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PRESS RELEASE

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BARRY-LAWRENCE AREA UNITED FUND DONATE FUNDS TO OACAC HEAD START CENTERS FOR CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS

February 7, 2011, Springfield, MO – The Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) Head Start centers in Barry and Lawrence Counties were recently awarded up to \$750 from the Barry-Lawrence Area United Fund to purchase new materials for the classroom and center. “These funds are very important to each center because it allows them to replace old broken toys as well as bring in new items that support the educational environment in each center,” said Michelle Brinley, Area Supervisor. Centers which will benefit from this award are Aurora 1, Aurora 2, Butterfield, Cassville 1, Cassville 2, Monett 1, Monett 2, Mt. Vernon 1, Mt. Vernon 2, and Shell Knob.

OACAC Head Start is an early childhood program for children from income-eligible families. The program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences, health services, social service support and other opportunities for children and their families. The Head Start program

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OACAC PROGRAMS:

*Neighborhood Centers, 417-873-3340; Weatherization, 417-865-7797
Housing, 417-864-3444; LIHEAP, 417- 873-3460; Family Planning, 417-864-3410;
Foster Grandparents, 417-864-3420; Head Start, 417-864-3430;*

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works closely with parents to help children gain the social competence, school readiness skills and confidence necessary to succeed in their current preschool environment and later in school and life. The on-going partnership between OACAC Head Start and the Barry-Lawrence Area United Fund is an important component in providing life-changing education for both children and parents.

For more information about this or other Head Start related initiatives please contact your local Head Start or OACAC's central office at 417-864-3430.

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