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Swope Community Enterprises Welcomes Michael M. Collins

Former Regional Director for Senator Bond Will Spearhead Fundraising and Government Relations

Kansas City, MO...Swope Community Enterprises is pleased to announce that Michael M. Collins has joined the organization as Vice President of Fund Development, Government Relations and Communications. In this capacity, Mr. Collins is responsible for planning and managing all fund development strategies to ensure future sustainability for all Swope affiliates. He will also serve as the senior chief lobbyist for SCE and manage state (MO and KS) and federal affairs for all Swope affiliates. Further, Mr. Collins will serve as chief spokesperson for SCE and its affiliates.

A native Kansas Citian, Mr. Collins has worked in the office of Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond for over seven years. Starting as the Senator's community liaison for Kansas City/Jackson County, he served as a contact for area small businesses, community and economic development, and community health centers. In 2004, Michael served on the Senator's campaign staff as field director for the Kansas City region, also working in collaboration with Bush/Cheney'04. In Washington, DC, Michael served as a legislative assistant, where he managed the policy for Senator Bond on telecommunications, commerce, transportation, housing and financial services appropriations, economic development and labor policy. Most recently, Michael served as the Senator's Western Missouri Regional Director, which is comprised of 28 counties. In this capacity, Michael served as the Senator's primary liaison for all legislative and economic development issues and business development within the Kansas City region.

"For more than 40 years, Swope has been working to ensure healthy, viable and sustainable communities for the uninsured and underserved," said Mr. Collins. "I am excited for the opportunity to work at such an organization that continues to utilize innovative strategies to provide essential health and community development services to Kansas City's most vulnerable citizens