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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO MACON COUNTY SAMARITAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

In a ceremony on September 30, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$18,109,000 to the Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital. Funds will finance the construction of a new 38,907 square foot health care facility and the renovation of 11,000 square feet of existing space at the current hospital location in the Macon community of 5,538 residents. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities (CF) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act loan of \$15,900,000, and a CF direct loan of \$2,209,000 from USDA Rural Development and

a CF guaranteed loan of \$1,976,000 in partnership with Macon Atlanta State Bank. Additionally, the Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital will provide \$1,698,000 toward the total cost of the project.

“Thousands of families in Missouri depend on the outstanding care that Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital has provided over the years,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “I am pleased that the USDA Rural Development funds will provide improvements and expansion of services to serve better the people living in Macon County and the surrounding communities. Congratulations to all who worked to secure these funds and a special thank you to the staff at the Hospital for the very important work you do each and every day.”

“I’m pleased to hear that with the help of competitive funds from the USDA, the Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital will be able to provide improved and up-to-date resources to the Macon community,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “The renovation of this hospital will help ensure that critical health care needs of Northeastern Missourians are properly served.”

Bern Orman, Chief Executive Officer for Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital stated, “We are pleased to have entered into a partnership with USDA Rural Development and Macon Atlanta



Represented in the picture are: Front Row: Sarah Barfield of Senator Christopher Bond's office; Katy Disinger of Senator Claire McCaskill's office; Bern Orman the CEO of Macon County Samaritan Memorial Hospital; Janie Dunning the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development; and State Representative Tom Shively. Second Row: Alan Wyatt a Macon County Commissioner; City of Macon Mayor Dale Bagley; Scott Nelson of Macon Atlanta State Bank; and Steven Gerrish of USDA Rural Development.

State Bank to construct a state of the art health care facility for the residents of Macon and surrounding counties. As a community hospital, Samaritan Hospital focuses on providing quality personal care. This new patient care facility will keep that tradition going and meet the growing needs of our community.”

“Samaritan Memorial Hospital's expansion and renovation project is testimony to their commitment to provide the highest quality and broadest range of health care possible in a rural community,” Scott Nelson of Macon Atlanta State Bank said. “Macon-Atlanta State Bank's commitment to assist in the financing is our statement to the community that we intend to do all we can to help local businesses grow, prosper and provide valuable services to the citizens. Macon-Atlanta is proud of the leadership exhibited by Samaritan Hospital and we believe our communities will benefit now and in the future from this expansion.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the essential needs of a community,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Obama’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am very pleased that so many rural residents in the Macon area will benefit from an updated health care facility.”

Dunning added, “Appreciation is also extended to our federal elected officials for supporting the USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Moberly Office at 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or by calling (660) 263-7400 - ext 4.

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