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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WORLD CHANGERS REPAIRS FOR AREA RESIDENTS

Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the World Changers organization for their efforts to make volunteer home repairs to residences in Trenton and the surrounding area. Rural Development provided \$24,723 in 504 Home Repair funding to purchase materials for the homes that are being repaired during the week of June 21st.



Pictured are Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director (second from the left – front row) David Clarkson, Rural Development Specialist (second row center) and members of the World Changers .

“Rural Development is proud to be a part of this event each year,” Dunning said. “This is a valuable partnership of the federal government working with a faith-based organization to help people improve their homes. Approximately 150 volunteers are repairing 15 homes in Trenton and the surrounding area as part of this year’s World Changers,” she said. “Typical home repairs include roof replacement, siding replacement, new doors and windows, exterior repairs and some interior repairs.”

Rural Development will provide funds to purchase materials for eight of the homeowners who meet Rural Development eligibility requirements for the Agency’s 504 home repair program. Materials for the other seven homes are being purchased by the homeowners or by the First Baptist Church of Trenton or the Baptist Church of Jamesport.

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.

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.

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 X 4.

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