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Hypertherm Associates Pledge to Help More than 3,900 People as Part of United Way Campaign

HANOVER, N.H.—Dec. 11, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced results from its 2008 United Way campaign.

Hypertherm associates pledged more than \$70,000 during this year's campaign which kicked off in November. Hypertherm will match its associates' contributions dollar for dollar bringing the total amount pledged to more than \$140,000.

"We are thrilled with the results of this year's campaign," said Gordon Ehret, one of the chairs managing the effort. "The economic downturn has made this a tough time for a lot of people and we are proud of our associates for pledging so much help."

Most of the money will go to the Upper Valley United Way, who will then distribute it among its partner agencies. However, some money will go to other United Way chapters. The United Way estimates Hypertherm's contributions will help more than 3,900 people.

The United Way Campaign is just one way Hypertherm associates support their community. Hypertherm associates volunteer thousands of hours and give hundreds of thousands of dollars to Upper Valley nonprofits every year. The Hypertherm Owners Philanthropic Endeavors (or HOPE) program focuses on promoting the well-being of children and families by supporting organizations in the areas of education and the arts, affordable housing, as well as healthcare and the environment.

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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