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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES A \$99,000 GRANT TO THE MONROE CITY SHELTERED WORKSHOP

On September 27th, 2006, USDA Rural Development presented the Monroe City Sheltered Workshop with a mock check for \$99,000. The funds were used for the purchase of equipment to replace damaged equipment from the March tornado and to assist with the purchase of the new site on South Border Street which will be the location of the new facility.

“We have all seen the tremendous contribution the Sheltered Workshop makes to the Monroe City community,” said Congressman Kenny Hulshof. “After last spring’s tornado, it was disheartening to see the damage that had been done to the facility and the impact it had on those who rely upon the workshop’s programs. I am very excited about the new facility and am pleased that USDA has recognized the importance of the Sheltered Workshop and the many people it helps.”

“This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Greg Branum, State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senator “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project for the Monroe City Sheltered Workshop.”

USDA funds through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program allowed the Sheltered Workshop to purchase the necessary equipment and the property that will be the site for their new facility.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity 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 can contact Steven Gerrish, at the Moberly Rural Development office, 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or call the office at 660-263-7400 ext. 4.



Mock check presentation included numerous board members, Steven Gerrish and Nathan Chitwood of USDA Rural Development, Kacki Garner of Senator Talent’s office, Tim Freeman of Congressman Hulshof’s office.

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