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John Deere and Hubbell-Waterman Foundations Work with United Way To Assist Area Agencies

Two local philanthropic groups, The John Deere Foundation and The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation, have approved grants totaling more than \$500,000 to be distributed to select community service organizations in the Quad City area. These organizations will distribute the funds to designated human service agencies within their individual communities.

"The purpose for this one-time program is to address the increased demand for human services in these uncertain economic times," says Amy Nimmer, president of the John Deere Foundation. "This additional support will help funded agencies meet some of the needs of the increasing number of people they are serving." The John Deere Foundation grant is part of an allocation of up to one million dollars earmarked to assist people in some John Deere unit communities throughout the United States.

The Foundations worked independently with the leadership of the United Way of the Quad Cities Area to develop an approach to identify and invite not-for-profit human service agencies to apply for the extra funding. Final decisions were made through the agencies' allocation process. In most cases the funded agencies are providing food, shelter, utility assistance and counseling services.

"Both Foundations have long-standing, successful relationships with United Way," said Dana Waterman, one of the Hubbell-Waterman Foundation co-trustees, "so it was logical to seek United Way's assistance to make sure this additional support leads to the best overall impact for individuals and communities."

"We were pleased to be able to offer our selection process to the John Deere and Hubbell-Waterman Foundations in finding worthy agencies for these additional funds," said Margaret Lewis, chief operating officer of United Way of the Quad Cities Area. "Grants like these help when the economy is causing added stress for people in our community. We encourage more community leaders like John Deere and Hubbell-Waterman to step up and assist those in our area that need a hand."

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The grant money will be distributed to individual agencies this week.

The John Deere Foundation was established in 1948. The primary philanthropic organization within Deere & Company, the foundation works within unit communities and supports not-for-profit organizations working the areas of Solutions for World Hunger, Community Betterment and Education.

Founded in 1967, The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Quad Cities by financially supporting areas of need in culture and the arts, early childhood education (pre-K to 12) and social welfare, through capital and operational grants. Further information about The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation can be found at www.hubbellwaterman.org.