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PAWNEE PLAYCARE PURCHASES FACILITY THROUGH RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Tecumseh, Neb., Dec.15, 2008— Pawnee Playcare, also known as Blessings From Above, is the recipient of \$165,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. The funds will purchase the child care facility and grounds from the current landlord and will include replacement of the facility's roof.

“We are so grateful to be able to keep this facility because of the USDA Rural Development funding,” stated Director Emilie Neemann, Pawnee Playcare. “Without all their help we wouldn't have been able to stay in operation, the building would have been sold. My staff and I are looking forward to many years of serving the community.”

“Pawnee Playcare is a vital part of this rural community as they provide quality and dependable child care to nearly 60 children each day,” stated Area Specialist Janice Stopak, USDA Rural Development. “USDA Rural Development is pleased to help with facilities such as Pawnee Playcare so that rural families have the child care that they need available to them.”

Rural Development funding consists of a \$141,000 loan over 40 years at 4.5 percent interest with a \$24,000 grant comprising the balance of the funding.

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