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USDA Rural Development Participates in Ribbon Cutting and Open House Activities for New Community Center in Grand River

Rural Development Provided the City of Grand River with Grant Funds Totaling \$15,000 to Assist with Furnishing of New Community Center

DES MOINES, Iowa – April 5, 2009 – Kathy Lambert, Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development in Iowa participated in ribbon cutting and open house activities today for a new community center in Grand River.

USDA Rural Development provided the city of Grand River with grant funds totaling \$15,000 to assist with the purchasing of equipment for a new community center in the community. Rural Development assisted in purchasing items such as tables, chairs, a stove and refrigerator to help furnish the new building. The new community center will house the city clerk, be used for city council meetings and will be available for the public to rent for private events.

“We are very pleased to be a partner with the city of Grand River on such a wonderful project,” Timothy Helmbrecht, Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development in Iowa said. “This new community center will be a tremendous asset to the residents of Grand River.”

USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender with a variety of direct and guaranteed rural credit programs involving single and multi-family housing, community facilities, water and sewer development, and business and cooperative programs.

During the past year Rural Development helped a record number of Iowans receive funding for economic development projects and quality of life improvements. The agency’s investment in Iowa helped create or retain 10,000 jobs, aided 1,600 families in buying their own homes and assisted more than 120 communities in improving community facilities and upgrading local infrastructure.

“All of our programs are voluntary, so we are always on the lookout for individuals and groups wanting to grow in rural Iowa,” Helmbrecht said. “At Rural Development we believe community improvement efforts are important to the sustainability of rural America.”

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USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa that serve 1.9 million Iowans living in rural communities. 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 away 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 Development programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Indianola, which can be reached at (515) 961-5365 or by visiting www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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