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HANCOCK COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 1st
ANNUAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

HANCOCK COUNTY— The Hancock County Economic Development Corporation (HCEDC) Fund Raising Campaign will take place during the month of November. The HCEDC is a public and privately funded entity, meaning funding comes from the government and from the private sector. While the county and cities are experienced to investing in economic development, this might be a new step for some businesses in the area. The money raised will help retain and attract businesses for the Hancock County area.

The Hancock County Economic Development Corporation is a new corporation which has recently come to fruition through the hard work of its board members. The HCEDC Board of Directors include President, Jerry Tlach, Hancock County Board of Supervisors; Vice President, Susan Lewerke, Woden-Crystal Lake Schools; Treasurer, Scott Whyte, Iowa State Bank in Corwith; Secretary, Duane Howlett, Britt; Darrell Goff, Prairie Energy Cooperative; Dave Kingland, MBT Bank, Forest City; Kathi Nelson, Hancock County Public Health, Mike Ostercamp, Pritchard Auto, Britt; and Howard Parrot, Garner. The HCEDC Mission Statement is: The Hancock County Economic Development Corporation will direct economic development initiatives, facilitate community cooperation and assist groups and individuals in their pursuit of local development opportunities to enhance our county's quality of life."

Every economic development step that is taken, every success resonates throughout the community. When one business is successful, all businesses in the county benefit directly or indirectly from that success, helping them to be successful in return. The economic health of the county affects each business and each person.

Many of the HCEDC's initial goals and objectives have been accomplished or are in process. The web site has been designed and posted, www.hancockcountyiowa.com, industry visits and helping prospects is being done on a weekly basis. The HCEDC maintains extensive databases in order to provide prospective employers with information on site selection, labor availability and financial incentives. Additionally, HCEDC assists in regional development efforts that will enhance the economy of the region. In the year to come we will be busy with project activity, programs and activities promoting job creation and capital investment in the Hancock County area.

“We hope more people join us in this effort to inform businesses of our mission statement” says Schack. “Successful fund raising is critical for an aggressive approach to economic development.”

The money raised will be used for existing business retention and new business marketing efforts. HCEDC utilizes industry publications and trade shows to promote the strategic advantages of a business location in Hancock County. HCEDC

The 2005-2006 annual fund-raising campaign for Hancock County Economic Development Corporation (HCEDC) will begin November 1, 2005. For more information contact Cindy Schack at 641.923.2028 or go to www.hancockcountyiowa.com

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