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**SENATE PASSES DOLE INITIATIVE TO FUND RELOCATION OF  
ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN;  
\$1 MILLION FOR KCK PROJECT**

**WASHINGTON** - A Dole amendment to provide \$1 million for relocating St. Mary's Food Kitchen, Kansas City, Kansas, was approved today as the Senate completed action on the FY1991 VA/HUD Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to a House/Senate conference.

"I'm glad the Senate agreed with me on the importance of relocating this vital service for many low-income residents in Kansas City. This new facility will allow St. Mary's to expand their services to more than just hot lunches. They will be able to provide employment and education assistance and also offer counseling and legal services," said Dole.

"The new facility would also make the services more convenient to the people who need them the most. St. Mary's is a successful program. I am glad to support the city's initiative to help Kansas City residents," said Dole.

St. Mary's Food Kitchen, located at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 5th and Ann, is a non-profit, non-denominational organization that provides approximately 400 hot lunches a day to low-income residents of Kansas City. The proposed new site is an abandoned truck stop at the east end of James St. Bridge.

The funding would be used for purchasing the site and renovating the building, including bringing the facility up to code and making the building accessible to pedestrians.

The expanded site would offer employment and education assistance, health care, counseling for battered women, substance abuse counseling, housing location assistance, legal services, and a food pantry.