

Record number of nonprofits to take part in Volunteer Opportunity Fair

HANOVER, N.H.—May 12, 2011—Granite United Way and Hypertherm are joining forces for the fourth annual Volunteer Opportunity Fair. More than 50 nonprofit organizations plan 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 Hypertherm Hanover on Wednesday, May 18th. Community members will have two opportunities—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m. to meet representatives from the various nonprofits.

| Media Advisory and Invitation | |
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| What: | Fourth Annual Volunteer Opportunity Fair |
| When: | Wed, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. |
| Who: | 51 nonprofit organizations |
| Where: | Hypertherm, 15 Great Hollow Road, Hanover |

"This is the only opportunity of its kind where you can meet the organizations that make a difference in the lives of our friends, neighbors, and communities," said Hypertherm's Barbara Couch. "We are hopeful our neighbors will stop by to learn how they can impact lives and strengthen their community through the gift of time."

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 is co-organized by the Upper Valley chapter of Granite United Way and the 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.

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