March 2, 2015

Dear Community Friend,

Laclede County 4-H is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk fundraiser on Saturday, May 16, 2015. This event takes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities through the neighborhood south of Atchley Park in an effort to raise awareness of healthy lifestyle choices in the youth of our community. This family-oriented event attracts people of all ages and abilities. Participants and spectators will enjoy an awards ceremony and refreshments at the completion of the event.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Laclede County 4-H youth. 4-H is a non-profit, positive youth development program that inspires youth ages 5—18 to make healthy and responsible choices in life. Research has discovered that youth involved in 4-H have better grades, high levels of academic competence and an elevated level of self confidence.

How you can help: We would like to ask for your help for this year’s “Run for the Clover” race. Your sponsorship is very important to the 4-H Youth in Laclede County. As a sponsor, we will display your business name on the back of the race t-shirts, race poster, website listing and you will receive your own 5K t-shirt.

Send us the following information as early as possible. In order to display your name on race t-shirt, we will need your donation by May 1st.

- A check (payable to Laclede County 4-H Council for the sponsorship amount) $__________
  - $50—$74 (logo or name, bottom of shirt) $75—$99 (logo or name, middle of shirt) $100 and up (logo or name, top of shirt)
- T-shirt Size ___ X-Large ___Large ___Medium ___Small ___ Other ___
- In-Kind Donation (Products from your business, gift certificates or cards for prizes) ____________________________

Business Name: ___________________________________________________________

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How can your donations help 4-H Youth?

**Citizenship Washington Focus - Total Cost is $2000 per participant**

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth age 14—19. Thousands of young people come to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington D.C., every summer to participate in a week-long program that enriches youth’s lives through activities that broaden their appreciation and respect for themselves and others. Delegates participate in a variety of experiences in our nation’s capital. Forums, workshops, prominent speakers, mock elections and congressional sessions are just a few of the fun activities offered. 4-H members will tour national landmarks, meet elected officials, create an action plan to help their communities and create life long memories with 4-H youth from Missouri and other states.

**State 4-H Congress - Total Cost is $200 per participant**

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-H’er’s ages 14—19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri Campus for three days. Objectives for Congress: Elect the state 4-H Council, enjoy quality workshops and educational opportunities, experience campus living—residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, etc., and get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri.

**Teen Conference - Total Cost is $150 per participant**

Teen Conference is a fun-filled, two day event for ages 11—13, planned by your State 4-H Council teens, to promote belonging, independence, generosity and mastery by: creating opportunities to make 300 friends from across Missouri, building leadership skills through quality learning experiences, connecting youth with older peer leaders on the State 4-H Council and taking a look at the exciting opportunities that await a 4-H teenager!

**Missouri 4-H Camping Programs - Total Cost is $130 per participant**

4-H camps are conducted by individual county 4-H programs or by cooperating groups of counties. Benefits of Camp: Summer camp is one of the most valuable experiences a child can have! Young people need strong relationships and emotional skills to meet today’s challenges. Through camping, young people learn independence, responsibility, how to get along with others, and how to make the right decisions. Camp promotes cooperation, teamwork, and respect for other people and our natural environment.

**Other educational programs**

Your donation can help youth with expenses for projects that they are working on during the 4-H year. (We offer a variety of projects from—livestock, robotics, horses, sewing, cooking, cake decorating, arts and crafts, shooting sports, and so much more). Your donation can help families who are struggling financially to be able to afford enrollment fees to join 4-H for a year. (Enrollment fee is $20 per youth) There are several state 4-H events that 4-H’ers and volunteers can attend such as: horse judging and horse bowl contests, shooting sports competitions, public speaking competitions and so much more!

Laclede County has 187 4-H members and 96 volunteers who volunteer their time to help the youth in our community! We have eight 4-H clubs in Laclede County (Barn Bums, Country Kids, Drive, Friendship, Home Grown, Laclede County Aggies, Trail Blazers and Whippoorwill).

Thank you for supporting the 4-H youth in Laclede County!