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"I am pleased to have secured these funds which will enhance the Heart Center at the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, help place foster children with nurturing families, and fund programs that will help increase graduation rates in schools throughout the Rochester area."

"It is important to remember that each dollar we bring home has a multiplier effect on our community," Rep. Slaughter continued. **"Each project that is funded, whether it is for research, education, or public health, is money getting pumped into the regional economy and helping Western New York remain competitive while improving the lives of our fellow citizens."**

These funds were included in the FY 2008 Labor Health and Human Services Appropriations bill which passed the House on July 19th by a vote of 276-140. The conference report, a reconciled version of the House and Senate differences, passed in the House yesterday. The Senate is expected to vote on the conference report later this week.

BACKGROUND:

The funds secured by Rep. Slaughter in the FY 2008 Labor Health and Human Services Conference Report include:

\$ 500,000 for the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for technology upgrades and staffing for cardiac research at the Heart Center .

\$100,000 for Hillside Family of Agencies Children's Center's Adoption programs for hard-to-place children , including *education and training for Hillside children, recruiting adoptive families, and providing post-adoptive services.*

\$250,000 for Hillside Family of Agencies work scholarship connection youth employment training academy to expand its Youth Employment Training Academy (YETA) to provide additional academic services to students participating in this dropout prevention program that has succeeded in dramatically increasing graduation rates. The YETA teaches employment readiness skills to youth.

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