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Plum Creek Awards \$3,000 to Ventures Unlimited, Inc.

HAYWARD, Wis. — The Plum Creek Foundation today announced that it has awarded a \$3,000 grant to Ventures Unlimited, Inc., which serves adults with disabilities. The grant will be used to help purchase equipment for the organization, including a dust collection system, commercial shredder, riding law mower, equipment trailer and a pallet truck scale.

Plum Creek Resource Assistant Katy Teer will present a check to Ventures Unlimited at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Ventures Unlimited office in Hayward, 10140 State Hwy. 77.

“We are excited to receive this grant from Plum Creek, which will allow us to purchase some new, much-needed equipment for the organization,” said Kristin Frane, executive director for Ventures Unlimited. “Many of our employees have fragile respiratory systems or allergies, and a dust collection system will help to make the working environment much more comfortable for them. In addition, we will now be able to upgrade other pieces of equipment with newer, safer models, which will be a tremendous benefit for the organization. We are grateful for the grant.”

Ventures Unlimited has been serving adults with disabilities for nearly 40 years. “Just For the Birds,” the organization’s business operation, supports three retail storefronts that employ people with disabilities as clerks, receptionists and stockers. The products sold in the stores are manufactured by Ventures employees.

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company’s operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek’s Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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