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## ***Missouri FBLA-PBL members are Rooting for Joplin***

Neosho, MO - Members of Missouri FBLA-PBL are teaming up for a “feet-on-the-ground” effort to replenish the trees lost in the devastation of the Joplin tornado. Thousands of trees were lost in the Joplin tornado on May 22 and replanting and replenishing this community is going to take the efforts of everyone across the state. To make this a reality, the members of these organizations will be seeking donations of cash and trees as well as rounding up people willing to help with onsite labor. Crowder College-PBL-SIFE chapter will be collecting donations throughout the school year and volunteers will be planting the trees in Joplin on May 5, 2012.

You can help in this effort by donating a tree or money, volunteering for prep work, or volunteering to help plant trees! Please consider working with us to put thousands of trees back into a city that lost so much.

Crowder College -PBL chapter will accept donations of cash and trees. The list of approved trees includes Elm (hardy), Maple (hardy), Oak (hardy), Redbud (ornamental) and Red Buckeye (ornamental). Donations can be made to your local FBLA-PBL chapter or you may donate to Missouri FBLA. Donation forms and information can be found at [www.rootingforjoplin.org](http://www.rootingforjoplin.org). Donations can be mailed to Rooting for Joplin, Missouri FBLA, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102. If you have further questions, please email [contact@rootingforjoplin.org](mailto:contact@rootingforjoplin.org). For local information, contact Chris Fenkse, PBL Sponsor, at [chrisfenske@crowder.edu](mailto:chrisfenske@crowder.edu).

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