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MENNONITE HOUSING SERVICES OF WICHITA TO RECEIVE \$629,625 GRANT;
FUNDS WILL ASSIST WITH FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Mennonite Housing Rehab Services, Inc. of Wichita will receive a \$629,625 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding is provided through HUD's Homeownership of Single Family Homes Program (HOPE III), which is designed to provide grant funds to public agencies, private non-profit organizations and cooperative associations to create homeownership opportunities for low-income families who are first-time homebuyers.

"The funding provided by this new program will be a much-needed boost for many Wichitans who need a helping hand," said Dole. "As we continue to look for ways to promote affordable housing, growth and renewal in our urban areas, it's important that the cities of middle America get their share of attention."

This is the first HOPE III program grant to be awarded to the Mennonite Housing Rehab Services, Inc. (MHRS).

The MHRS will purchase, rehabilitate, and resell approximately 30 houses to low and very low-income families and also provide supportive training and counseling for the homebuyers. The Federal Home Loan Bank recently awarded MHRS a \$150,000 direct subsidy as a companion source of funding for this project. The program will include properties throughout Wichita and possibly in the surrounding areas of Sedgwick, Harvey, and Butler counties.

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