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**720 Smoke and 126 CO Detectors Given to Area Fire Departments
A grant from the State Farm® Fire Safety Fund at the Licking County Foundation
will help hundreds of area families be safer in their homes this winter.**

NEWARK, Ohio (October 5, 2010) – Throughout October, local State Farm® agents and other representatives will deliver 720 smoke and 126 carbon monoxide detectors to local fire departments through a grant from the State Farm® Fire Safety Fund at the Licking County Foundation. State Farm Insurance® generously established a charitable fund at the Licking County Foundation to donate smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to every fire department in Licking County for the purpose of distributing these fire safety devices to area citizens in financial need. Hundreds of area families will be safer in their homes this winter as a result of this meaningful donation.

Since the inception of the State Farm® Fire Safety Fund in 2008, 1,832 smoke and 216 CO detectors have been given to local families each October to support National Fire Prevention Week and the importance of fire safety and prevention. As the fund continues to grow, the number of smoke and CO detectors distributed each year will continue to increase. This year, each fire department will receive 40 smoke and 7 CO detectors to distribute.

"As a part of this community for more than 50 years, State Farm is committed to Licking County and to helping local families protect themselves from the dangers of a home fire. We are honored to be partnering with our local fire departments to get smoke and CO detectors into more homes. Through this effort, we hope to help protect Licking County families for many generations to come," said Eschol Curl, State Farm Vice President-Operations.

"The Licking County Foundation is very grateful to State Farm® for their compassion and care for our community, and for their support of Licking County's fire departments

who work tirelessly to keep all of us safe from fires,” stated the Foundation’s Director, Connie Hawk.

For more information about the State Farm® Fire Safety Fund donation program or to learn more about establishing a charitable fund at Licking County Foundation, please contact Connie Hawk at 740.349.3863 or connie@thelcfoundation.org.

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About Licking County Foundation

Licking County Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Licking County by helping generous people meet their philanthropic goals. LCF is a public charitable organization composed of a collection of 206 professionally-managed funds given by caring individuals, businesses and organizations. In 2009, these funds had a combined market value of more than \$46 million; and \$2 million in 185 grants and 157 scholarships were distributed to benefit many worthy local projects, programs, organizations and students. These grants enhanced many different facets of life in Licking County—including education, arts and culture, youth and families, health and human services, parks and recreation, and faith-based organizations. To find out more, please call 740.349.3863 or visit www.thelcfoundation.org.