

MRTA COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2011

What a year! Congratulations!

We are to be commended for the great effort shown in the 2010 year for contributions to community service for organizations, our youth, communities, and importantly for the State of Missouri.

What a positive impact for the retired teachers of Missouri! This project involves 16,000 plus members of the retired teaching profession for volunteer service.

We have been searching for a statewide project for MRTA. Last December I attended the NRTA workshop in Chicago of which the program "Create the Good" was introduced and reviewed. I brought information back and have been in contact with my committee and after the events of the summer with flooding in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and the tornadoes in Sedalia and Joplin and other locations throughout the state, we have chosen "Hunger- Show Me Missouri Retired Teachers" as a statewide project. At the August meeting of MRTA board this program was adopted.

It is our hope that through our monthly unit meetings this project will soar and many positive partnerships will develop with our food pantries and food banks to address – hunger. Please reflect hours and number of items on your yearly report.

We have found a project we feel that everyone can relate to and we are fulfilling our mission and motto – to serve, not to be served.

I encourage all units to take this project monthly as far as you can, for as many as you can, for as long as you can.

Sincerely,

Marlin Kinman, Chairman
Missouri Retired Teachers Association
Community Service Committee