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(January 18, 2011) – Midwest companies raise funds for area homeless shelters

In December 2010, Midwest Groundcovers and Midwest Trading of St. Charles, Ill donated \$3,330 to Hesed House and Hope Haven -- local missions that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing services.

The funds were raised through an employee raffle that featured items donated by the following local businesses: Smitty's on The Corner, Townhouse Books, and Wessels Sherman in St. Charles; Sorrento's in Maple Park; Taxco Restaurant Two in Sycamore; Delnor Wellness Center in Geneva; and Al's Café and Creamery in Elgin.

According to Midwest Charity Committee member Julia Kelly, the raffle capped a year-long employee initiative to raise funds for the two charities. These funds were then matched by Midwest companies. Additionally, in 2010, Midwest Groundcovers contributed over \$75,000 of goods, services and financial offerings to organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles, Ill., Hesed House, and Hope Haven.

Hesed House, in Aurora, Ill., is a center for ministries that provide services to the poor and homeless. For more information on this organization, please visit their website at www.hesedhouse.org. Hope Haven, in Dekalb, Ill., offers emergency shelter and transitional housing services for homeless families. The transitional housing program helps families attain self-sufficiency through education and training and also provides mentors and tutors to children.

For the past forty-one years, Midwest Groundcovers has been an industry leader in the propagation, growth, and wholesale of quality container nursery stock. Midwest boasts three state-of-the-art production facilities, including nurseries in St. Charles, Ill., Virgil, Ill., and Glenn, Mich. Each year, these facilities produce millions of groundcovers in over 100 different varieties; over 500 varieties of perennials, ornamental grasses, and native plants; and over 170 varieties of deciduous shrubs, broadleaf evergreens, hardy shrub roses, conifers, and vines.

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