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CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED RECEIVES FUNDING

Lincoln, NE — Due in large part to the efforts of Senator Ben Nelson, a Lincoln non-profit agency will be expanding to provide much-needed programs for those struggling with the dismal economy. The Center for People in Need will receive some funding from the 2009 budget recently signed by President Obama. Senator Nelson and his staff were instrumental in attaching a federal appropriations request to the budget on behalf of the Center.

The Center for People in Need will now be able to expand their current facility to provide a computer lab, classrooms, and other areas for job skills training and adult education for the low-income in our community. Located in the old Rod Kush's furniture store and warehouse at 3901 N. 27th, the Center until recently occupied only about half of the space available in the building. With the federal money and a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Center will be able to purchase and renovate the remaining building space.

Voc Rehab will lease approximately half of the new space to serve their clients. The state agency helps disabled adults join the workforce. The new programs and services offered at the Center will benefit their clients as they access the job training that will be available. Region V Services, an agency working the developmentally disabled, has a day center already located in the building. Their clients will also benefit from the Center's expansion.

The Center's Executive Director, Beatty Brasch, knows they would now be able to offer the job training if it weren't for Senator Nelson. "We are so grateful to the Senator for his support. I'm afraid things in the economy will get much worse before they get better. These programs will give people the help they need to get back on their feet."

The new computer lab and classrooms should be ready by mid-July so the Center can start helping clients. Job skills training will include forklift operation, basic office skills, and general warehouse work. Computer classes will be available in several languages to help people improve computer literacy.

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