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## Senator Crowell Meets With Leader of Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

On Tuesday, March 6, State Senator Jason Crowell met with George DeMyers and his wife, Mary Ann, in Sen. Crowell's capitol office to discuss the progress and goals of the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center.

Begun in 1992, the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center is named for a woman of the late 1600s who nearly single-handedly managed a homestead and home schooled her children, two of whom, John and Charles, went on to found the Methodist Church.

Based in East Prairie, the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center works to build stronger families by advocating for, and educating people in three primary areas: Adult Work Skill and Job Development; Youth Programs; and Adult Literacy and Education Programs. Mr. DeMyers serves as the center's adult education and literacy director.

"George and his colleagues work with over 200 students at any given time in the center's adult education and literacy program, which represents a significant number of Southeast Missourians striving to better themselves, their families and the communities in which they live," said Sen. Crowell.

Director DeMyers updated Sen. Crowell on how the center is impacting and improving lives, noting that Mississippi County has surged ahead sixteen places in the 2007 Missouri Kids Count quality-of-life ranking system.

"Teaching a man to read, helping a young mother obtain her GED and infusing people with new job skills are all great examples of how George and his peers at the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center are making better days for Missouri families," Sen. Crowell said.



Pictured with Senator Crowell are George and Mary Ann DeMyers.

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