

# CHANGE gets \$1.15 million loan

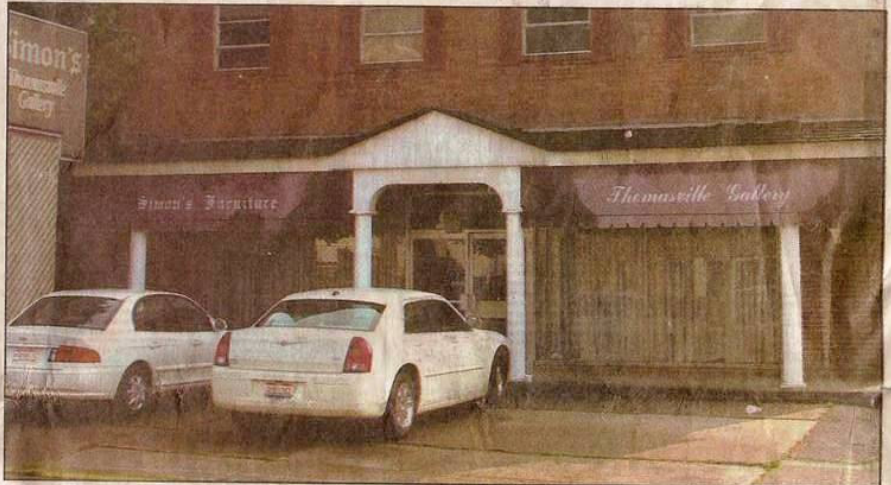
CHANGE, Inc. has received a loan for \$1.15 million to renovate a building on West Street to house all of its programs.

State Director Robert M. Steptoe III announced today that Rural Development approved a Community Facilities Direct Loan of \$1,150,000. CHANGE, Inc.

Rural Development funds will be used to purchase and renovate the existing Thomasville Gallery structure at 3136 West St.

"The facility will serve as the consolidated headquarters for all programs administered by CHANGE, Inc.," Steptoe stated.

CHANGE, Inc. Executive Director Judy Raveaux remarked, "CHANGE, Inc. is a Community Action Agency and has been serving the Ohio Valley since 1983. Our primary focus is on helping the low-income and vulnerable population of our community become and maintain self-sufficiency through the various programs we offer, including neighborhood youth centers, weatherization and emergency services, housing and trans-



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**NEW USE** – The former Thomasville Gallery on West Street may be the future home of CHANGE, Inc., programs after the agency received a \$1.15 million loan for renovations to the building.

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portation programs, youth service and health programs, and a domestic violence shelter."

Raveaux added, "Through the loan from USDA Rural Development, we will be able to expand our capacity and, at the same time, create a one-stop approach for our cus-

tomers."

Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural development needs and administers program assistance through its rural housing programs, and rural utilities programs.

