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As always, the St. Charles County Extension Center is working diligently to help the citizens of St. Charles County make better use of their resources, contribute to the local economy and improve their quality of life. Unfortunately, the funding which allows the Extension Center to provide such a positive impact to the community has been drastically reduced in recent years.

The funding for the Extension Center is determined by the St. Charles County government. The funding level for 2011, compared with the funding level of 2008, has been cut by a total of 54 percent. As a result, the Extension Council has implemented a number of budget saving strategies to ensure that the quality of our impact stays the same. Despite our best efforts, we are now at a crossroads where we must either: 1) raise additional funding; or 2) reduce the number and types of services we can offer. The Extension Council strongly believes in the benefits that Extension provides to St. Charles County, and does not believe a reduction in services is in the best interest of the community. Instead, we are asking for your financial support.

Specifically, we are asking you for a tax deductible donation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to the Missouri Extension Education Foundation of St. Charles County, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, which has been created to ensure that the Extension Center is able to serve citizens in St. Charles County. We have set our goal to sell 200 bricks.

To show our appreciation for your support, we will inscribe a brick with your name that will be placed around the flagpole at the Extension Center office. In addition, you will receive two tickets to the barbeque on October 15, when we will officially unveil the completed pathway.

Our extension team, one of the busiest and most experienced in the State of Missouri, is dedicated to offering innovative programs in areas such as youth development (4-H program), health, small business, agriculture, human development, consumer education, personal finance, nutrition, horticulture, community development, natural resources and the environment. Our programs are continually adapted by dedicated staff and volunteers to reflect the needs of our growing communities. You can view our programs at <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles>.

Your financial gift will help us continue to be leaders in providing important education that helps people improve their lives. Thank you for helping us to provide a foundation for success.

Finally, if the Extension Center has impacted your life in a positive way, we encourage you to contact your St. Charles County Council Representative and encourage appropriate funding for the Extension Center.

Best Regards,



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