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Sullivan County Cattlemen Launch Drive for Scholarship

Fund will honor founding member, Dr. Wayne "Doc" Smith

(Columbia, MO) – He's treated their animals, mentored young people and been a friend to all. Now the Sullivan County Cattlemen's Association wants to honor the man that got their organization off the ground and is somewhat of a local legend – Dr. Wayne D. "Doc" Smith.

"There is no way to repay all the good deeds that "Doc" has done for this area and the cattle industry but we can try to return the favor and help kids get a college education," says state director Doug Williams. "Doc's love of kids is known throughout the state and even across the country and these funds will forever honor his commitment to helping young people."

Known locally as a trusted veterinarian, "Doc" is widely recognized throughout Missouri and beyond for his 20-plus years as the Fieldman for the Missouri Angus Association. He proudly claims a large group of former junior Angus member as "Doc's Kids" and has gotten great pleasure watching the second generation come into the beef industry.

According to Williams, "When Doc retired from the Missouri Angus Association in 2004, he couldn't sit still long and soon went to work re-organizing the Sullivan County Cattlemen's Association. He's always supported the state cattlemen's organization and he was determined to make sure that Sullivan County was represented in discussions and decisions."

The "Doc" Smith Scholarship was launched with a donation from a local cattleman member and proceeds from the Sullivan County Cattlemen's Food Stand at the Annual Milan Old-Timers' Reunion, over Memorial Day weekend were earmarked for the fund. The group has a goal of \$20,000 to ensure the fund can help many generations of young people. Additional donations are currently being sought and accepted.

"We all know that "Doc" has touched many lives across the state and welcome contributions from anyone that wants to be a part of this special tribute," says Williams.

The Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable entity. Donations are deductible for tax purposes.

The fund will be administered by the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation (MCF) and the recipient will be recognized at the annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show. The Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation scholarship program is celebrating ten years of helping students turn goals into realities. They annually award twenty, \$1,000 scholarships, as well as a number of \$750 community support scholarships. Since its inception in 1997, 396 scholarships, totaling \$398,500, have been awarded to deserving young people representing 80 counties across the state.

The Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable entity. In addition to the scholarship program, they provide farm safety education and matching grants to children with special needs for the purchase of adaptive equipment, prosthetic devices or to make modifications to a building or vehicle. For more information about the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation, contact Darla Eggers, 573/449-4923 or darla@mocattle.com.

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