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Health Department Renews WIC Contract

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is pleased to announce that the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services renewed the contract for the continuation of WIC services for fiscal year 2011. Through this contract, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department will be able to serve 7,500 persons eligible for WIC every month. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children has a mission to safeguard the health of women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk, by providing nutritious foods to enhance diets, information on healthy eating and referrals to health care and other community resources. WIC services are provided to eligible women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and/or post-partum, as well as infants and children up to the age of five. "WIC services are a vital component to creating a healthy, thriving community. We are proud to continue to serve families in our community in partnership with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services through the WIC program," said Kevin Gipson, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

The Springfield Greene County WIC program main office is located at 440 E Tampa in Springfield. For more information about WIC or to find out if you qualify call 417-851-1581 or visit www.springfieldmo.gov/health/WIC.html. WIC satellite sites include:

**WIC Republic Clinic**
937 East Lindsey, Republic, MO 65738
First, Second and fourth week of the month; Mon and Tue 8-12, Wed and Thur 1-5. Third Week M-Th 8-5.

**Willard United Methodist Church**
304 South Farmer Road, Willard, MO 65781
First Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the month

**Pathways United Methodist Church**
1232 East Dale Street, Springfield, MO 65803
First Thursday of the month

**Oak Grove Community Center**
1538 South Oak Grove Ave., Springfield, MO 65804
Second Wednesday of the month

**Asbury United Methodist Church**
1500 South Campbell Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807
Fourth Wednesday and Thursday of the month

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