



Volunteering Alive & Well in Upper Valley as Dozens Turn Out for First Volunteer Fair

HANOVER, N.H.—May 8, 2008—Nonprofit organizations are celebrating after a successful day of connecting with potential volunteers.

Thirty nonprofit organizations gathered at Hypertherm's main headquarters on Great Hollow Road for the Upper Valley's First Volunteer Opportunity Fair. The fair helped to connect people interested in volunteering with organizations that need help.

In all, more than 200 interested community members and Hypertherm associates met with representatives from various Upper Valley organizations such as: Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD), COVER Home Repair, David's House, Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Hannah House, The Haven, LISTEN, North Country Community Theatre (NCCT), New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA), Upper Valley Business & Education Partnership (UVBEP), Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sport, and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS).

"The fair was a great opportunity to connect with other volunteer organizations and raise community awareness about CHaD," said Tracey Jacobi, events coordinator for the Friends of Children's Hospital at Dartmouth.

The fair is organized by the Hypertherm Owners Philanthropic Endeavors (HOPE) program. HOPE fulfills a commitment to share Hypertherm's success with the community. The program's focus is on promoting the well-being of children and families by supporting organizations in the areas of arts and education, affordable housing, healthcare and the environment. Over the past several years, Hypertherm and its associates have donated millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofit organizations.

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