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AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE

University of Missouri
Extension council
members make
a positive difference
in our communities.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
 Extension

A Unique Opportunity

We extend this invitation to you to become a nominee for the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jasper County because we feel you are in tune with your community, have your community's best interests at heart and are willing to open the doors of opportunity for Jasper County residents through University of Missouri Extension.

As a member of the Jasper County Extension Council, you can put any issue, interest or concern on the county's educational agenda. State laws confer this right to extension councils.

County extension council members and MU Extension faculty act as educational brokers, putting the interests and concerns of local people together with the resources of our land-grant university so people can obtain their goals. Throughout Missouri, extension councils and MU Extension professionals have identified an array of issues and have found ways University facilities and people can help.

Because extension councils, through federal and state laws, have a legal foundation for operation and a working partnership with MU Extension, the variety and scope of educational programs are nearly unlimited.

Current MU Extension Programs:

- **4-H Clubs**
- **Child Care Training Workshops**
- **Energy Alternatives**
- **Family and Community Education (FCE) Clubs**
- **Focus on Kids (FOK)**
- **Homebuyer Education**
- **Master Gardener**
- **Master Naturalist**
- **Woodland Steward**

Why Partnership?

As representatives of all Jasper County residents, extension council members are in the best position to discover what local people want and need from Missouri's land-grant university. MU Extension professionals and council members, acting as the front door to every unit in the University, put residents in touch with those who can help. Together, faculty and local citizens shape MU Extension programs to enhance the local quality of life.

MU Extension faculty and council members have access to a wide range of expertise through collaboration with state agencies and other organizations and groups. As members of the nationwide Cooperative Extension System, MU Extension faculty can draw from research and knowledge centers across the nation and the world.

Your Responsibilities

If you choose to be nominated for this partnership and are elected, you will be expected to:

- Understand and advocate for the goals, aspirations and concerns of people of Jasper County.
- Provide regular, thoughtful participation in developing educational programs to assist people in reaching their goals.
- Be an advocate for access to education that empowers people.
- Learn about the wealth of resources provided by MU and the University of Missouri System.
- Assist with council elections.
- Work with MU Extension faculty and others to generate support from outside sources.

- Secure and administer the county's share of funding for MU Extension programming in collaboration with the county commission.
- Advise and consult with University administration concerning the assignment of MU Extension faculty to Jasper County.
- Attend council meetings regularly and participate in training opportunities.

Your Rewards

Many people gain great satisfaction as an MU Extension council member.

First, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a positive difference in the lives of people in your community.

Second, you will enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of other knowledgeable leaders.

Here is what you, as an extension council member, can expect from MU Extension:

- A continuous flow of information about University and council programs, resources and activities.

- Social and economic data that outline trends and conditions in Jasper County and surrounding area.
- Opportunities to learn about your role, responsibilities and opportunities through county, regional and state training and other experiences.
- A network that connects you with people in other counties and states.

MU Extension cannot fulfill its mission of extending the educational resources and knowledge base of the University of Missouri to people without a full partnership with local residents.

We Need Each Other

You have been identified as someone who could fulfill the partnership role well. We invite you to fill out and return the nomination form. You can call an MU Extension faculty member or Jasper County council member for further details.

***We believe in what we do,
and it shows in our history,
in our programs,
and most importantly,
in the people we serve.***



To: The Nominating Committee of the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jasper County

I want to submit my name in nomination as a member of the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jasper County. I understand that if I am nominated, I will stand for election in January. If elected, I agree to serve.

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