

Give 5 - Where Public Affairs Meets Civic Matchmaking



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As Vice President for Administrative & Information Services, Greg Burris left Missouri State University to become the City Manager of the City of Springfield, Missouri. When he left MSU, his commitment to the university's mission in Public Affairs went with him. In this video he discusses his new program, Give 5, and how it helps connect retirees in volunteer positions throughout communities. He also discusses how the program evolved from his previous work in Public Affairs.

This symbiotic relationship matches the interest and skills of potential volunteers with opportunities that contribute to the community. Additionally, it helps us realize how our retirees can contribute in a manner that helps reconnect them to the community. This is a wonderful example for how an initiative from the university can make a direct impact in the Springfield area and beyond.

In the video, Burris reports that the results have been extremely satisfying for both volunteers and community organizations that benefit from this new way of approaching a civic engagement for the retired population.

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