Over the last few weeks many local community members have participated in Study Circle discussions on Turning the Tide on Poverty in [community/county]. As you know this is a difficult issue that impacts the quality of life here in many ways. The goal of these discussions is to develop ideas for action that can be implemented in the community and we'd like to invite you to the "Action Forum". The event will take place on [date] from [time] at [location]. We think your role in the community gives you a special interest in the topic, and we'd like you to be involved as we move to community action.

The discussions have been sponsored by [local sponsors] with support and funding from the Southern Rural Development Center, Everyday Democracy, the Farm Foundation, and the Kettering Foundation.

From the discussions that have taken place so far, many good ideas have arisen and the Action Forum is the next step. The Action Forum will include:

1. Highlighting of themes and top priorities emerging from the study circles.
2. A process for the Action Forum attendees to choose priorities from among the many ideas.
3. A chance for people to sign up for action groups/task forces.
4. A celebration of accomplishments and chance to meet others from study circles and community roles.
5. An opportunity for community leaders to see the fruits of this form of civic participation and comment.
6. Announcements of plans for the future.

Your presence at the event would be greatly appreciated by the community. For more information about Turning the Tide on Poverty, visit http://srdc.msstate.edu/tide/ or contact [key contact] at [phone] or [email]. We look forward to seeing you at the Action Forum on [date].

Sincerely,