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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$900,000 TO FUND AN ADDITION FOR THE GIBBS CARE FACILITY

Janie Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presentation on October 9, 2009 at Gibbs Care Facility in Steelville, Missouri. Steelville Community Services, Inc. received a \$900,000 Rural Development Community Facility loan to finance the construction of a new addition to the existing facility.

“Today’s announcement is a welcome one to the many Missourians in and around Steelville who depend on the services provided by the Gibbs Care Facility,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “These funds will not only provide for an expansion of the facility, but an expansion of the facility’s much-needed services.”

U.S. Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer said, “The expansion of the Steelville facility will provide important resources and space to ensure that the Gibbs Care Facility can better serve those services.”

Dunning, said “Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Obama’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Kem Schwieder, President of Steelville Community Services, Inc. Board said, “This Funding and Grant will allow us to build upon the vision and investment of the entire Steelville Community, especially the generosity of the Gibbs, Volenetz and Morgan families through their bequests.”



Front Row left to right: Assistant Administrator Larry Howdeshell, Sr.; Bob Burns representative from Senator McCaskill's office; Mary Tinsley representative from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office; Anita J. Dunning, Rural Development State Director; Kelly Sink-Blair, Meramec Regional Planning Commission; and Larry Howdeshell, Jr., Administrator

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