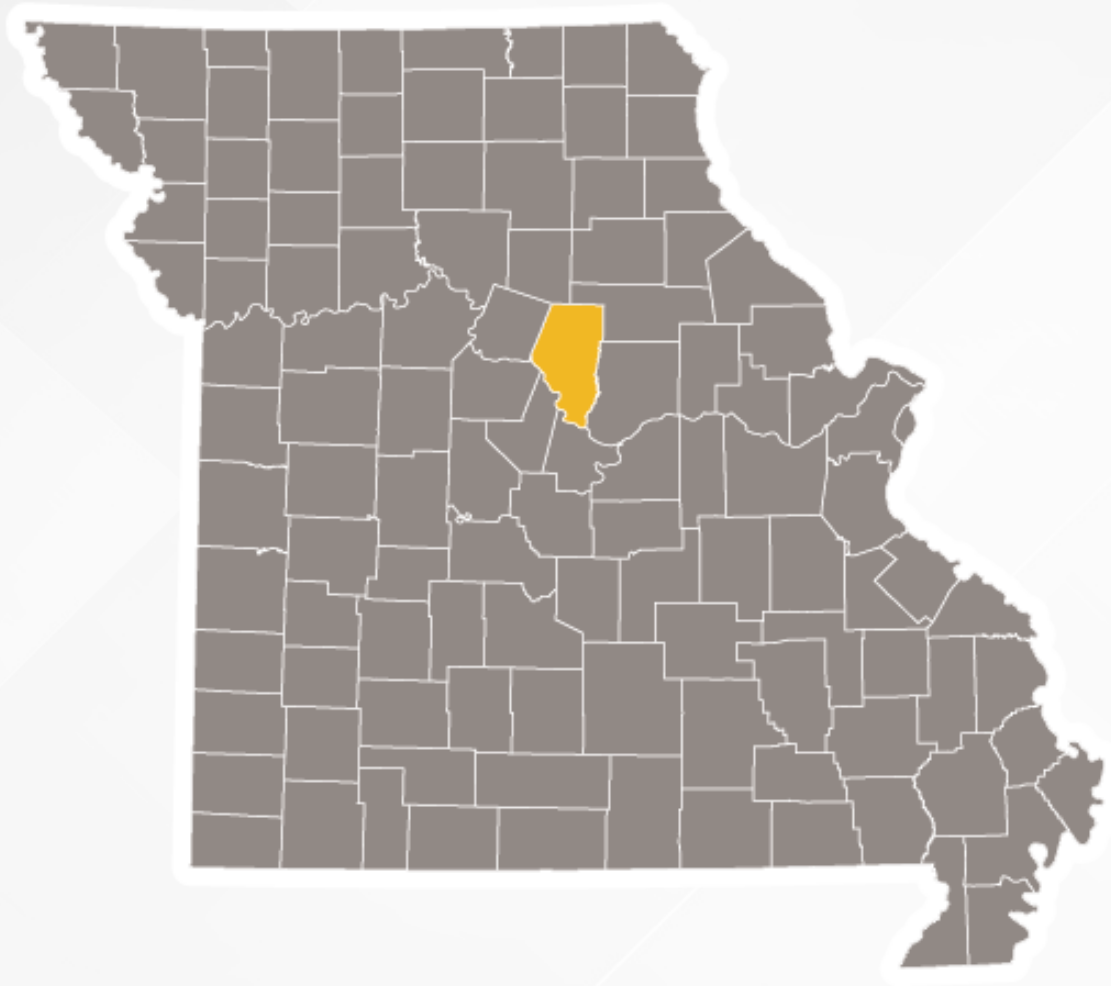




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December 2022

Dear county commissioners and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

We have much to celebrate and anticipate in 2023. As you know, Chad Higgins is taking over from me as interim vice chancellor of extension and engagement and interim chief engagement officer for the UM System.

Chad believes in transformational leadership and change that will continue to advance the University of Missouri's land-grant mission. He has a strong team around him to support MU Extension in this time of transition.

Most important, Chad has **you** as key partners in championing our work to empower each county and community and to improve every Missourians' access to economic and educational opportunities and health and well-being.

We started our journey in 2016, reimagining what extension and engagement needed to be to meet communities' 21st century needs. Your partnership has led to a true renaissance of extension and engagement that will serve as the foundation for MU Extension's healthy future through this decade and beyond.

The challenges of the pandemic showed us how to be even more responsive and nimble. Thanks to the foresight of state leadership, we are also now in a much stronger budget position. We have the organizational, staffing and program structure in place to keep growing the value and impact of MU Extension and university engagement work at the local level.

We have made strides in each year's areas of focus: broadband, workforce development, community and mental health access and care, and now food security in this current year.

I hope you see throughout this county annual report the impact of your own partnership and hard work in these areas. I thank you for your continuing support as we recommit ourselves to do what we do best: Serve Missouri, Deliver Mizzou.

Sincerely,

Marshall Stewart, EdD
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

OUR MISSION: A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2022 was a year that saw us coming out of the pandemic and working to return to normal. There have been challenges and setbacks, but Extension in Boone County is growing and moving forward. We have worked alongside community members in Boone County to tackle the grand challenges of offering better education, better health, and better economic opportunities during a time of instability. In 2022, I began managing the University of Missouri Extension office in Boone County along with the Jefferson Farm Extension and Education Center. Already serving as Director of the MU Family Impact Center, my plan was to bring all three Extension entities in Boone under one umbrella: to establish this trifecta as the flagship Extension office in the state.

2022 has seen us lay down the foundation of growth for future years.

I want to thank the Boone County Board of Commissioners. Without their support, the strides we have been able to take would not be as great. I thank all in the Capitol for their support of Extension and its mission throughout the state. This support continues to enable MU Extension to hire more positions, and Boone County will be growing as a result. Positions have already been approved for Boone Field Specialist positions in Poultry, Swine and Horticulture. This will increase our foot print of all those we serve. 4-H has a goal to reach 10% of all youth in Boone County and we strive to find ways to make this happen.

My fellow colleagues and the Boone County Extension Council will continue our great work and look forward to touching more lives in 2023 as we serve Missouri delivering Mizzou.

It is an exciting time for Extension in Boone County.



Charles Holland

Director

Boone County

Jefferson Farm and Boone County Extension Operations

OUR IMPACT: MASTER NATURALISTS AND MASTER GARDENERS

40.67%
of hours
Stewardship
Projects

17.38%
of hours
Program
Support
Projects

15.03%
of hours
Education
/Outreach
Projects

26.92%
of hours
Citizen
Science
Projects

Master Naturalists

One of Boone's Lick chapter's highlights in 2022 was completing our first training class since 2020. Of 23 new graduates, 2 transferred to another chapter, 11 reached their initial certification, and 2 also re-certified. The total number of members who re-certified was 58.

2022 was a banner year for volunteer and advanced training hours. For the year Boone's Lick had the second highest total volunteer hours in the chapter's history, and the third highest advanced training hours ever! We are looking forward to duplicating that success in 2023.

Master Gardeners

In 2022, the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners (HMMG) contributed 1066 volunteer hours, an estimated contribution to Boone County of over \$29,000 (Independent Sector, 2021 Missouri rate). The hours of service increased by 20% from 2021. Primary activities include demonstration gardens, butterfly house, the annual Butterfly Festival, and the University Children's Garden. Volunteers also assist with Science Nights at Jefferson Farm and Gardens and information booths at such events as the Chestnut Festival in New Franklin, Earth Day in Columbia, the MU South Farm Showcase, health fairs, employee fairs, home shows, and more.



OUR IMPACT: AG OUTREACH

Farmer's Market Price Data Collection

The Missouri Department of Agriculture provided funds to University of Missouri Extension to collect farmers' market price data on crops present at Missouri farmers' markets. Data was collected from 24 markets in Northeast and Central Missouri. Producers and consumers are able to view the database to see current market prices around the state.



Agriculture Leader's Seminars

12 lenders from Boone County learned about Crop and Livestock Outlook, Macroeconomics, Rental Rates & Land Values, MU Budgets, Input Costs, Renewable Energy, FSA, and MASBDA Programs. Lenders in attendance managed over 4271 farm loans totaling more than \$295,244,000.

By attending University of Missouri's Agricultural Lenders' seminars, lenders are able to help their clients make better decisions based on risk management tools, budgets, and other resources provided.

OUR IMPACT: PPAT AND SOIL AND NITRATE TESTING

As a result of our Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings crop producers and their advisers will not only be aware of the latest research related to pest and pesticide management but will also learn appropriate techniques of using that information to build efficient integrated pest management systems. The ultimate goal is to sustain an economically viable crop production industry in Missouri while diminishing potential negative impacts of crop production systems on the environment. This will enhance the economic and social viability of rural and urban Missouri while protecting the environment.



29
Participants



3623
Soil Tests

10
Nitrate
Tests

Soil testing is utilized by both gardeners and homeowners as well as agriculture forage and livestock production. Any production, that is attempted with insufficient information may result in crop failure, wasted money, physical injury and environmental degradation from soil erosion or misuse of pesticides.

Drought stricken corn provides the possibility of high nitrate level that can be detrimental to livestock. Our offices provided producers nitrate quick tests to help determine the viability of the corn as a forage. In many cases, we diverted potentially harmful situations for producers intending to feed livestock without proper handling of the forage.

OUR IMPACT: BOONE COUNTY 4-H DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



**Community
Clubs:
407 Youth**

**Innovative
4-H
Programs:
425 Youth**



In October of 2020, a proposal was submitted to the Boone County Children Services Fund for a Strategic Innovation Opportunity. Work towards this program began in September of 2021. This program sought to increase the urban youth population within Columbia's City Center and increase diversity through innovative delivery modes such as afterschool programs and day camps. While increasing the enrollment of the Boone County 4-H program which had been steadily losing membership since the 2014-15 4-year.

In 2020 programs were established with six new partnerships conducting four 4-H after-school programs, seven in-school 4-H programs, and two day camp series.

Southern Boone County YMCA and Kidz Ink received weekly afterschool programs and Coyote Hill received monthly afterschool programs delivered by the Boone County Youth Program Associate. The City of Refuge established a Youth Futures program in conjunction with a Burmese Student group on MU's campus. The 4-H Specialist trained the students on the curriculum that they later delivered. Columbia Public School held a 4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Club at each of the seven middle schools for 8th-grade students during summer school.

School's Out Como day camps were held at the Family Impact Center on days CPS was not in session. Camps were eight hours in length and served youth ages K-4th grade. A variety of educational sessions, guest speakers, and free play were provided for \$5 a day. Through a partnership with MU's engineering department, a day camp was held for middle school students on origami and engineering topics.

Day camps are primarily held at the Family Impact Center with educational content and activities coordinated by the 4-H Educator and 4-H YPA. The Nutrition Specialist provided educational content and coordinated meals.

The 4-H program is currently being run by one YPA and a 4-H Specialist. The 4-H Senior Council and Extension Council are seeking ways to acquire more positions to facilitate youth programming growth. The addition of a Youth Educator would allow us to increase and further diversify our offerings, thus reach more youths in Boone County.

**832
Youth
Reached**

OUR IMPACT

MU EXTENSION 4-H



THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM

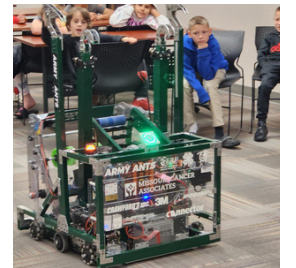
STEM EDUCATION GOES BEYOND SCHOOL SUBJECTS. IT GIVES A SKILL SET THAT GOVERNS THE WAY WE THINK AND BEHAVE. MERGING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS, STEM EDUCATION HELPS US TO SOLVE THE CHALLENGES THE WORLD FACES TODAY.

- STUDY IN THE USA, STUDYUSA.COM. OCTOBER 2022.

Mu Extension 4-h incorporates stem learning strategies and activities into their youth events, making it not only education for children but also highly engaging.

The events held at the mu family impact center over this past year include:

- school's out como, a series of day camps for k-5 students to keep them learning and active on their days off from school. each session invites in guest speakers to teach the kids about various career fields, such as conservation, agriculture, animal science, engineering and law enforcement.
- MU 4-H is partnered with the school of education to facilitate camp ca-pow.
- our 4-h programmers offered the day camp 'folders without borders,' to middle schoolers, a look at how the art of origami influences the work of engineers.



OUR IMPACT: SNAP-ED CONNECTION

Participants in SNAP-Ed learn the importance of making healthier meals and snack choices, eating breakfast more often, are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity, and make healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and are physically active are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force and enjoy a high quality of life throughout the lifespan.

This vital programming effort also reduces healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayer money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums



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OUR IMPACT: NUTRITION AND HEALTH EDUCATION



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Contacts

MU Extension's Nutrition and Health Education programs, help participants learn to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices, cook delicious, affordable meals, learn proven and effective intervention for chronic conditions, safe, research-based practices and techniques for food preservation, and maintain good physical and mental health.



Programs Offered:

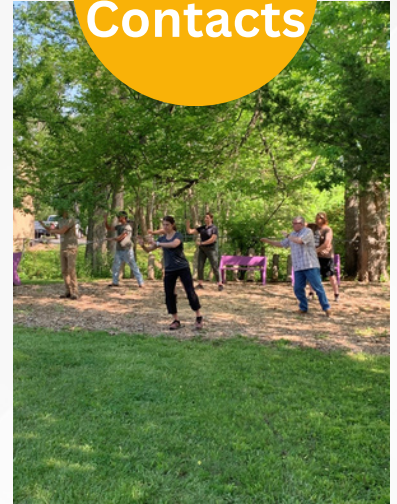
- Cooking Matters
- Cooking Matters at the Store
- Living a Healthy Life
- Quality for Keeps – Home Food Preservation
- Stay Strong, Stay Healthy- Level 1
- Strength in Numbers
- Taking Care of You
- Walk with Ease
- Seasonal and Simple

OUR IMPACT: TAI CHI AND CEC

88
Contacts

Nutrition & Health Specialist, Candace Rodman, and State Coordinator, Kelsey Weitzel, offered Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention to a group of veterans in Boone County in partnership with Farm Ranch Stress grant in May of 2022.

Tai Chi programs help participants improve their physical and mental health. This program improves balance, flexibility, pain, stiffness, muscular strength as well as confidence, mood, and energy and is a nationally recognized program supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). With these improvements, participants reduce their risk of falls and fall-related injuries. Prevention of a fall is much cheaper than treatment and programs like Tai Chi can keep people living independently and actively contribute to their communities longer.



The second annual Creating Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Conference was held September 21-22 in Hermann, Missouri. Based on a conference first launched in Michigan, the CEC brings together networks of stakeholders to share ideas and learn evidence-based practices that support the growth of entrepreneurship in their home communities. This unconventional conference is partnership between MU Extension and the host community, with more than 20 breakout sessions held in local businesses. Networking receptions further showcase the local community. The interactive conference web site was created by Hermann resident Lee Pettijohn.

Speakers from the Boone County area included Corrina Smith from the Columbia Farmers Market; Jay Sparks, Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator at REDI; Raymond Hall from REDI and the Dream Tree Academy; Mark Cowsert, Missouri Afterschool Network; Mallory Rahe and Luke Dietterle, MU Extension Regional Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (ExCEED) program; Amber Cheek, Director of Accessibility and ADA Coordinator at the University of Missouri; Mark Christian, Small Business Development Center at MU; Steve Hennes, MU Assessment Resource Center; and Tish Johnson, MU Extension in Boone County.

The 2022 CEC conference hosted 128 participants from 53 communities and 4 states. There were 19 local, regional and statewide sponsors.

Quote: “New connections at CEC can help me bring these practices to my community.”



OUR IMPACT: NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is a 10-session training program focused on community building principles. NLA provides in-depth and multifaceted leadership training that emphasizes community building principles and strategies, project planning, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills. Participants who successfully complete the program received a Certificate in Neighborhood Leadership from UMSL.

A key component of the NLA program is for students to gain hands-on, real-world experience by creating and implementing a project in the home community, focusing on an issue or problem that they are passionate about. For example, a Boone County resident is working on a housing and support program for young people who age out of the foster care system. Thanks to financial support from the Missouri Foundation for Health, participants were able to apply for mini-grants to aid in launching their projects. MFH funding also provided scholarships for many of the NLA participants.

Originally a program in the St. Louis area that graduated more than 400 neighborhood and organization leaders over 20 years, this was the third year the program was offered statewide, using online sessions and regional cohorts. Due to the exceptionally large size of the 2021 class (80+), this year there were two simultaneous offerings, one in-person (St. Louis) and one primarily online.



OUR MISSION: JEFFERSON FARMS



In 2006, a vision to form the Thomas Jefferson Institute of Agriculture was born. The Thomas Jefferson Institute of Agriculture, an independent 501(c)3, was formed to provide farm education to people in the industry as well as connect communities to their local food systems. The farm went through many changes and ended with the University of Missouri as a part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

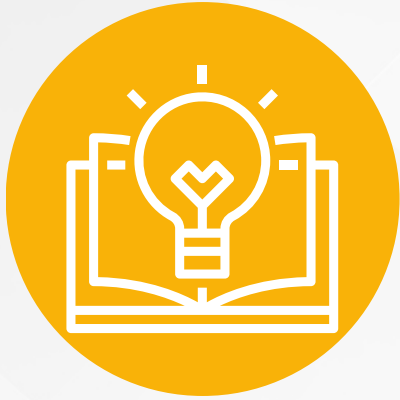
In June 2021, a report was submitted to President Mun Choi for a realignment.

As a part of this realignment, Jefferson Farm and Gardens would become managed by the University of Missouri Extension. In 2022, Jefferson Farm and Gardens became Jefferson Farm Extension and Education Center with the mission to bring forth University research and engagement with the public of central Missouri.

The Spring of 2022 brought the farm's first visitors. School field trips brought around 500 elementary-aged kids to fish and have a tour of Jefferson Farm EEC. In June over 2000 people came to the Butterfly Festival organized by the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners, a great event to showcase the farm and the work done by our partner organizations. Scouts camped on the weekends, a MU student group sold pumpkins and held meetings at the Farm, and a group of High School Students from Brazil got an opportunity to taste the American tradition of campfire s'mores. Overall nearly 3,000 people enjoyed Jefferson Farm EEC in 2022, and we look forward to growing and helping all Missourian learn more about agriculture and the environment.

A large thank you to Tim Reinbott, Director of CAFNR Construction and Sanborn Field; Dusty Walter, Director of Central Missouri Research Extension and Education Center along with the staff of South Farm for all the support and work to keep Jefferson Farm EEC moving forward. Without their efforts and labor, Jefferson Farm EEC would not be the beautiful spot it is today.

OUR IMPACT: FIELD TRIPS



Jefferson Farm EEC hosted 500 school age children this Spring on a farm visit. Schools from Mexico, Moberly, Independent Home Schools and Columbia Public Schools participated in the tours. The children all got a chance to fish in the lake, visit the lambs in the barn, visit the butterfly house and get a hayride to visit the eagles nest at South Farm just to name a few of the activities. During one visit by Columbia HeadStart, 100 children were matched with 105 volunteers from Veterans United to assist with fishing, its amazing how many people don't like worms!

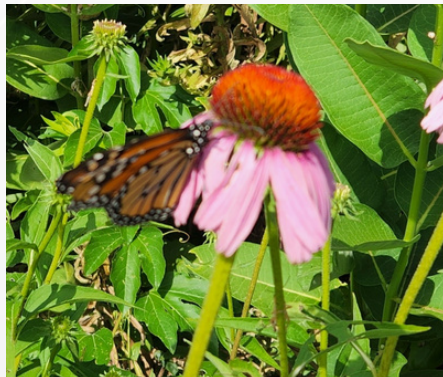


500
Students



OUR IMPACT: BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners along with South Farm Research Extension and Engagement Center hosted the annual Butterfly Festival at Jefferson Farm EEC. Over 2,000 people came out on the hottest day all summer to enjoy the butterflies and learn about pollinators. Groups like the Missourians for Monarchs were on hand to answer questions on butterflies and their habitats. Master Gardeners were hosting visits to the Butterfly house and tours of the pollinator spots on Jefferson Farm EEC. The Master Gardeners were also highlighting their demonstration gardens for all to see. Boone County 4-H families brought out farm animals from rabbits to cows with many enjoying the frolicking goats. The festival was the largest attended event at Jefferson Farm EEC in 2022.



OUR IMPACT: FARM CONNECTIONS

The pictures show Tim Reinbott, Director of Field Operations, planting our years popcorn. The other picture is a harvested ear of popcorn from Jefferson Farm EEC. The popcorn will be used as a teaching tool for school field trips that visit Jefferson Farm EEC. Kids will get a chance to see how popcorn comes from the ear to popped in a bowl. The MU Agronomy Club grew fields of pumpkins at Jefferson Farm EEC as a fundraiser. The MU students were on hand weekends from Mid-September through Halloween selling pumpkins of all sizes, shapes and colors for the public to enjoy. Over 280 pumpkins were donated to 4-H programs and Columbia Public Schools. In July, as a part of their visit, 40 some high school students from Brazil came to Jefferson Farm EEC to visit and make smores. It was a very hot day and the water hose became the big hit as the kids danced in the water. The students from the CAFNR/AES experience enjoyed their visit to Mizzou and the closing was the visit to Jefferson Farm EEC.



OUR IMPACT: COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alisha Moreland's "Paint the Pumpkin Pink Party" brings cancer awareness through fun activities as this one at Jefferson Farm EEC. The participants of all ages were able to raise money towards cancer treatments and have fun creating works of art with the pumpkins from Jefferson Farm EEC. Our friends from JumpStart and AmeriCorps program came to Jefferson Farm EEC this past Spring to help get all 75 fishing poles ready for the upcoming season on field trips. We could not have done this without their help! Jefferson Farm EEC hosted two Science Nights in 2022. The first was in June and was on the Thursday before the Butterfly Festival and had 56 people attend. The participants were able to visit eight different stations where graduate students presented on the topic of pollinators and habitats. The group got a chance to learn more about carpenter bees to Monarchs all the while learning more about milkweed and the importance of pollinator spots in our communities. The MU Fortnightly Club held the Fall bi-annual meeting at Jefferson Farm EEC. The group was able to visit the farm and have their meal under the Shelter Insurance Pavilion. Marie Pasley, President of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners, gave a program on Pollinators and the importance to our world. Tim Reinbott, Director of Field Operations, gave a history on the farm and presented the research being conducted on the Farm. There was around 48 ladies that attended the event. The pictures show that Jefferson Farm EEC can clean up well. We look forward to hosting the Fortnightly Club again in the future.



OUR IMPACT: RESEARCH AND AMBASADORS

Students under the direction of Tim Reinbott, Director of Field Operations, had several research plots at Jefferson Farm EEC. One research plot was to investigate different trellis methods to determine the production results. Another was to study the effects of potassium and how it plays a role in increasing crop yields.

Jefferson Farm EEC has two of the best ambassadors of the Farm. Ham and Beans are always open to meet guests and get a belly rub. The duo also keep the pests under control. This year we were able to make sure Ham and Beans are ready to meet the upcoming public with a trip to MU Veterinary Care to ensure they are healthy and up to date on their shots.



OUR MISSION:



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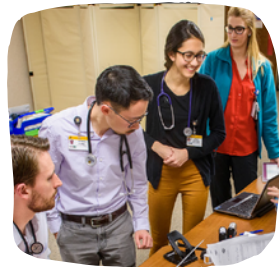
MEDZOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

The MedZou mission is to provide high-quality, patient-centered care for uninsured residents of Central Missouri while educating healthcare students about working with underserved patient populations.

The MedZou team is made up of 117 student leaders and team members as well as 100 physician volunteers accruing 6000+ patient-facing volunteer hours. 1500+ physician hours and 14,000+ total volunteer hours since 2008. Since 2008 the team has had over 2,100 patients and over 6,000 appointments.

By the 3rd quarter of 2022 the reported numbers of MedZou and based on research and published data, services provided help save \$38,000 in avoided ER visits, \$32,000 in-office visits, and \$11,000 in outlays for testing and pharmacy.

Care supported by MedZou in 2022 has increased from 2021 patient levels but is still only at 77% of 2019 levels. Work continues to provide services at or better than in 2019. MedZou is looking forward to introducing PhysZou, Neuro, and MSK clinics in the upcoming year.



465
Participants

ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM (ELL)

The mission of the Columbia Public Schools English Language Learners (ELL) program is to provide effective and age-appropriate English language instruction (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), and to support English Language Learners to achieve in all content areas, grades K-12. A highly educated and dedicated team of teachers enhances our ability to meet our academic mission and link our diverse community to our schools. Through the inclusion of parents, community members, community resources, parent liaisons, and interpreters, the Columbia School District works to provide a well-rounded support base for all of the ELL families in our schools.



513
Participants

OUR IMPACT

INTEGRATIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC (IBHC)

The Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic (IBHC) is a student-facilitated clinic located at the Family Impact Center. Our mission is to address disparities in the availability of comprehensive mental health care for people who are uninsured or unable to afford healthcare in order to improve quality of life, reduce distressing symptoms, and increase access.

In response to the documented need for affordable mental health care in Missouri, MU School of Social Work faculty launched the IBHC in 2014. Since then, SSW graduate students and counseling psychology students have gained valuable real-world experience working with clients while under the direct supervision of licensed clinical social workers. These students have, in turn, provided direct care to thousands of clients who otherwise would not have received care. The IBHC collaborates with MedZou, PhysZou and TigerOT, clinics that offer free primary care, physical therapy and occupational therapy for uninsured and underinsured residents of Central Missouri.

This year, the IBHC added casework to their list of services!



516
Participants

OUR IMPACT

NUTRIZOU

Nutrizou is a brand new program that launched here at the MU Family Impact Center with us this summer! It is a free nutrition coaching services clinic associated with the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology and the University of Missouri Extension. MU dietetic students provide nutrition coaching appointments to community members under the supervision of the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. As with our other partner student-run programs here at the MU Family Impact Center, Nutrizou is not only offering services to the public free of charge, they are also training a team of future nutritionists soon to enter the workforce!



49
Participants



JUMPSTART MIZZOU

Jumpstart made its debut at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2003. The program includes 100+ college students serving hundreds of children living with limited resources in the community. Serving as role models and enhancing educational opportunities, Jumpstart offers a wonderful chance to impact your community. As a career exploration experience for students pursuing any major, students build skills transferable to any career.

Jumpstart partners with local preschools to offer tutoring for children, and in some cases, no-cost quality afterschool care. Jumpstart members are proud to be a part of AmeriCorps, a national service organization committed to making a difference in communities across our nation. In addition to their service with children, members also participate in a variety of community service events throughout the year, encouraging a sense of civic engagement.



30
Participants



OUR IMPACT

MU EXTENSION - NUTRITION, HOME AND FAMILY

MU Extension is committed to improving the lives of Missourians through research-based programs and interventions. Nutrition, Home & Family uses the socio-ecological model to promote healthy changes among individuals, and works on healthy policies, systems and environments to improve whole communities.



Last year, we hosted the following for the public and various offerings for snap-eligible audiences through the family nutrition education program also under nutrition, Home and family.:

- STAY STRONG, STAY HEALTHY
- FOOD PRESERVATION
- COOKING MATTERS AT HOME
- KIDS IN THE KITCHEN
- EATING SMART, BEING ACTIVE



MU VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

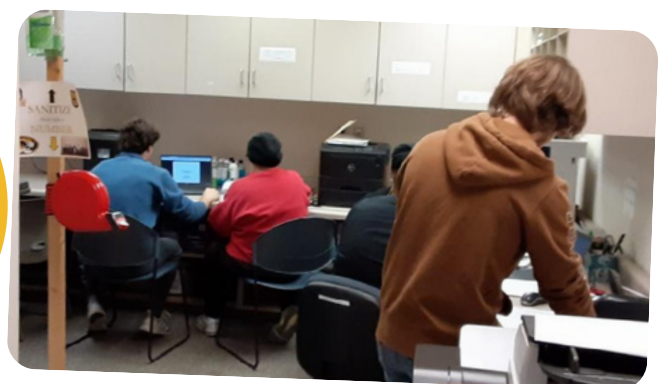
Through this hands-on financial education program, IRS-certified student volunteers discuss and prepare tax returns for free at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites, including the mu family impact center.

VITA program volunteers also provide free tax help to people with disabilities, the elderly and English-as-a-second-language taxpayers. VITA sites, set up at community and neighborhood centers throughout the nation, offer electronic tax filing with direct deposit refunds. Last year, MU VITA at the MU Family Impact Center site earned back the community over a million dollars in filing fees and refunds!

VITA Program students receive hands-on experience, preparing them to enter the workforce as tax professionals.



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Participants



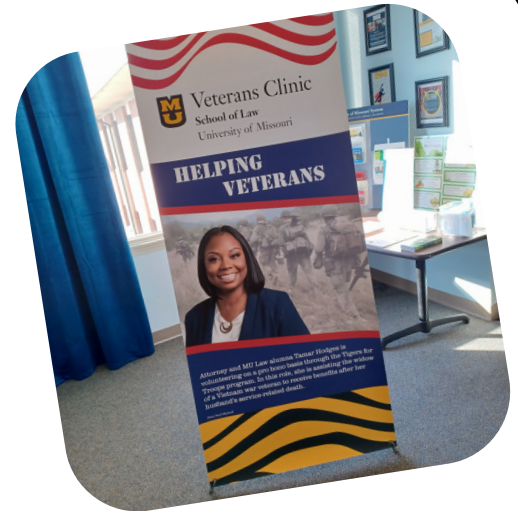
OUR IMPACT

TIGERS FOR TROOPS

In 2019, the Veterans Clinic launched an exciting new initiative called "Tigers for Troops" to provide assistance to veterans in rural Missouri. The Clinic partners with University of Missouri Extension to have students and supervising attorneys visit extension offices throughout the state to educate veterans about available resources, as well as to assist them with disability claims and appeals and discharge upgrades. This program serves the vital purpose of giving rural veterans access to resources they normally would not have.

As part of the program, clinic personnel also train attorneys on veterans' law to increase the number of attorneys qualified to help veterans in Missouri's rural areas as well as accept referrals from the Veterans Clinic.









the veterans clinic will join us again on Friday, february 17th for another tigers for troops!



10
Participants

OUR IMPACT

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Partner	# Community Served	Student Engagement Hours	Economic Impact
	516	3,938	\$80,009
	465	16,698	\$54,629
	49	212	\$10,290
	513	n/a	n/a
	30	275	n/a
	2,900	n/a	n/a
	455	880	\$1,013,103
	228	284	n/a

*IN CASES WHERE IT APPLIES, THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ILLUSTRATES THE TOTAL AMOUNT SAVED BY THE COMMUNITY COMPARED TO COST OF PROFESSIONALS FOR THE SAME SERVICE.

OUR TEAM



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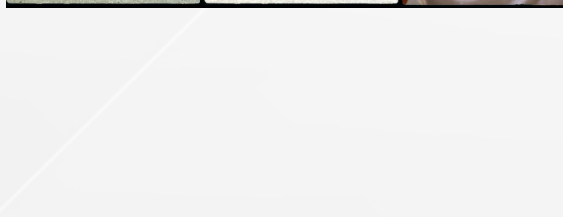
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Ham

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