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Sen. Barnitz Announces Economic Development Project in St. James

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that St. James Caring Center will receive a \$254,380 in tax credits from the Department of Economic Development (DED). The credits were made available through the Neighborhood Assistance Program.

The Neighborhood Assistance Program is designed to encourage community-based organizations to start neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, and physical revitalization by providing assistance from the Department of Economic Development. The tax credits will go towards the acquisition and renovation of a facility that will enhance community service projects in the area.

"It is always encouraging when organizations are able to use state programs to improve their communities on a local level," said Sen. Barnitz. "This center will make a difference in the area with a wide variety of community oriented programs."

Projects that are planned through the new facility will include the operation of a thrift store, a food pantry, a benevolent office, adult education classes, community resource programs, the Buddy Pack Program, and the Holiday Food Basket Project.

"Each program and project that the St. James Caring Center is working to implement will better the community," said Sen. Barnitz. "I am pleased that the people of St. James are so dedicated to improving the services available to those in need in their area."

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