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Hypertherm, United Way Partner for Upper Valley Volunteer Fair

HANOVER, N.H.—June 11, 2010—Upper Valley United Way and Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, are joining forces for the third annual Upper Valley Volunteer Opportunity Fair. This year's partnership with the Upper Valley United Way follows two years of Hypertherm hosting the fair on its own.

Three dozen nonprofits—a 20 percent increase over last year—are expected to connect with community members interested in volunteering or learning more about volunteer opportunities in the community. This year's event is scheduled to take place at the Lebanon Armory in Lebanon on Wednesday, June 16 from Noon to 2 p.m. and again in the evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Media Advisory and Invitation

What:	Third Annual Volunteer Opportunity Fair
When:	Wednesday, June 16 from Noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.
Who:	36 nonprofit organizations and community members
Where:	Lebanon Armory, corner of Route 120 and Heater Road

Last year, dozens of 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 fair has grown so large, a larger location was needed, necessitating the move to the Lebanon Armory. The Lebanon Unit of the NH National Guard graciously offered to host the fair as a unit-sponsored event in support of the surrounding community.

The fair is co-organized by the newly formed Hypertherm Owners Philanthropic Endeavors (HOPE) Foundation. The mission of the HOPE Foundation is to partner with organizations and engage in activities that strengthen and create sustainable, positive change in the communities and environment.

Jennifer Petersson, Director of Community Impact at Upper Valley United Way stated, "In addition to its generosity in corporate and employee giving, Hypertherm is a leader in promoting workplace-based community service. We are delighted to partner with them on the Fair, to have their associates attend, and to have the opportunity to invite other members of the Upper Valley community to learn how they can volunteer for local non-profits."

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