



News Release

Milan FFA Chapter receives Living to Serve Grant from National FFA Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS (Wednesday, August, 15, 2018/National FFA Organization) – The Milan FFA chapter in Milan, Missouri has been awarded a Yearlong Living to Serve Grant in the amount of \$3,000. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support yearlong service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement.

Milan FFA plans to help address food insecurity, lack of food education and create an outdoor agricultural education setting. The FFA will be creating raised bed gardens to be located adjacent to the current Greenhouse that will be the platform to teach students and community members how to grow their own food in the confines of their own living situation. In addition, members and advisors will be conducting educational sessions pertaining to “How to Grow Vegetables in a Raised Bed” as well as “Harvesting & Canning”. To promote agriculture throughout the school and a peaceful learning environment for Milan C-2 students, the FFA chapter will be renovating a current unused area between the high school and gymnasium to be converted into an Outdoor Classroom. This area will be available for Pre-K through 12th grade as a safe, comfortable, learning area. Local businesses interested in partnering with the Milan FFA Chapter and the National FFA Living to Serve Grant program are encouraged to contact the local chapter as there are multiple opportunities to enhance these projects both financially and with a donation of time.

The program provided over \$300,000 to FFA chapters in 33 states. The 2018-2019 Yearlong Living to Serve Grants are sponsored by CoBank, CSX, Tractor Supply Company, Cargill, Domino’s, Elanco and Sealed Air. For more information and a complete listing of sponsors, visit FFA.org/livingtoserve.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.