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Grafton, Vt. -- On Tuesday, June 26, 2007, the Grafton Village Cheese Company, a Windham Foundation business, held a ceremonial groundbreaking at the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro – the site of the company's future production plant. Headquartered in Grafton, Vermont, Grafton Village Cheese is expanding its award-winning artisanal cheddar cheese business to include another production plant; the end result will double its production from 1.5 million to three million pounds of cheese a year. The new plant, which will include a retail store, is slated to be up, running and producing cheese in early 2008.

The ceremony included speakers Stephan Morse, President and CEO of the Windham Foundation; Arthur Schubert, Vice President and Expansion Project Manager at Grafton Village cheese Co., Roger Allbee, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture and Audrey Garfield, Brattleboro Selectboard Chair. They were joined by key Grafton Village Cheese employees and several members of the Vermont business community who are crucial in the company's expansion (see photo).

**The Windham Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Grafton, Vermont whose mission is to preserve the social, economic and cultural vitality of communities across Vermont.**