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**KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ANNOUNCES THE FORMATION OF
CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM IN KANSAS**

WASHINGTON -- The Kansas congressional delegation, led by Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum, today announced the formation of the Congressional Award Program in Kansas.

The Congressional Award Program provides young people, age 14 through 23, the opportunity to set and achieve goals in voluntary service and personal development activities. Participants are encouraged to actively involve themselves in their communities, bringing vital energy to depressed areas.

"By promoting volunteerism, this program's winners aren't just our nation's young people -- our communities are big winners, too," Dole said. "That's why I'm so pleased the Congressional Award Program is coming to Kansas -- so more and more young Kansans can challenge themselves, and help make our state an even better place to live and work," Dole added.

The Congressional Award was established in 1979 as a bi-partisan effort by the United States Congress to encourage young people from all walks of life to become involved in personal development and volunteer service activities. These awards are the only ones granted to America's young people by the Congress of the United States.

As the award is non-competitive, all young people can work to achieve it -- from every economic and cultural background. Those with disabilities are equally able to earn a Congressional Award, as goals are set based on individual interest, need and ability. The program allows young people to develop their own goals, suitable to their particular environment.

The Congressional Award has more than 5,000 awardees in more than 44 states. The Program is active in more than 70 Congressional Districts.

The Kansas congressional delegation will appoint a State Advisory Committee of ten volunteer members to help implement the program, consisting of five statewide members appointed jointly by Senators Dole and Kassebaum, and one appointee per congressional district, appointed by each of the five Members of Congress.

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