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H-F HIGH SCHOOL'S OPERATION SNOWBALL RECEIVES OUTSTANDING STATE CHAPTER AWARD

Flossmoor, IL, March 6th, 2008 – H-F High School's Operation Snowball Program has received this year's Outstanding State Chapter Award on Monday, February 25th, from the Operation Snowball Incorporated.

In August of 2007, H-F submitted an application stating numerous reasons why their Operation Snowball Program should be chosen as this year's award recipient. Not only did H-F boast about being the first high school based program in the state, but that they have a well organized hierarchy of over 180 participants and 70 staff including directors and co-leaders, consisting of not only adults but teen counterparts. Their support staff is made up of students who are currently in college or in the workforce, which is unique for a Snowball Program. Snowball just recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

Student Assistance Coordinator and Social Worker John Schwaller said, "In the last 20 years, I have had the privilege to see the effect this program has had on the lives of young people. Our success has come from the belief that teens and adults working together can make a difference, and it has."

The goal of Snowball is to inspire teens to become leaders. With this concept, H-F's Snowball started up Snowflake in 1987. In 2007, Snowball teens started Snowflurry which is a program for 5th and 6th graders. All these programs are truly a team effort with numerous individuals working for one common goal.

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