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WESTERN AWARDED MARCH OF DIMES GRANT

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 3, 2003— The nursing department at Missouri Western State College was recently awarded a community grant of approximately \$15,900 from the Greater Missouri Chapter of the March of Dimes. The grant will fund a program entitled, “Healthy Choices for High School Females.”

Western’s senior nursing students will present one-hour educational sessions to females at each St. Joseph high school, discussing prevention of birth defects. The program includes information about folic acid and risks during pregnancy such as prescription drug, alcohol, tobacco and other drug usage. The college students will also distribute a brochure which lists community agencies available to assist high school-aged females.

The grant was submitted by Dr. Evelyn Brooks of the nursing department and Dr. Jeanne Daffron, dean of Western’s school of professional studies. Alicia Sindt of the nursing department also assisted in writing the grant.

Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.

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