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Monsanto Donates $50,000 To Home Repair Program

The Carondelet Community Betterment federation (CCBF) has been awarded a $50,000 grant from Monsanto company to assist in a house repair program for senior citizens, Jerry E. Bishop, manager of Monsanto's Carondelet plant, has announced.

This grant marks the sixth year in a row that the company has contributed to the CCBF under Missouri's Neighborhood Assistance program. Since 1979, Monsanto has awarded the betterment federation grants totaling $270,000.

The House repair program was established in 1977. Since then, more than 600 properties have been upgraded in the old and historic Carondelet neighborhood. The program provides senior citizens with much needed assistance in making repairs to their homes and provides jobs for local workers.

"This program is important not only because it helps senior citizens in the repair of their homes, but it also provides jobs . . . and improves the overall quality of his historic neighborhood," Bishop commented. "Many of these senior citizens live on fixed incomes and would be hard pressed to upgrade their homes without this help," he added.

The Neighborhood Assistance program, authorized by Missouri's Neighborhood Assistance act, is designed to bring the state, business and neighborhood groups together to solve community problems. Businesses are allowed state income tax credits when they contribute to organizations doing projects that help citizens and communities.

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