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Dear Susan:

Monsanto Company is delighted to participate in the Cooperative Inner City Gardening Initiative Project in East St. Louis via a pilot approach for Summer 1993. We look forward to working with Operation New Spirit and SIU Carbondale and the residents of East St. Louis to provide this kind of urban revitalization effort.

As promised, Monsanto employees, through the company Pledge Award program, gave $5,000 to Operation New Spirit and the Gardening Project to be earmarked for a tractor used for cultivation purposes. In addition, I understand Monsanto's Krummrich Plant is also considering funding and will communicate directly with you. We are in the process of proposing a funding request for consideration by The Monsanto Fund. That request is being reviewed. Lastly, The Agricultural Group of Monsanto has agreed to donate Roundup herbicide for use in weed control prior to planting the gardens, and for use later in controlling weeds on an as-needed basis in borders, etc.

We agreed that the Gardening Project will not sponsor a site in the Rush City area, and that quality soil samples will be taken prior to planting. I appreciate your consideration regarding these requests.

I am very eager to meet with you again soon to discuss the logistics of the program and its publicity potential. Your team has put together a wonderful proposal and we are proud to be included.

Sincerely,

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