



# Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation

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Dear Friend,

Good nutritional food is one area where low-income families lack choices. Many families are faced with the decision to either provide food, medicine, or pay bills such as rent and utilities. To make their dollars stretch, many families choose the least expensive food choices which also provide the least amount of vitamins and minerals. This year, OACAC will work with community leaders to provide a better option for low-income families by planting a Community Garden. The goal of this project is for low-income families to have an opportunity to participate in a community garden project to plant and harvest crops, use the crops grown to feed themselves and their families, and if they choose, supplement their income by selling produce in a local farmers market.

OACAC Community Gardens will be located throughout Southwest Missouri in five counties: Christian, Greene, Lawrence, Stone and Taney.

Please help to feed families in need. Your donation of just \$15, \$25, or even \$50 will help buy plants or tools to establish a community garden. A donation of seeds could include lettuces, radishes, peas, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, and watermelon. The Missouri Extension estimates that for every \$50 invested in garden seeds and tools will yield \$1,200 in fruits and vegetables! So please take the challenge and let your dollars feed families in need. Just write ***Community Garden*** in the memo line of your check or you may donate online at [www.oacac-cao.org](http://www.oacac-cao.org).

Each and every gift is greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. Thank you for your support of OACAC as we continue to provide opportunities and empower the families we serve. If you have questions or want additional information, please call me at 417-865-7690 extension 235 or email at [mmoore@oacac-cao.org](mailto:mmoore@oacac-cao.org).

Working together,

Mark Moore  
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## **OACAC PROGRAMS:**

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*Housing, 417-864-3444; LIHEAP, 417- 864-3460; Family Planning, 417-864-3410;*

*Foster Grandparents, 417-864-3420; Head Start, 417-864-3430*