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## **HOPE Coalition of Holden to Receive Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits**

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) today announced that the HOPE Coalition, Inc. of Holden has been approved for \$63,728 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

“I’m pleased the HOPE Coalition will benefit from the Neighborhood Assistance Program, which in turn will benefit Johnson County,” Sen. Pearce said. “The donations that the organization will receive through the NAP project will help people in need in our communities.”

Any donations the HOPE Coalition receives as part of the NAP project will be used to help support its food pantry, emergency assistance services and clothes closet, and community educational and recreational programs. With this recent tax credit assistance, the HOPE Coalition will also house and provide support for State Fair Community College’s GED program and host health fairs, seminars, screenings, immunization clinics and the WIC program in partnership with Johnson County Community Health Services.

The Neighborhood Assistance Program provides assistance to community-based organizations that enables them to implement community or neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training and physical revitalization. To learn more about the program, go to [www.ded.mo.gov](http://www.ded.mo.gov).

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