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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES GRANT TO MADISON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Greg C. Branum, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented a \$44,000 Mock Check to Madison Memorial Hospital, on November 22, 2005. The grant is part of the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities loan and grant program and will be used to purchase an ambulance to serve the residents of Madison County.

“Increased emergency preparedness is critical for local communities,” said Senator Jim Talent, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “Fast ambulance and emergency services help protect residents and most importantly, save lives. I congratulate the Madison Memorial Hospital on receiving this funding.”

“Our emergency response vehicles play a critical role in bringing emergency medical care to individuals in distress, as well as connecting people to the health services they need at area hospitals which can be some distance away. I am a great advocate of making certain our rural first responders have the vehicles and equipment that they need. I appreciate the cooperation of Missouri Senators Kit Bond and Jim Talent, and USDA Rural Development, for sharing this priority with me.” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

“Ambulance service is particularly important in rural areas. While you hope to never need an ambulance it is comforting to know that the service is available. Rural Development is very proud to provide assistance for this vital project,” said Branum.

Lisa Twidwell, Chief Finance Officer said, “Madison Memorial Center greatly appreciates the support and collaboration that it has received from USDA Rural Development to materialize capital improvements that benefit the citizens of Rural Madison County, Missouri.”

“Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” Branum added. “Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

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