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Dear Teachers/ Master Gardeners/ Parents/ 4-H Leaders/ Business and Community Leaders,

The Cass County 4-H and Youth Development Program is expanding its Junior Master Garden (JMG) program that will help our children grow and learn through “hands-on” learning experiences and activities. The JMG program provides a positive learning experience for youth to develop leadership, responsibility and community pride through organized gardening activities. The JMG program combines a unique gardening based curriculum and web based instructions, community service, character education and service-based learning, into a fun and exciting certification program for youth. This program is designed to incorporate science, math, language arts, geography and other subject area disciplines into the “hands-on” gardening based activities. JMG curriculum is correlated to academic standards and research supporting how the program improves academic success, nutrition, self-esteem, and leadership development. Extension Agent – CEP John Ferguson needs your help to make the JMG program a success! Here are some ways you can become involved. Please check one or more.

I am willing to:

- ☘  Serve on a Cass County 4-H – Junior Master Gardener (JMG) committee. (This group will be made up of administrators, teachers, parents, and students.)
- ☘  Assist in setting up displays, building garden beds, fences, arbors, and other structures.
- ☘  Donate money or gardening equipment and / or supplies for use in the JMG projects.
- ☘  Volunteer my time to assist children in their outdoor learning lab/ garden or classroom.
- ☘  Become a member of a registered Junior Master Gardener (JMG) group on the JMG website, or **register as JMG project leader** (with the approval of the County Extension Agent) at <http://www.jmgkids.us>
- ☘  Assist by contacting businesses and community members for support through donations and gifts for the gardens.

Complete where it applies to you and return to the County Extension Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

My child's teacher is \_\_\_\_\_

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