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USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS MOCK CHECK TO MADISON MEDICAL CENTER

Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Melba Fadler, Chairperson of Madison Medical Center with a \$24,219 Mock Check on Tuesday December 16, 2008. The funds will be used to purchase Cardiac Rehabilitation Equipment which will provide an additional job for a total of 3 in the Cardiac Rehab Department.



Picture: Kevin Hinkebein, Area Specialist, Jim Martin, RN, Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director, Jennifer Penuel, Chief Operating Officer, Rodney Gross, Administrator, Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Donna Martin, Area Specialist

U.S. Senator Kit Bond stated, “The new cardiac rehabilitation equipment will help Madison Medical Center save lives. I commend the Fredericktown local leadership and USDA Rural Development for investing in this important medical technology.”

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, “The addition of a Cardiac Rehab Department is a testament to Madison Medical Center’s commitment to the citizens they serve. I’m pleased that these federal grant funds will help provide necessary medical equipment and create a top notch cardiac department.”

U.S. Representative JoAnn Emerson said, “Rural Development is a driving force in the development and investment in our rural Missouri communities. This project will greatly contribute to the quality of life, public safety, and economic infrastructure throughout the region. I’m grateful for their strong partnerships with our state and local leaders, and I appreciate the advocacy of our congressional delegation for the projects USDA Rural Development supports.”

Westfall said, “The Madison Medical Center provides essential medical services to their patients. The Cardiac Rehab Department is an additional medical service that is in high demand. These projects mirror USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the community will benefit from the services of the Madison Medical Center. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal dollars for funding these projects.”

Melba Fadler, Chairperson of Madison Medical Center states: "Madison Medical Center continues to expand its capabilities to meet the needs of all the communities it serves. Madison Medical Center is just that, a "True Community Hospital", one of the last of its kind. We would like to thank the USDA and with their help, we will continue to not only make new and better healthcare available, but also provide jobs."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Kevin P. Hinkebein, Rural Development Specialist, at the Farmington Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling 573-756-6413, Ext. 5.

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