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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN GROUNDBREAKING FOR A NEW MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING IN RUTHVEN

Project Received \$29,600 Guaranteed Loan and \$48,400 Grant from Rural Development

RUTHVEN – July 13 – Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director, today participated in a groundbreaking ceremony in Ruthven for a new medical office building that is being built as part of the Ruthven Community Care Center. USDA Rural Development provided Ruthven Community Care Center, Inc. with a \$29,600 guaranteed loan through Iowa State Bank and a \$48,400 grant for the project.

“Rural Development is always ready to work with communities that come to us for help, whether it's for healthcare facilities like this one, or apartment buildings, childcare centers, water systems or community buildings,” Reisinger said. “This medical office building is just one example of Rural Development's efforts to invest in projects that improve the quality of life of rural residents.”

The new building will provide a convenient facility for a variety of medical and health care providers to make their services available to the residents of Ruthven and the surrounding areas. The funds are through Rural Development's Community Facility program and will support construction of the new facility.

“At Rural Development, we are continually looking for ways to enhance the ability of rural communities to not only develop and grow, but also to thrive,” Reisinger said. “This project fits that vision perfectly.”

USDA Rural Development supported community facility projects in 52 communities across the state in 2005, including collaborating with 11 local school districts and communities to establish child care facilities or playgrounds. In total, USDA Rural Development made more than \$15 million in direct and guaranteed loans to support community facilities all around Iowa last year.

Contact USDA Rural Development USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

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.

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