

November 2017

Dear friend of Greene County MU Extension:

This is shaping up to be a great programming year for the Greene County MU Extension center in Springfield thanks to donations *from people like you*. Last year our office provided educational programs and assistance for over 45,000 Greene County residents.

This year we are on track to set an all-time record for the number of people attending our programs, an all-time record in soil tests, and an all-time record in donors. You can be a part of that success by making a donation to the Greene County Extension Council.

As a donor, you help improve the quality of life in this county.

- Donors have made it possible to expand our support of 4-H youth development in the county with plans to do more this year to help grow our local 4-H membership and involvement.
- Donors have supported our nutrition training for families and children as well as efforts to expand local food production.
- Our donors have provided the resources that have allowed our specialists to work with individuals and organizations to create fantastic and viable community gardens, and beautiful gardens at the Springfield Botanical Center.
- Our donors have helped keep local agriculture viable.
- Your donations have helped to support programming efforts to aid communities in developing a vision for the 21st Century.
- Donations during the spring made it possible for us to expand our Salute to Century Farms event and offer training designed to help keep families on the farm and the farm in the family.
- Your donations have made it possible for Greene County MU Extension to offer local exercise and nutrition programs for senior citizens and families.
- Our donors have given money that has helped to fund the sharing of information that helps local businesses expand and others to get their own business started.

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- Donors supported our community conversation events where we gathered community input that was used to restructure MU Extension statewide. Those changes in positions and programming focus are being rolled out this fall. Every specialist will be impacted but the goal is to further engage Missourians in priority areas.
- And finally, donations have also made it possible to create a new and exciting program (EXCCEL) for the development of community-minded leaders in western Greene County.

Our donors rock! If you have not given in several years we need you now. If you have not given yet this year, we need your support now. If you have had a good year and support the extension mission and programming, we need your gift now! We still need to raise about \$8,000 before the end-of-the-year.

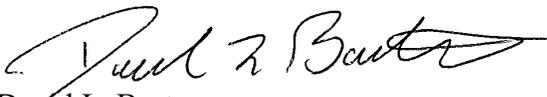
Donations can be made in one of three ways:

- 1) donate directly on our website at extension.missouri.edu/greene.
- 2) deliver your donation and enclosed donation form to the Greene County MU Extension Center inside the Springfield Botanical Center; or
- 3) mail your donation check and the enclosed donation form to Greene County MU Extension, 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65807

Every donation goes directly to the funding educational programs organized by MU Extension right here in Greene County. No part of your donation goes toward the salary of staff or specialists. That means your gift directly helps to improve the quality of life for your friends and neighbors in Greene County.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about our programming, feel free to contact me at the Greene County Extension Center.

Sincerely,



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County Program Director
Civic Communication Specialist

Enclosure: donation card and connection card