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Hypertherm Welcomes Upper Valley Community To Volunteer Fair

HANOVER, N.H.—April 14, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, is welcoming the community and nonprofit organizations to its Upper Valley headquarters for a second Volunteer Opportunity Fair.

The fair helps connect people interested in volunteering with organizations that need help. More than 30 nonprofit organizations are expected at this year's event, scheduled to take place on April 30 from noon to 2 p.m. and again in the evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Last year, more than 200 interested community members and Hypertherm associates met with representatives from organizations such as the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD), COVER Home Repair, David's House, Upper Valley Business & Education Partnership (UVBEP), the Upper Valley Humane Society and the Good Neighbor Health Clinic.

The nonprofits were very pleased with the event saying it provided them with a great opportunity to connect with other volunteers and raise community awareness about their organization. "As a nonprofit representative, I found the fair was a great opportunity to meet a lot of people looking for ways to volunteer their time and talents," said Teresa Volta, program director for RSVP and The Volunteer Center in Lebanon.

The fair is organized by the Hypertherm Owners Philanthropic Endeavors (HOPE) program. The Mission of HOPE is to partner with organizations and engage in activities that strengthen and create sustainable, positive change in the communities and environment in which Hypertherm associates live and work. Over the past several years, Hypertherm and its associates have donated millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofit organizations.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced plasma cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma systems and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,000 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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MEDIA INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE AVILA AT 603-643-3441 OR <u>PR@HYPERTHERM.COM</u>.

WHAT: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FAIR WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 30: NOON TO 2 P.M. AND 6 TO 8 P.M. WHERE: 21 GREAT HOLLOW ROAD IN HANOVER (Hypertherm's Main Headquarters)