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EXCELSIOR SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES LOAN FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW OUT-PATIENT CLINIC

USDA Rural Development, along with U.S. Congressman Sam Graves, presented a \$4,000,000 Mock Check to Excelsior Springs Medical Center Thursday, October 26th. The loan funds will be used for the expansion of the medical facilities outpatient capacities. The outpatient specialty clinics and a new wellness center will be housed in the addition along with Rehabilitation services and a community outreach meeting area. This will allow the hospital to bring more specialists from the urban hospitals to treat patients here. It will also give ESMC space to offer wellness programs to help improve the health status of our community.

"I am grateful I was able to help secure this loan for Excelsior Springs Medical Center," said Congressman Graves. "Health care is one of the most important issue facing Americans today. The future of our country relies upon the health of our citizens."



Neal Miller, USDA Rural Development Area Director; Bob Nance, Missouri State Representative; Sally Nancy, CEO of Excelsior Springs Medical Center; Robert Craven, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Excelsior Springs Medical Center; Congressman Sam Graves, U.S. Representative; Barbara Ross, USDA Rural Development Area Specialist; Emily Seifers, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jim Talent; Bill Stouffer, Missouri State Senator; Jennifer Rolf, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Kit Bond.

"We have been working on this addition for a long time and we appreciate the work that our USDA Rural Development State and area offices have done to help make this a reality", said Rich Andrew, ESMC Board President. "We especially appreciate the efforts of Congressman Graves and Senators Talent and Bond. Without their support, I don't believe this would have happened."

Gregory C. Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, stated "This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities." Branum also acknowledged special thanks to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent in addition to U.S. Representative Sam Graves for making available federal monies for funding these types of projects that provide essential services for communities.

USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Loan program is designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, child care centers,

hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. For more information visit the USDA web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling 816.364.3767, extension 5.

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