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MCB Newsletter July 2023

Join us on **July 19 at noon** for our next Lunch & Learn. You can register for this **FREE** event by clicking:

[Zoom Link](#)

Our speaker this month will be one of our very own Board members' Elizabeth Anderson. Elizabeth is a University of Missouri Extension and Engagement Specialist. She will be discussing their **Neighborhood Leadership Academy** and the **Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference** – both opportunities this fall for individuals who are community minded and ready to really delve into what they want to see develop in their towns. NLA is a 10 week course that we have some really generous scholarships for. CEC is a two-day conference, this year in Benton County, that brings together folks from across the state to think about what we can accomplish when we work together to support entrepreneurial mindsets.

Please join us July 19th at noon.



Missouri Community Betterment would like to thank the attendees of the June Lunch & Learn. We had a great turnout; which tells us you are all busy making a difference for your community! Please let us know what other content you would like to see covered in the future. We are here for you! E-mail us at **contact@mocommunitybetterment.com**



Our Conference and Better Together Silent Auction is just around the corner....Have you

decided on who/what to bring to the conference? Is your community interested in being involved in the silent auction? Donations from your community are a great way to showcase your area to others from around the state! Also, any funds raised by the Better Together Silent Auction will continue to help support MCB today and in the future.

Do you need lodging while in Columbia? We have a block of rooms reserved at the Wingate by Wyndham hotel @ US 63 & I-70 Ask for the MCB rate!

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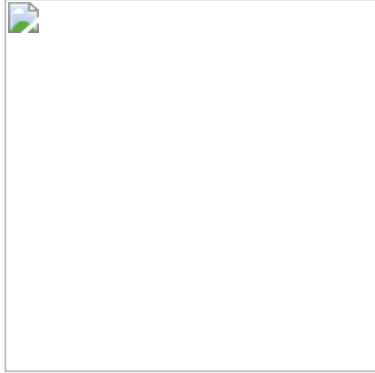
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Houston High School's Community Betterment Youth Group received a mini grant from Missouri Community Betterment in 2022. They started an initiative called **Fresh Start Foster Bags**. They hope to reach out to foster children that are being moved from one placement to another. Children seldom come with any type of traveling luggage. These bags will be for ages "infant" to teenagers and will include items such as; personal hygiene products, journals, and resource pamphlets; allowing the recipients to be able to contact someone in case of an emergency. They will be placed in areas such as the Police Department, schools, and the Department of Social Services Office. The bags will be given to the child to keep so they can transport their own personal items with dignity. If you would like more information on this group, contact Ms. Crystal Ford at cford@houston.k12.mo.us



Are you feeling excited to see which community or youth group will receive an award at the Fall Conference? MCB not only gives out four \$250 grants, but there are at least seven other awards

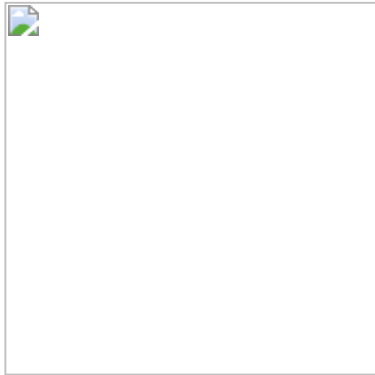
available to recognize communities for all their amazing work. Good Luck to all!



MCB RESOURCE FAIR TAKING SHAPE!! by Jeff Kormann, Board Secretary

The 2023 Annual Conference will offer the opportunity for attendees to obtain information and discuss their project ideas with representatives of several organizations which support the purpose and mission of the small and mid-sized communities in our state. As of June 30, invitations to participate in the MCB Resource Fair were extended and several firm commitments have been received.

The MCB Program also invites readers of this newsletter to offer their suggestions for entities we could invite who might be of interest to the local community-based volunteers that make up the backbone of our organization. To do so or to share other feedback regarding the Resource Fair, please contact Jeff Kormann at 573-680-0682 or jeffreykormann76@gmail.com



Adopt-A-Rural Community Betterment Group

Underwrite a new community's participation fee for a year at one of the following levels:

\$100 (1-1,000 population)

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\$400 (7,500+)

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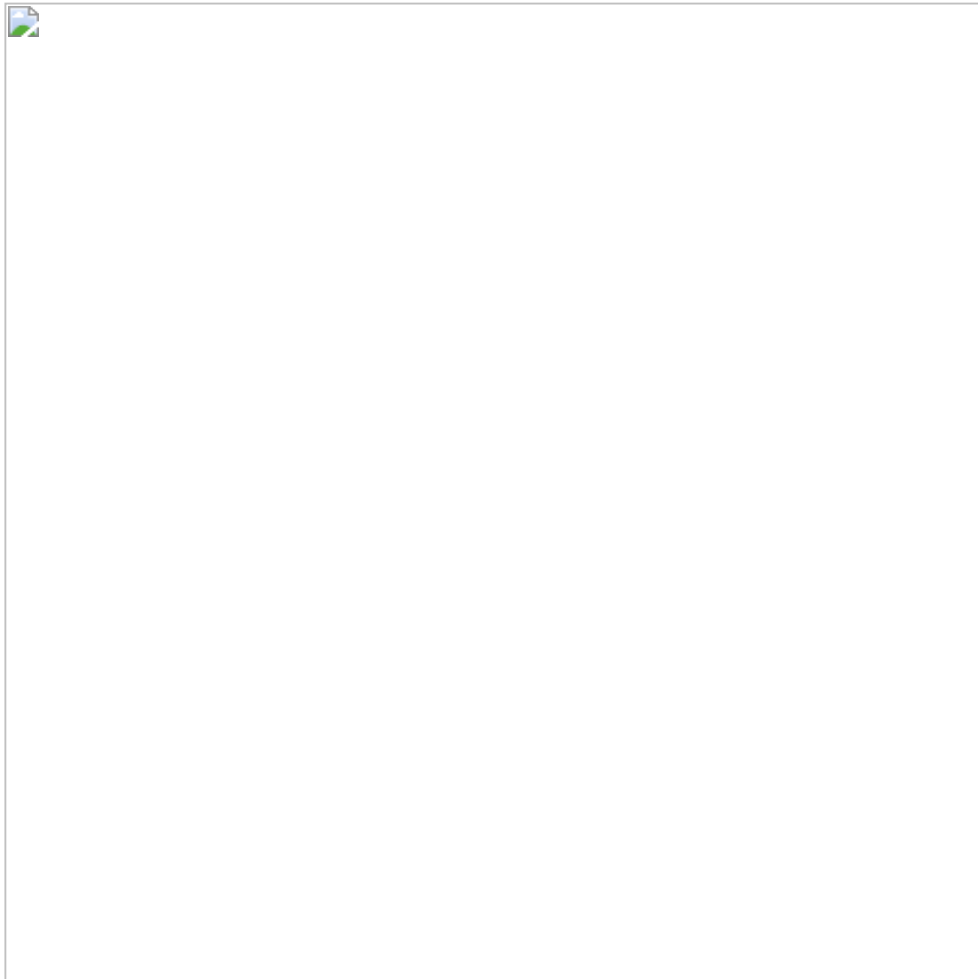
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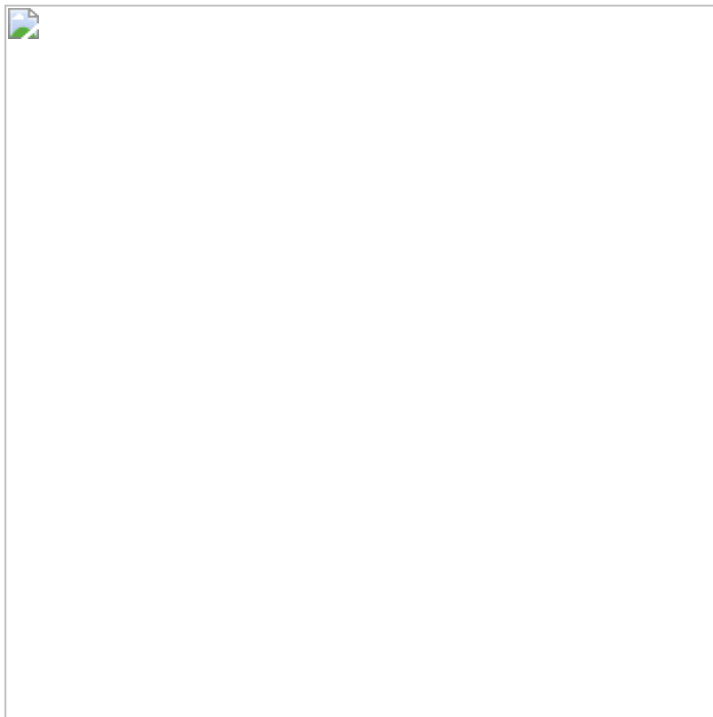
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Missouri Community Betterment appreciates all that each of you do for your community. Do you know someone who is trustworthy, dedicated, and inspiring? Can they provide vision and motivation on a project? Nominate them for the Adult Leadership award. This form is due July 31, 2023. Think about it. It's a great way to inspire others!

***Do you have a resource to share with
our MCB network?***

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