



1776 Gives Back Murray  
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### *Calloway County High School Greenhouse Gets New Life*

Independence Bank employees along with members of the Calloway County school system and Dean, Dr. Tony Brannon of the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State, interrupted the afternoon Future Farmers of America class for a very good reason. It was to present Ag teachers Jacob Falwell and Bill Sampson with a check in the amount of \$17,760 on behalf of the Independence Bank **1776 Gives Back** program. These funds will solidify the remaining funding necessary to complete the reconstruction of the Calloway County High School greenhouse that burned last April.

The loss of the greenhouse left Calloway County High School FFA students with a sense of emptiness. The beloved greenhouse was utilized by students in the agriculture education program over the past 40 years who raised plants and vegetables as a hands on approach to learning. The schools agriculture program was recognized as one of the top six programs in the nation. Each spring the students would hold a plant and vegetable sale raising on average \$10,000 that was used to support agricultural classes as well as participation in FFA programs and trips.

Calloway County Schools Superintendent, Tres Settles acknowledged that a grant has been obtained to rebuild the majority of the expenses for a new greenhouse. However, this additional gift through **1776 Gives Back** will allow the school to purchase the necessary tables and benches needed for the greenhouse. Construction is expected to take place this summer.

Independence Bank President, Heidi Shultz said, "The **1776 Gives Back** program is an application based program where members of the Murray community can nominate an organization or individual in need and give back in a way that will make a difference right here at home. Since the program started in November of 2016, Independence Bank has given back over \$72,000 to Murray, Calloway County to over 29 recipients to pay it forward and do good on their behalf. It's because of people like Dr. Tony Brannon who are taking **1776 Gives Back** into their own hands and breathing new life into our community through projects such as this one."

To submit an application for **1776 Gives Back** you must have a transaction account at Independence Bank, but for anyone who opens an account, Independence Bank will donate \$17.76 to one of six local charities of your choice as another way to give back to the community. To submit an application, visit [www.1776bank.com/1776givesback](http://www.1776bank.com/1776givesback) or visit any Independence Bank location in Murray and tell us your reason why you want to make a difference. Multiple awards will be announced and the next application deadline is May 31, 2017.

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