doubling the value** of your donation. Thanks to a friendly challenge from the Warren Family Charitable Trust, every dollar you give to Pulaski County Extension will be matched, up to \$15,000.

That's the good news. Now for the bad news; the county commission has dramatically reduced the extension council's operating budget from \$26,080 in 2012 to only \$10,000 in 2013 — a decrease of more than 60 percent. The University of Missouri Extension efforts in Pulaski County have never needed your support more than now.

- To maintain our partnership with the university and keep the university's funding here, we need to keep county funding at least stable. The university's commitment to Pulaski County is \$214,912 in key areas such as faculty and educator salaries, benefits and staff development.
- Most importantly, ***we need to continue and increase our educational work for Pulaski County people***. In 2012 alone, 3,600 Pulaski County youth and their families were served by 4-H Youth programs that teach critical life skills, and the Family Nutrition Education Program reached 8,156 low-income participants with nutrition education.
- Business development classes held on Fort Leonard Wood for military and civilians help people build our economy.
- The Focus on Kids parent education program works to help people be effective parents during and after divorce.
- Annual gardening classes educate both novice and advanced gardeners on best gardening practices and ways to live sustainably in the Missouri Ozarks.
- Farm Safety Days held at schools in the county help save lives by educating our youth on rural precautions.

Please donate to keep these valuable programs available to Pulaski County people. And remember, ***the Warren Family Trust will double your donation***. As an added plus, your donation is tax-deductible. Please see the enclosed card with detailed options for giving and choose the one that works best for you.

Please don't delay in making your decision to give. Time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

Mary Wall
Pulaski County Extension Council Chair

Sarah Traub
County Program Director
Pulaski County Extension

P.S. Every dollar counts — ***twice*** thanks to the Warren Family Trust. A \$100 donation will do \$200 worth of good, a \$500 donation will give a \$1,000 benefit.