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Angie Munson Will Serve as Parade Grand Marshal For 50th Anniversary Greentree Festival Parade

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Kirkwood, Missouri: Long-time Kirkwood resident Angie Munson, who served as the Chair for the first Greentree Festival Planning Committee in 1960, will serve as the Grand Marshal for the 50th Anniversary Greentree parade on Saturday, September 18, 2010. The parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on the 18th. The parade route is available at www.greentreefestival.com.

Angie Munson was chairing the Kirkwood public relations committee when the idea for a Greentree Festival was first suggested. The goal of the first Festival was to sell trees to replace ones that had been lost to Dutch Elm disease. "I live on a street that in 1960 had no trees," Angie said. "Now, they're taking two down." Angie then ended up leading the first Greentree planning committee and has over the years been a witness to the evolution of the festival from a simple tree replacement fundraiser to a regionally acclaimed all-community event with a parade, food, music, and more than 250 information, arts & crafts, and game booths.

During those years, she raised two children, volunteered as a story teller at the library for ten years, led her daughter's Girl Scout troop for ten years, and taught Sunday School at Kirkwood United Methodist Church for ten years. "I did everything for ten years," she said with a smile. She also taught swimming and gymnastics at the Kirkwood YMCA for many years.

Today, at 88, Angie is as active as ever. She works in school-age childcare through the YMCA at Westchester School, and she swims a mile every day at the Kirkwood Y. Her husband Glenn, who was a toy buyer for the May Company for many years "and traveled all over the world," died 14 years ago. They were married for almost 53 years. They had two children – Trudy Burke, who is a dentist living in New Jersey, and son Greg, is a surgeon living in Florida. Both are Kirkwood High School graduates. "It was a great education," she said.

Angie has four grandchildren, including a granddaughter who is getting her doctorate in astrophysics and living in Australia, another granddaughter who is studying to be a minister, a grandson who is a professional photographer, and another grandson who is married and lives in the St. Louis region with his two children – Angie's two great-grandchildren.

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