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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$80,320 MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF TRUESDALE

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Ray Gibson, Mayor of the City of Truesdale, a \$80,320 Mock Check on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The funds will be used to pave a gravel street leading to the Warren County Sheltered Workshop which will allow better access to their new building and facilitate retention of 34 employees..

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "Building better roads in rural areas can be a challenge but this federal grant will be a big help to the City of Truesdale as they work to improve local roads."

U.S. Representative Hulshof said, "The Warren County Shelter Workshop offers opportunities to those who want to live independent and productive lives. This investment will benefit everyone who takes advantage of the Sheltered Workshop's services. I am pleased that USDA has recognized the importance of this project."

Mayor Gibson said, "With the receipt of this grant money from the USDA Rural Development, the City of Truesdale and the businesses located in the Daniel Boon Industrial Park will be able to complete a concrete street to handle the traffic now and in the future. Without the grant, this project would still be in the "someday" file."

Dunning, said "This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Vickie Myers, Acting Rural Development Manager, at the Troy Local Office of USDA Rural Development at , 114 Frenchman Bluff Road, Troy, MO 63379-2019 or by calling (636) 528-7046, extension 4.



Front Row: Carol Marlowe, Warren County Sheltered Workshop; Richard Mertens, Board of Directors, Warren County Sheltered Workshop; Donna Martin, Area Specialist, Rural Development; Ray Gibson, Mayor, City of Truesdale; Ray Rainwater, President of the Board of Directors, Warren County Sheltered Workshop; Janie Dunning, Acting State Director, Rural Development; Brendan Fahey, Service Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill's office

Back Row: Bob Schuette, Board of Directors, Warren County Sheltered Workshop; Kurt Daniels, Cochran Engineering; A.J. Girondo, Cochran Engineering; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development

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