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DOLE ANNOUNCES \$1.2 MILLION LOAN FOR ST. PAUL;
FUNDS WILL CONSTRUCT NEW RETIREMENT VILLAGE AND COMPLEX

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Prairie Mission Retirement Village, Inc. of St. Paul will receive a \$1,247,600 loan to construct a 48-unit continuous care facility. The low-interest loan was awarded by U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration (RDA).

"I'm pleased that St. Paul has finally cleared this funding hurdle for this significant addition to the community, the Prairie Mission Retirement Village. I applaud the outstanding efforts of Mayor Gert Gallo and Lawrence Smith, President of Prairie Mission Retirement Village, Inc., and the entire community for all their hard work and determination with this project. I'm always glad to assist Kansas communities when it comes to vital projects such as providing continuous care for the elderly," said Dole. "The infusion of rural development assistance will guarantee the survival of our rural communities."

Senator Dole has been working closely with the Mayor and community leaders since 1986, providing assistance with the loan application process and serving as a liaison between the community and the USDA's Farmers Home Administration. Dole first steered the community to seek funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's various rural development loan programs.

The 48-unit continuous care facility will have 4 efficiency and 4 one-bedroom assisted living apartments, 31 beds for skilled nursing care and 9 beds for residents with Alzheimer's disease. There will also be an in-house pharmacy and medical clinic.

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