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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS CEREMONIAL CHECK TO HEART OF TEXAS GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES, INC.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, August 25, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Heart of Texas Good Samaritan Ministries, Inc. was selected to receive \$40,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. A ceremonial check was presented on August 25, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the Heart of Texas Good Samaritan Ministry, Inc. office. The grant funds will be used to assist the applicants in the purchase and renovation of a building for the expansion of their food pantry.

"This funding will assist in providing a facility for a Corporation that supplies food, clothing, financial and medical assistance, and school supplies to eligible residents in the service area," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$991,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the 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 \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

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