

Recognizing

Our volunteers

Promoting the value of volunteerism builds worthwhile interrelationships within the community.



- ▶ **Volunteer support.** In 2005, Jackson County residents benefited from 24,624 hours of service from 2268 extension volunteers for a total value of \$432,151. This is based on the worth of \$17.55 per hour for volunteer time as set by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Extension trains, supports and coordinates the efforts of a variety of volunteers, including 4-H leaders, Master Gardeners and Building Bridges and Family Nutrition Education Program volunteers.
- ▶ Named to the 2005 Missouri Leaders Honor Roll from Jackson County for their outstanding contributions to Extension programming were Jessica Ayala and Mary Medley. Jessica was nominated for her enthusiastic leadership over the last 4 years working with high school age youth in the 4-H Youth Futures program and the Cultural Diversity, Career Development 4-H Group. Mary was nominated for her outstanding service to the Master Gardener program. Mary has been an active Master Gardener for 8 years and has contributed more than 1000 hours of volunteer time. In 2005, Mary chaired the Annual State Master Gardener Conference hosted by the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City and attended by over 300 Master Gardeners from across the state. Thanks to Mary and Jessica and all the volunteers who help make extension's programs successful in your community!

**WE HAD 288,261
DIRECT CONTACTS
WITH JACKSON
COUNTY RESIDENTS
IN 2005**



.1% Native American
.2% Asian American
2% Hispanic
33% African American
63% Caucasian
1.7% Other

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