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The **Kerr Center**
for Sustainable Agriculture

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Dear Friend,

The Kerr Center's namesake, Senator Robert Kerr, sprang from his Oklahoma roots to national prominence. He never forgot where he came from, but he embraced a positive vision of the future. At the Kerr Center, we take that inspiration to heart.

Your donations help us to build a better future.

As in most years, in 2018 I've spent close to a month on the road, managing the Producer Development Program (PDP) of USDA's Southern Sustainable Agriculture and Education (SARE). The PDP is a grant program for "training the trainers" who teach farmers and ranchers how to work more sustainably.

Overseeing the PDP is demanding work, but the fact that we've successfully competed for the contract showcases the regard we've earned outside Oklahoma. It also illustrates how the Kerr Center is involved in sustainable agriculture nationwide. **We bring the best of Oklahoma to the national stage – and we bring the seeds we gather there back home to adapt them to our own circumstances.**

We contract with SARE to do our PDP work, and we operate on the earnings from our endowment to maintain our educational infrastructure – but the rest **depends on your donations.**

A seed we plant in our own back yard can have dramatic impacts thousands of miles away. Consider a native milkweed seed, that grows into a plant that nourishes a migrating monarch. The butterfly is on its way from far northern states to its wintering ground in Mexico. Passing through Oklahoma's "funnel," though, it depends on threatened habitat. We're working with other members of the Oklahoma Monarch Collaborative (or "Okies for Monarchs") to **preserve and expand our state's key section of the monarch butterflies' migratory route.**

A seedling given just as much as it needs to thrive learns to weather adversity – and frees resources to help others. This year Jim Horne was elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees. There the wisdom and experience gained in his thirty years as President continue to guide the Kerr Center. **We run a lean and focused operation, measuring our bottom line on how many people we can educate,** and how far we can broadcast the seeds of sustainable agriculture.

Every seed planted is an investment in the future, and much of our work takes that long view. Over the past year, we've expanded our outreach in cooperation with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Many of those workshops have engaged youth in schools, focusing on season extension. **We're bringing the newest ideas and tools in agriculture to the next generation of farmers.**

Just as even the mightiest tree springs from a tiny seed, so can **even the smallest donation make a lasting difference. We deeply appreciate every single one,** no matter the amount.

Please let me know that we can count on your generous support as we move forward into 2019 and beyond.

Sincerely,

David Redhage
President and CEO



Friends of the Kerr Center

Your contribution is important to the future of sustainable agriculture!

2019

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Become a Friend of the Kerr Center in 2019!



Together, we can continue Kerr Center's great progress through:

- **A farm and ranch** where visitors and students can see and learn sustainable practices
- **Conservation projects** that benefit wildlife and endangered pollinators
- Meaningful **research** that helps farmers and ranchers improve their land, profits and quality of life
- **Field days, conferences and workshops**
- A **comprehensive website, www.kerrcenter.com**, providing evidence-based answers so producers can improve their practices and profitability
- Newsletter and **educational publications**

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES
Farming with Walk-Behind Tractors

WORKSHOPS

- Grazing
- Beekeeping
- Hoop houses

PRESENTATIONS/OUTREACH

- Choctaw Nation Expo
- Kiwanis
- LeFlore County Historical Museum
- LeFlore County Leadership

- Nuttall tour
- Oklahoma Farmers Market conference
- Oklahoma Gardeners Association
- Poteau Rotary Club

Won't you help us continue this exciting forward momentum?

Every single gift, no matter the size, will go to provide education to farmers and ranchers.

The Kerr Center is a 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit, operating foundation. Your donation is tax-deductible. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift.

For more information about our history, programs, and staff visit www.kerrcenter.com.

Please give what you can. We appreciate your support!



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Thank you for your generosity. Your gift is tax deductible.

2018 DONATION APPEAL

Yes, I/We want to support the programs of the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the following level (check enclosed):

- SOWER: \$20-\$54** **CULTIVATOR: \$55-\$199** **HARVESTER: \$200-\$499**
 STEWARD: \$500-\$999 **SUSTAINER: \$1000 OR MORE** **OTHER** _____
 Please sign me up for *E-Field Notes*, Kerr Center's free monthly email update.

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