



MRTA

Missouri Retired Teachers' Association & Public School Personnel

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Dear MRTA Unit Presidents and MRTA Community Service Committee Leaders:

I am delighted to introduce an opportunity to participate in a new MRTA Community Service Project. Yesterday, the MRTA Board of Directors approved a project in cooperation with NRTA/AARP to help feed the hungry. In just a few days, you will be receiving a packet of information in the mail describing the day of service. The scheduled day of the event is Friday, September 9, 2011. However, if that date is too soon for you to get organized, we encourage you to set a date that works for your group.

Part of the MRTA Mission Statement states, in part, "We will encourage members to be involved in community affairs and work for worthy educational causes." This project offers every local unit an avenue to help out in their respective communities. In addition, it also opens the door for participating units to get their names out within their local communities. Your enthusiasm with this project can generate a sense of wanting to be part of a group that works to help others – a real opportunity for local unit membership growth.

With this project is an incentive for participation and a chance to earn some cash for your unit's treasury. We also encourage you to take pictures, write articles for your local newspapers, and also to send those photos and articles to the MRTA Office. We will gladly post them on our website.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for all you do for fellow retired educators and the needy within your communities. Also included with this letter is information about hunger and unemployment in Missouri from the AARP Foundation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please keep track of your community service hours for reporting at the end of the year.