

## **A gift to Extension is a gift to Ohio State University**

-Eric Barrett

Extension has been around for a long time - nearly 100 years! From the first 4-H Clubs in Washington County in the early 1900's to on-farm research in the Fleming area at the same time - Extension has deep roots in Washington county and has impacted many lives over the years.

Although many people know Extension - many do not always relate Extension to Ohio State University. It wasn't until the late 1980's that OSU President E. Gordon Gee helped the public better understand Extension by simply changing the name from "Ohio Cooperative Extension Service" to "Ohio State University Extension."

Not only do we use "Ohio State" as part of our name - but we are indeed a part of Ohio State University. Just like campus faculty teach classes to college students and campus researchers find solutions to society's problems - Extension Staff serve as the link between campus and the citizens of Ohio. Extension does everything from training volunteers to teaching classes to answering questions even help to solve community problems.

So, as you think about your relationship with Ohio State - be sure to remember Ohio State University Extension. If you currently give to Ohio State - you can simply earmark those funds to benefit your friends, family and neighbors right here in Washington County. You can even enjoy privileges like the opportunity to purchase OSU Football tickets, campus gatherings, tax-deductibility (as allowed by law) and other OSU activities.

For details on giving to OSU Extension, please see [www.giveto.osu.edu](http://www.giveto.osu.edu) or contact a staff person at our office. We will help you in any way we can. Listed below are specific funds that can be designated when giving on the website or by talking to our staff.

Washington County - OSU Extension Charitable Funds in Columbus:

647569 Washington County 4-H Endowment

640352 James M. Barrett Family Endowment

301789 4-H Support

302641 Agriculture Support

307724 Hervida 4-H Camp, Inc. Support

311938 Natural Resources Support

311972 Community Development Support

\*All funds are directed by the office here in Marietta and directly impact the citizens of Washington County.

OSU Extension - "Bringing Knowledge to Life." Thanks again for your continued support of OSU Extension in Washington County.