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**Columbia, Missouri** - Janet Johns of Stoddard County, Missouri was named a 2016 Frank Graham 4-H Volunteer Leadership award winner by the Missouri 4-H Foundation on March 18th. Janet was recognized for her commitment to the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

"It is our great pleasure to honor Janet with the Frank Graham Volunteer Leadership Award for her dedication to Missouri 4-H," said Dr. Marla Tobin, chair of the Missouri 4-H Foundation board of Trustees. It is volunteers like Janet who have made Missouri 4-H the quality experience for which it is so well known, and we are indebted to Janet for her service."

Johns has served Stoddard County 4-H for 18 years, working with members of the Star Banner 4-H club and assisting the Stoddard County Extension Center with school field trips and events. She helps with donations for Ag Day at the county fair and 4-H and FFA Farm Safety Day. Johns has also hosted exchange students from Japan and Armenia through the 4-H International Exchange program. In addition, Johns helps with community service outings, recognition banquets, Show Me Wares projects, and more.

The Frank Graham 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award recognizes volunteers who work to guide our youth. The award is named for Frank Graham, who served as director of the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development from 1958 to 1975. During his 33 years of service, Mr. Graham was an avid supporter of volunteer leadership, believing that volunteers are the foundation of the 4-H program.

About the Missouri 4-H Foundation: for more than 65 years, the Missouri 4-H Foundation has been managing funds for the MU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, providing higher education scholarships and recognizing 4-H volunteers. MU Extension 4-H is a community of more than 260,000 youths from across Missouri learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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