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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES FUNDING WITH MADISON COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP

Janie Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the Madison County Sheltered Workshop with a \$19,252 Mock Check on Wednesday June 30. The funds will be used to purchase an electric forklift and a shrink wrap machine for the Workshop. These items of equipment will increase the efficiency and create additional jobs for the Workshop.

“This is a welcome announcement for those employed by the Madison County Sheltered Workshop and those who depend on the services they provide,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “Congratulations to those in Madison County who worked so very hard to secure these funds that will enhance the important work being done at the Workshop.”

“I am pleased to hear that Rural Development funds are being used to improve efficiency and safety at the Madison County Sheltered Workshop,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I’m pleased the USDA grant funds will improve this important program for Madison County.”

“Throughout the region, sheltered workshops demonstrate the pride all of us have in participating in the most dedicated workforce in the world. These funds will allow the contributions of the workers at the Fredericktown sheltered workshop to continue to expand and improve. I’m very pleased USDA Rural Development has identified this opportunity for the award of funding that will make a big difference in the lives of so many members of our community,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

Dunning said, “I would like to congratulate the Madison County Sheltered Workshop for their efforts in improving their services to individuals with developmental disabilities. “This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community.” “This project mirrors USDA, Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has



Pictured left to right: Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director; Heather Garner, Representative for Congresswoman JoAnn Emerson; Bob Boland, Director, Madison County Sheltered Workshop; surrounded by clients of the Sheltered Workshop.

worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects.”

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