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Greensburg Resource Conference Held Feb. 5-6 Event Addressed Recovery Assistance & Needs

Topeka, KS – The first Greensburg Resource Conference was held February 5th-6th to help identify additional assistance resources that are available to support the Greensburg area's recovery following the devastating May 4th tornado and related storms. Over 100 representatives ranging from organizations holding donated funds, offering specific volunteer labor, and/or wishing to donate 'in-kind' products such as building materials, appliances, and technical services attended the two-day meeting.

"This Greensburg Resource Conference is another important step in helping support the region's long-term recovery effort. We were impressed with the many interested parties who attended this conference, from the private, non-profit and faith-based sectors interested in assisting the Greensburg area," remarked USDA Rural Development State Director Banks. USDA Rural Development and the South Central Community Foundation, at the request of the Greensburg Public Square Committee, co-hosted the Greensburg Resource Conference.

Greensburg Resource Conference information, including presentations, will be available on-line through USDA Rural Development at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks. Interested parties who wish to become involved in recovery efforts can also call USDA Rural Development at 785-271-2701.

The South Central Community Foundation is a local charity that is receiving monetary donations to the Greensburg Future Fund for the rebuilding of Greensburg. For more information call the local office at 620-672-7929 or log on to the website at: www.southcentralcommunityfoundation.com

USDA Rural Development is administering special supplemental funding, covering housing, business redevelopment and public building/services, to help support the recovery of Greensburg and Kiowa County. Parties interested in learning more about the Agency's disaster recovery assistance, along with general programming information, can call the Agency's state office in Topeka at 785-271-2700 or through the state's Agency website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

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