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Local couple's generous gift will support causes at home and worldwide

Rochester, Minn.—Nov. 10, 2009—The Rochester Area Foundation announced today the creation of the James W. and Jean A. Newcomer Donor Designated Fund. This fund will provide regular grant awards to several causes both in the Rochester area and across the globe, as designated by donors James and Jean Newcomer.

James and Jean Newcomer have lived in Rochester since 1972 and both recently retired from IBM after more than 30 years of service. The couple says they chose the Rochester Area Foundation to assist them in creating their fund because of the Foundation's "long and proven record for providing charitable support." Organizations receiving grants will include those dedicated to the treatment of children's facial deformities; animal humanitarian, conservation and rescue organizations; public television; the World Wildlife Fund; and the Rochester Area Foundation's Unrestricted Fund.

"We are very pleased the Newcomers chose to partner with the Rochester Area Foundation to manage their charitable giving," says Executive Director Steve Thornton. "By establishing their fund locally, the Newcomers are not only supporting the causes they care most about, but also their community."

Grants from the James W. and Jean A. Newcomer Donor Designated Fund will be made from the net investment income of the fund on an annual basis.

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About Rochester Area Foundation

Dedicated to community vitality since 1944, Rochester Area Foundation's mission is to strengthen community philanthropy by promoting responsible and informed giving and to assist donors in meeting their charitable objectives. The Foundation uses its resources to improve the quality of life, promote greater equality of opportunities and to develop effective methods to assist those in need in the greater Rochester area. Since 2006, the Foundation has made \$12 million in community investments. Learn more at www.rochesterarea.org.

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