Dear HLI Partner,

Greetings!

In this month's newsletter you will find a re-cap from the Healthy Communities Movement Summit and a farewell notes from two of our campus graduate students, Arlene and Flavia.

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, Dale, Margie, Nancy, Arlene, Flavia, Kristin and Rachel

2012 Healthy Communities Movement Summit

Re-Cap from Ann Cohen
The 2012 Healthy Communities Movement Summit inspired participants to return to their coalitions with new plans and ideas. Evaluations from the conference showed that expanding collaborations and networks is the top priority of many of the attendees. In addition, several mentioned that they hope to create a community vision and goals through a planning process or help their collaboration return to goals previously set. Several are taking away ideas for creating an advocacy campaign in their communities to promote healthy eating and active living. Specific tools that conference participants plan to use include the Community Commons, Photovoice Missouri, and storytelling for connecting people to one another. Some plan to implement a BikeShare program, like what was done in LiveWell Greenville, make microloans for economic development, involve youth, promote community gardens and farmers' markets, and improve access to healthy food in their community.

Presentations from the Summit can be accessed at: http://extension.missouri.edu/healthylife/resources/2012MovementSummit.htm

Contact Margie Meyer who can put you in contact with a Healthy Lifestyle Initiative team member with resources and contacts to help with the goals you set at the summit.

Photovoice Missouri Honors Best of Student Work

Health Communication Research Center

More than 20 students were honored finalists for their work in Photovoice Missouri, a state-wide health photography program and competition. The students traveled to an awards ceremony in Columbia, Mo., on Friday, April 13, where they were celebrated for their achievements throughout the school year on the Photovoice Missouri project.
The student who walked away with the top honor for her Photovoice Missouri work was Abigail Todd from Dallas County. Dallas was one of seven counties represented in the project, which also included students from Mercer, Ralls, Shelby, Lafayette and Dent Counties. The finalists' photos were judged by how well they illustrated the Photovoice method, Healthy Lifestyle Initiative ideals as well as the photograph itself. (More after winning photo below.)

Abigail, Dallas County - "Runner"

This picture is good and bad. It represents good because the runner is doing something to stay healthy. However, it is also bad because she is running on a very busy stretch in our town. Many people feel safe running on this road because it is across from our campus, which makes it a highly populated area. However, it truly needs sidewalks for the safety of anyone who would like to jog, walk, or bike here.

"From everything we've heard from the teachers and the students involved in this project, it's been an eye-opening experience," said Jon Stemmle, co-organizer of Photovoice Missouri and director of the Health Communication Research Center at the Missouri School of Journalism. "Our goal going in was to introduce the students to a way to get their thoughts and concerns about the health of their communities heard. Based on what we've seen, I believe that's happened and it's created a dialogue that we hope will continue."

The main goal of Photovoice Missouri is to encourage students to raise awareness about how their communities are supporting healthy eating and opportunities for physical activity by taking photographs of what they see in their everyday lives. Their photographs show examples of ways the community supports positive lifestyle behaviors as well as gaps or areas where community improvement is needed.

The concept of Photovoice has been around for nearly 20 years, and is most often used in the field of community development, public health, and education to combine photography with grassroots social action. Participants are asked to represent their community or point of view through photos, videos or slideshows. Each participant develops a brief narrative to go with each of their visual presentations. They also discuss one another's work and coordinate outreach or other action aimed at promoting tangible change within their community.

All of the students' pictures can be seen on Flickr, a photography sharing website, at www.flickr.com/photos/photovicemissouri/.

Photovoice Missouri is supported by Missouri's Healthy Lifestyle Initiative, assisted by the Health Communications Research Center at the Missouri School of Journalism.

Related post: Photovoice Missouri coordinator reflects on the program
New 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

Farewell from Two HLI Campus Staff Graduate Students

Arlene Enderton and Flavia Araujo Da Silva

Farewell from Arlene

I am honored to have worked with the Healthy Lifestyle Initiative during this past school year. Before working with HLI I did not know anything about the movement to prevent and reduce obesity that is growing in America. I have learned so much about the challenges of working with communities and how to overcome them. I am also more excited than ever to promote gardening. I learned a lot through the opportunities I had to collaborate on the creation of the next Season and Simple book, entitled *Grow Eat Grow*, and the planning of the Healthy Communities Movement Summit.

I will finish my coursework at the University of Missouri this May. My husband and I will then move to Northeast Iowa where I will complete a three month internship with the Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative, a six-county initiative similar to the Healthy Lifestyle Initiative funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. I will assess their work so far and create several reports to communicate with stakeholders. Hopefully I can continue to be of use to HLI as a connection between HLI and the Food and Fitness Initiative.

This internship will fulfill the final requirements to receive my professional masters degree in rural sociology. Following graduation I hope to find work in Northern Iowa, because my husband and I hope to stay in the area so we can live closer to our families.

Good-bye from Flavia

I completed my internship with HLI last week. It's been a great opportunity being part of HLI's team. Thank you all for your cooperation. I would also like to extend my appreciation to HLI's community contacts for your assistance in our Community Gardening Survey. I have learned about the program from all your feedback. I will be going back home to Timor-Leste in the end of this month and I hope to share what I have learned with my community. All the best to you all and keep up the good work!

Upcoming Dates and Events

**May 14** - Webinar: Legal Issues with Direct Marketing, Part 2
7-8:30 pm
Go to http://univmissouri.adobeconnect.com/r4fwpfellu/ and sign in as a guest.

**May 16** - In-Street Bicycle Parking: What, When, Where and How Much?
Webinar - 3:00-4:00 pm Eastern
For more information and online registration: http://www.apbp.org/event/May-16_webinar

**May 19** - Run, Remember, Rebuild ~ Joplin Memorial Run
6:30 AM @ Joplin, MO 212 W. 8th Street, Corner of 8th and Joplin Street
Registration Closing Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 @ 10:00 PM PST
Grants and Funding Opportunities

**Action for Healthy Kids to Award $1.2 Million to Schools for Wellness Initiatives**

Thanks to the generous support of the Walmart Foundation, Kelloggs, and Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund, Action for Healthy Kids will be awarding $1.2M to schools for the 2012-2013 school year to support your school nutrition goals. Funds can go towards supporting a number of school nutrition programs.

Take advantage of these funds to reach your school's goals. The application is simple, and the deadline has been extended to May 18, 2012.

Find more information at: [http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html)

**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 go to: [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. More information will be available soon!

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!