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Kansas City Group Receives National Award  
for Community Development

Washington, D.C. -- Representatives of "Twenty Good Men," General Motors union workers, and the Kansas City, Ks. Department of Community Development were in Washington to receive an award from the National Community Development Association for their combined efforts and contributions towards the improvement of conditions in low income neighborhoods. During a recent visit with Senator Dole, the group spoke of their award-winning project, the restoration of Parkwood, a Kansas City subdivision where the cooperation of local businesses and volunteers has resulted in more than 80 homes being painted, four drug houses being closed and 100 houses being repaired.

"While General Motors provided the manpower, most of the supplies were donated by private industry. This joint effort shows that teamwork pays off," said Senator Dole.

Pictured from left to right are Leola Johnson, a resident of Parkwood whose home was remodeled; Louis Forman, a General Motors union member; Norm Hodges, the leader of "Twenty Good Men;" Senator Dole; Edward Smith, Kansas City, Ks. Department of Community Development; Veda Monday, representing the Northeast Community for the Concerned; Dorothy David, Kansas City, Ks. Department of Community Development; and Ron Gonsalves, a General Motors union member.