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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF LESLIE MANOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

**QUANAH, TEXAS, May 26, 2005** – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announces that Quanah Housing Authority will host a Grand Opening on Friday, May 27, 2005. Leslie Manor, a 16-unit assisted living facility, was constructed and furnished with a loan provided by USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program in the amount of \$2,485,000.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents in rural Texas," Daniel said. "With the help of the agency's Community Facilities Program, Quanah Housing Authority was able to build an attractive, functional, well-furnished assisted living complex for the citizens of Quanah."

The Open House will be held on May 27, 2005, from 3- 6 p.m. at Leslie Manor Assisted Living Facility, which is located at 1410 Shaw Street in Quanah. This facility features two bedroom, two bathroom, duplex-style apartments that come complete with a full kitchen, dining area, living room and garage. The Community Building includes a large, family style dining room, commercial kitchen, meeting room, activity room, and an aquatic therapy pool. The Grand Opening event will consist of a ribbon cutting ceremony, and an open house for the public to view this innovative complex.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's community programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 households in the process.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene office at (325) 690-6162, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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