

Appreciation of Volunteers

The University of Maryland Extension along with Extension nationwide is what it is because of the commitment of thousands of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers have been involved over the past 100 years in helping carrying out the mission of extension into homes, communities and workplaces. The impact that has been made through volunteers on youth, adults, families and communities is what has contributed to the ongoing endurance and value of extension. You have been critical to the delivery of quality programs, expansion of knowledge and maintaining our visibility throughout the state of Maryland. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. I am taking time during this week of National Volunteer Appreciation to acknowledge and show appreciation for all our UME volunteers in Southern Maryland counties of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's. Your work is critical to all we do locally and statewide, whether it is working with a group of youth and coaching them in building character and leadership skills through a 4-H project, answering gardening questions or assisting at a community garden or helping a homeowner decide to place a rain barrel in their backyard to collect rain water, or attend a meeting in support of extension's work along with a multitude of other initiatives and efforts. What you do large and small contributes to the collective society improving the quality of life for all of us. Thank you for what you do and your willingness to give in service, time, and resources. We couldn't have made it without you!

Sincerely,



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