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USDA Rural Development Kicks Off Homeownership Month

45 Projects In 24 Communities To Be Recognized During Homeownership Month

Topeka, KS. – USDA Rural Development has announced the kick off a recognition tour to celebrate National Homeownership month across the state that will recognize 45 projects or partners in 24 communities. The Agency’s tour will start June 7 and run through July 2, highlighting numerous homeownership success stories and recognize outstanding Agency partners who assist in helping rural Kansans and Kansas communities. Successes highlighted will include work in Greensburg, Coffeyville and the Fort Riley area.

USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks, commented, “Outstanding efforts are being undertaken across rural Kansas to enhance the opportunity for individuals and families to own their own home or have affordable, safe and adequate housing. Yet, the available supply of affordable housing in our rural communities still needs to be expanded. Increasing affordable housing opportunities helps to strengthen our families, improves economic development opportunities, and enhances a community’s overall quality of life. USDA Rural Development has excellent financing programs to help very-low, low and moderate income individuals and families.”

Over 7,500 Kansans have received homebuyer education and homeownership financing assistance from USDA Rural Development over the past five years.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America.

Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1.2 billion to Kansans covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding all USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency’s Kansas website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

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