



MISSOURI RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel Members Donate More than \$6 Million in Community Service to Missouri Communities

MRTA Community Service Chairman Marlin Kinman presents a check to Missouri's citizens representing more than \$6 Million in community service hours at MRTA Spring Leadership Workshop in Jefferson City, March 14-17, 2011. (Photo attached)

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – March 23, 2011 – The Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) presented a check representing \$6,643,977.60 in community service hours donated in 2010 to Missouri's citizens at its annual Spring Leadership Conference in Jefferson City on March 15, 2011. At the time the check was printed, MRTA members reported volunteering 318,656 hours back to their communities during 2010. MRTA-AARPs Educator Community, Washington D.C., places a value of \$20.85 per hour for community volunteers.

Community Service plays an important role in the activities of MRTA's 128 local units across the state of Missouri. Embedded in its Vision Statement is encouragement for members to be involved in community affairs and to work for worthy educational causes. Its motto is, "To Serve, Not to be Served." As statewide community service projects, members may participate in the Ronald McDonald Tab Top Collection Program and Campbell's Soup Labels to help their local schools. Members also donate their time working at soup kitchens, senior centers, visiting patients in hospitals and nursing homes residents, mentoring students and at church and charity events.

MRTA, organized in 1960, is a not for profit association representing over 18,000 retired educators statewide and their families. Its mission is working exclusively for retired school personnel. MRTA members strive to uphold and improve the integrity, value, and mission of our public schools, so that all school personnel may live healthy, vital lives and be secure economically, socially and professionally in retirement. MRTA works with government and its entities for beneficial legislation, and encourages its members to be involved in community affairs and to work for worthy educational causes. Its mission is to serve and not to be served.

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