

Public Value Statements

South Central District Faculty Meeting

October 8, 2008

4-H

When you support Extension 4-H youth residential camping programs, you foster a youth's ability to accept differences in others and learn about respect. Such characteristics re-enforce positive family and peer relationships which further benefit our community by reducing bullying, hate crimes and increasing tolerance of others.

When you support Extension 4-H Youth Development, you foster community engagement which leads to increased community awareness and involvement for both our youth and adults and benefits the larger community by re-enforcing positive images of youth.

When you support Extension 4-H youth public speaking programs, you strengthen the cognitive and research skills of our youth who will become better communicators with a heightened confidence and self esteem. The community benefits in that our youth have greater civic awareness, community involvement and tend to strive toward leadership roles.

FCS

When you support Extension Work/Family Solutions programs, participants improve family communications, reduce work place stress, and improve work style/skills and relationships in the community. Work/Family Solutions graduates have higher levels of work satisfaction, lower absenteeism rates, fewer stress-related illnesses and provide better customer service, increased productivity and lower medical costs.

When you support the Extension Family Nutrition Program, you support education to re-enforce healthy life style choices the ability to stretch one's food dollar. FNP graduates show an increased consumption of fruits and vegetables and improved health which benefits the community through reduced health care costs and a greater sense of self sufficiency.

Natural Resources

When you support Extension Catch and Release Fishing programs, you provide anglers with an effective method to catch, handle, and release fish which results in reduced mortality and improved fisheries management. Such programs benefit the community through conservation of resources, improved ecological health and increased opportunities for family recreation.

Water Conservation

When you support Extension lawn and garden irrigation conservation programs, participants adopt irrigation techniques that use less water thereby reducing community water use and improving lawn and landscape health and quality. Our community further benefits from reduced

storm water runoff and nonpoint-source pollution, greater potable water availability and improved aesthetic appeal and neighborhood values.

Agriculture

When you support Extension livestock reproduction programs participants adopt Best Management Practices that increase productivity, weaning weight and synchronize the breeding season. Such programs improve herd health and increase ranch income which benefits the community as an economic generator and through an improved environment that increases water recharge areas, wildlife habitat and green space.

When you support Extension agricultural water quality Best Management Practice programs, participants will...which improves community water quality and decreases the environmental impact of agricultural by reducing fertilizer inputs, reducing water body contamination by pesticides and holding water on properties to increase aquifer recharge.

FYN

When you support the Extension Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program, you educate homeowners and commercial companies in the proper use of soil testing, fertilizer/pesticide application calibration and plant and product selection in an effort to reduce fertilizer/pesticide run-off thereby improving water quality and community aesthetics.

Horticulture

When you support Extension pesticide training, you educate participants to correctly identify pest problems and thereby to apply the appropriate solution including cultural and bio-rational options. The community further benefits from such programs through a healthier environment with fewer pollutants in storm water runoff and reduced non-point source pollution.

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