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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WORLD CHANGERS REPAIRS FOR TRENTON RESIDENTS

Neal Miller, USDA Rural Development Area Manager, St. Joseph, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the City of Trenton and to the World Changers organization for their efforts to make volunteer home repairs to residences in Trenton. Rural Development provided approximately \$20,479 in funding to assist with the repairs that are being completed during the week of June 22nd. The Certificates were presented June 24th in Trenton during a tour of the homes being repaired.

“Rural Development is proud to be a part of this event each year,” Miller said. “This is a valuable partnership of national and local governments working with a faith-based organization to help people improve their homes.”

Rural Development will provide funds to purchase materials to homeowners who are scheduled for World Changers repairs and who meet Rural Development eligibility requirements for the Agency’s home repair program. The City of Trenton helps locate applicants and helps organize the event. World Changers volunteers perform major planning of the event and coordinate the youth volunteers who will perform the labor for the repairs. Local churches house the youth volunteers and provide them with meals.

“Approximately 80 volunteers are repairing 5 homes in Trenton as part of this year’s World Changers event,” said Kerry Sampson, City Administrator. “Typical home repairs include roof replacement, siding replacement, new doors and windows, exterior repairs and some interior repairs.”

“Missouri communities benefit when local organizations partner with the USDA and it’s great to see federal grant dollars going to places that need it. Rehabilitating, repairing and weatherizing homes, especially for elderly Missourians, is important to maintaining strong communities,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said.

World Changers is a youth organization associated with Southern Baptist churches. Each year World Changers does numerous home repairs in the United States and beyond, using volunteer youths from around the nation from middle school, high school and college. The kids work in supervised crews of 10-15 members.



(from left to right): Dave Clarkson, Area Specialist, Chillicothe, and Neal Miller, Area Director, St. Joseph, Rural Development; Gary Beverlin, City of Trenton; Cathie Smith, Trenton Mayor; Beth Sanson, Area Technician, Chillicothe Rural Development; Brook Balentine, Field Representative, Senator Claire McCaskill; Emily TRrammel and Alisa Glover, World Changers; Chad Higdon, Field Representative, Congressman Sam Graves.

Anyone seeking more information about home repair loans and grants or other USDA Rural Development programs may visit Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo>, or by contacting the Rural Development Sub Area Office in Chillicothe at 1100 Morton Parkway, Chillicothe, Mo. 64601 or by calling 660-646-6222 ext. 4.

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