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40TH ANNUAL BRUNCH BUNCH GRATEFUL TO COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT

KENT, Ohio (February 23, 2009) – This past year was the 40th Anniversary of the Brunch Bunch, a fund-raising auction held on Thanksgiving morning to support area agencies that provide needed services to our community. “I am very proud of the fact that our committee works so hard to make sure all of the expenses of putting on the auction are generously provided by local individuals and businesses. This means that 100% of the proceeds are distributed to our charities and that 100% of the proceeds remain in Portage County,” Jeanne Kotis, Brunch Bunch Committee Member, said.

Additional financial support was also provided by Portage Community Bank through their annual “Jeans Day” fundraiser, in which the PCB staff makes donations to wear jeans on Fridays. All donations go to help Kent Social Services and The Center of Hope in Ravenna. Over one thousand dollars was raised by both the Kent and Ravenna Bank branches this year. “It is the responsibility of a community bank to give back to our community. Our staff has a lot of fun with the fundraiser, and it is simply incredible to see the look in the recipients’ eyes with the realizations of what they are able to do with these dollars,” said Rick Coe, Portage Community Bank.

This year the Brunch Bunch raised over \$30,000. Funds were distributed to the following agencies: Coleman Adult Day Services, Lord’s Pantry, The Center of Hope and Kent Social Services. “The Brunch Bunch Committee is, once again, overwhelmed by the generous response of the Community especially during these economic times,” said Dennis Missimi, longtime committee member. “Those who attended recognized the increased need of our community and gave from the heart. I feel the many year of success we have experienced is completely reflected in our generous and caring community.”