Dear HLI Partner,

Greetings!

In this month's newsletter you will find ordering information for our new Grow Eat Grow, A Seasonal and Simple Guide for Gardening and Cooking with Kids publication.

We appreciate all you do and your help in showing the impact of Extension support in your communities.

Sincerely,

Your On-Campus HLI Team
Ann, Margie, Nancy, Kristin and Rachel

Grow Eat Grow - NOW AVAILABLE!

Grow Eat Grow, A Seasonal and Simple Guide for Gardening and Cooking with Kids, the third in the seasonal and simple series, is now available!

The guide is filled with a variety of garden themes in the Grow section that provide inspiration to begin or transform a garden and to encourage experiential learning about history, literature, cultures, science and art. The Eat section has simple steps for preparing and enjoying fruits and vegetables in season. The guide promotes the many benefits of gardening and cooking for kids including a greater ability to work in groups, appreciate nature, be responsible, have a greater understanding of nutrition and eat more fruits and vegetables.

HLI communities can purchase Grow Eat Grow for $8.50 and HLI will pay half ($4.25). To order, please contact Margie Meyer at meyermm@missouri.edu.

On-line Master Degree Offered in Positive Coaching

The University of Missouri is offering a new master of education degree in positive coaching. It is led by graduate instructor Dr. Rick McGuire, who is the former MU track-and-field coach. The degree is suggested not just for coaches, but also for teachers, nurses, administrators, and community program workers. Are you interested or do you have someone in your community who you might encourage to complete this degree? Any HLI community effort could benefit from having a coach trained to teach winning attitudes both in sports and life in addition to promoting contribution to the larger society.

More information can be found at http://www.online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/ed-positivecoaching/index.aspx.
Policies and Standards for Promoting Physical Activity in After-School Programs

A new research brief from Active Living Research summarizes research on physical activity in after-school programs and examines how policies can help after-school programs and examines how policies can help after-school programs more effectively promote physical activity and prevent obesity among children.

Read more at http://www.activelivingresearch.org/node/12656.

Missouri Ranks 18th in Local Food Availability
The Strolling of the Heifers Releases first Locavore Index

The Strolling of the Heifers has announced the release of its first Locavore Index: an indicator of how states compare in their commitment to raising and eating locally grown food. In the 2012 Locavore Index, Vermont ranks first among the fifty states. Using data exclusively from government sources (principally USDA and US Census data) dating from 2010 and 2011, the Locavore Index measures the commitment of states to locally-sourced foods by measuring the per-capita presence of Community-Supported Agricultural enterprises and Farmers Markets, each of which is an indication of both the availability and demand for locally-produced food.

CSAs are a cooperative agreement between farmers and consumers; consumer buy shares in the farm's output and have some say in what is grown. When crops come in, they are divided among shareholders according to the volume of their shares, and the rest may be sold at market. CSA farmers get revenue in advance to cover costs of tilling, soil preparation and seed. Shareholders get fresh produce grown locally and contribute to sustainable farming practices.

Farmers Markets are generally cooperative efforts to market locally produced food in a central location where consumers can select and purchase food from multiple farm enterprises.

The Index incorporates both CSAs and Farmers Markets in its per-capita, 50-state comparison of consumers' interest in eating locally-sourced foods - also known as locavorism.

The top five states for locavorism, according to the Index, in order, are Vermont (No. 1), Iowa, Montana, Maine and Hawaii, while the bottom five are Florida (No. 50), Arizona, New Jersey, Nevada and Louisiana. See below for a full listing of the 50 states as ranked by the Locavore Index. Click here for a PDF chart including the underlying data and sources used to develop the Index.

More information can be found at:

Upcoming Dates and Events

**June 29 - Missouri Transportation Funding Meetings - Cape Girardeau**

**July 9 - Missouri Transportation Funding Meetings - Columbia**
Grants and Funding Opportunities

**American Medical Association Healthy Living Grant Program**
The Healthy Living Grant Program addresses obesity, prescription drug abuse and violence. The grants support grass-roots efforts to combat these problems. Program applicants must have a target audience of underserved populations between the ages of 2 and 21 years. Recipient organizations are not required to be a 501c3, but need to be in existence for at least one year to be eligible for the grant. Grants cannot be used for staff salary, overhead or capital construction or improvements.

**Award Amount:** Maximum of $5000

**Deadline:** July 16, 2012

**The Kerr Foundation**
The Kerr Foundation supplies grants to non-profit organizations working in education, health, cultural development and service, especially those working with youth.

**Deadline:** July 2012

**Share our Strength After-School and Summer Feeding Program Grants**
Share our Strength provides grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 to schools, non-profit organizations and local governments to use in the implementation of an after-school or summer feeding program for youth.

**Award Amount:** $1,000-$10,000

**Deadline:** July 31, 2012

**COS Funding Opportunities**
COS provides the world’s most comprehensive funding resource, with more than 25,000 records worth over $33 billion. To search for funding opportunities you may be eligible for visit [http://pivot.cos.com/](http://pivot.cos.com/).

The HLI team is working extensively to improve our list of funding and grant opportunities for you. See our website for a detailed list of funding opportunities and deadlines. **Many grants have rolling submission deadlines, so look closely!**

Comments or Suggestions? Let Us Know!
In order to be the most effective we can be for you, we need your feedback! Please feel free to reply to this e-mail or send us an e-mail to hli@missouri.edu to let us know what you thought of this newsletter and what you’d like to see in newsletters to come!