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Dear Friends:

UC Cooperative Extension brings the resources of the University to bear on local problems and is supported by a combination of state, federal and county funds. Our donor program, initiated in 1978, is the longest ongoing program of this type in the state. Last year's contributions were more than \$29,000, the largest to date. This money has been critical to our ability to offer high level research-based agricultural and youth programs to the citizens of Glenn County. The money provides staff and technical support, equipment and supplies for the 4-H Youth Development, Tree Crops, Dairy, Agronomy, Livestock and Natural Resources programs. A specific example of how the money has been used is partial support of our half-time Dairy Program Representative.

Producers are facing tough environmental and economic issues and youth are in need of constructive educational activities. We have the staff, desire and University resources to have a great beneficial impact. Your continued support will help us reach that goal. Areas of ongoing work and focus include mechanical harvest of olives, olive fly control, dairy water quality issues, fungicides for wheat stripe rust disease, weed control for perennial crops, an online bulletin board for local agricultural commodities and services, and continued growth in both the 4-H youth development programs and the youth food stamp nutrition education program.

New this year, we are housing the UC Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator. A Master Gardener Program for Glenn County will start in the coming year. This adds to the team of dedicated professionals in Glenn County and improves our ability to deliver quality programs, especially in the area of environmental and backyard horticulture.

After many months of arduous negotiations and many ups and downs, the 2009-2010 county budget was finalized. At times it looked like we might lose one of our two office staff, an outcome that would have been disastrous to our ability to deliver our programs. Due to strong support from our clientele, and resultant strong support from the Board of Supervisors, our budget remains essentially the same as last year. Unfortunately, the cost of doing business has increased and it is not expected that the county budget will improve next year.

We are very grateful for your continued support, both through the donor program and by volunteering your time and resources. We will recognize different levels of contribution and offer the choice of being an acknowledged or anonymous donor. We greatly appreciate any support you can provide to our UCCE programs and will do our part to continue to bring special project funds to our Glenn County programs.

Sincerely,

Bill Krueger  
County Director



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