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Dear Supporters of Greene County Extension:

Since 1914, Greene County residents have sought help from Greene County Extension on issues related to agriculture, gardening, 4-H youth, nutrition, cooking, families, housing and business and community development. For 100 years, MU Extension has had a positive impact on this county. Now you can make a positive impact on your community by giving monetarily to the Greene County Extension Center. Your gift will stay local and support Extension programs in Greene County during 2015. Donors like you also receive benefits from the local extension center and University of Missouri as a “Friend of Greene County Extension.”

Your gift remains vital. In fact, local donations over the last three years are what has made it possible to keep the Greene County Extension office open and our programs accessible to about 25,000 county residents. Private donors gave over $31,000 this past year (Nov 2013 to Oct 2014). Private donations made these Extension program successes possible during 2014:

- Master Gardeners of Greene County reached over 2,000 county residents with horticulture information and contributed about 24,000 hours in volunteer service (valued at about $484,000) to the citizens of Greene County.

- Greene County Extension reached over 200,000 Ozarkers a week with Extension research and information in print, via email, on radio and television and online.

- Our nutrition assistants introduced new, healthy, nutritious and affordable foods to over 22,000 county residents this year. Nearly 18,000 of those were youth at area schools.

- Our urban and housing development specialist worked with students at Drury to develop a neighborhood plan for the Rountree Community in Springfield.

- Our nutrition specialist has served in a leadership role for the Ozark Food Policy Council which is working to ensure access to healthy nutritious food for all Greene County citizens.

- The MU Extension business specialist working in Greene County has served 1,065 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance during 2014. Her efforts have resulted in 81 new jobs and four new businesses.

- Greene County Extension’s Master Naturalists chapter has 73 active members who contributed 6,000 volunteer hours to the community in 2014. Their efforts have resulted in community gardens, new trails, improved parks and school gardens.

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• Greene County 4-H has about 200 active youth members and 98 volunteers who contributed over 9,800 hours to 4-H (that time is valued at over $184,000). Clubs in this county can boast of members who have won state, regional and national 4-H competitions this year.

Members of the Greene County Extension Council have contributed to the “Friends of Greene County Extension” campaign. Now, it is your turn to help us reach our goal of $35,000 during the 2014-2015 program year. You will find a brochure enclosed that provides details about how you can make a tax deductible gift to Greene County Extension.

Sincerely,

David L. Burton
Civic Communication Specialist
County Program Director

George Deatz
Chairman
Greene County Extension Council

PS: For many years in MU Extension financial classes we have taught adults to “save some, spend some and share some.” This campaign is your opportunity to “share some” with county residents by supporting Greene County Extension with an annual gift.

PSS: Write a check and send your donation today! If you would rather give electronically with a credit card, visit our Greene County Extension website (http://extension.missouri.edu/greene) and “click” on the link that says “Donate to Greene County Extension.”

Greene County Extension Testimonies

Find testimonies online at http://extension.missouri.edu/greene under the “Donate to Greene County Extension” link. Submit a testimony about the impact a Greene County Extension program has had on you or your family by sending content via email to burtond@missouri.edu.