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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND QUINCY RECYCLE PAPER, INC. PARTNER TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE MONROE CITY SHELTERED WORKSHOP

In an August 9th, 2005, Mock Check presentation at the Monroe City Sheltered Workshop office. Congressman Kenny Hulshof and USDA Rural Development presented the Monroe City Sheltered Workshop with a mock check for \$25,676.00 which recognized the purchase a new \$52,400.00 plastics baler. The remaining funds were provided by Quincy Recycle Paper Inc. of Quincy, Illinois through a zero interest loan.

“This project has created jobs and continues to be beneficial for the environment,” stated Congressman Kenny Hulshof. “It’s another great example of what the federal government is doing to enhance the quality of life in our rural communities.”

“Financing essential equipment is consistent with Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s commitment to the future of rural communities,” said Greg Branum, State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senator “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project for the Monroe City Sheltered Workshop.”

USDA funds allowed the Sheltered Workshop to purchase and install the new plastics baler. The new baler has been in operation for about one year. Connie Thurman, Administrator, stated, “Recyclable material is coming from throughout the area to include the towns of Hannibal, Shelbina, Monroe City, Paris, New London, Center, and Quincy. The new baler has allowed us to expand our operation to bale plastics, newspaper, shredded paper, and aluminum”. Connie further stated, “We were fortunate to be a part of the partnership between USDA Rural Development and Quincy Recycle Paper, as this opportunity has allowed us to hire on 7 new employees and get premium price for the recycled materials”.

USDA Rural Development administers a wide variety of programs to improve the quality of life in rural communities. Anyone interested in these programs should contact the USDA office in Moberly at 2995 County Road 1325 or call the office at 660-263-7400 ext. 4.



Left to Right: Greg Branum, Kacky Garner, Jeff Albus, Connie Thurman, Linda Greening, Congressman Kenny Hulshof, Ron Williams, and Regina Miskell. Jeff, Linda, Ron, and Regina are Board Directors for the Sheltered Workshop

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