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Sen. Barnitz Announces Neighborhood Assistance Project in Cuba

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that the Crawford County Foundation, Inc. will receive \$43,209 in tax credits from the Department of Economic Development (DED). The tax credits are provided through the department's Neighborhood Assistance Program.

Through the Neighborhood Assistance Program, provided by the Department of Economic Development, community-based organizations have the opportunity to start neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, and physical revitalization. The tax credits will help child care providers at an area center earn credentials.

"There are many programs available that local communities can utilize in order to improve their communities," said Sen. Barnitz. "I couldn't think of a project more worthy than improving the education of our children."

The Crawford County Foundation, Inc., will use the tax credits to help them attain state accreditation at the All Aboard Learning Center in Cuba. The funds obtained will allow teachers at the center to earn their associates degrees in child development from East Central College.

"By better educating teachers, we are better educating our children," said Sen. Barnitz. "Centers like the All Aboard Learning Center provide the foundation for a lifetime of positive educational experiences."

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