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### **Lewis Hybrids Honors Brandt Consolidated as “Dealer of the Year” Company Makes \$1,000 Contribution to the Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance**

URSA, IL –Lewis Hybrids recently honored Brandt Consolidated, Springfield, Ill., with its Dealer of the Year Award. As part of the award, Lewis Hybrids contributed \$1,000 to Brandt Consolidated’s charitable organization of choice, the Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance.

The presentation was made during Lewis Hybrids’ 2010 Dealer Kickoff Meeting. Wyatt Smith, sales representative, and Neal Haarmann, plant manager, from the dealer’s Franklin, Ill., location accepted the award on behalf of Brandt Consolidated. Brandt Consolidated has been a dealer for Lewis Hybrids for more than five years. The partnership has expanded opportunities for bringing greater profits to Illinois farmers through new, cutting-edge seed technologies.

“We value our relationship with the Brandt organization. We’ve found they are great people to do business with, and they are just as concerned about the livelihood of their customers as we are. That means a lot to us,” says Scott Lewis, president and brand manager, Lewis Hybrids. “Being a company built on family values and focused on customer service, we have a lot in common. With common goals, that makes us a great fit to serve the needs of Illinois farmers.”

Commitment to innovation and strong customer service have helped Lewis Hybrids and Brandt Consolidation each thrive for the past 63 years and 56 years, respectively. Glen Brandt and his sister, Evelyn Brandt Thomas, started Brandt Consolidated in 1953. Today, more than 200 employees work in more than 10 states and in several countries around the world.

Brandt Consolidated officials were pleased to be able to help the Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance. The accredited charity organization provides information about the Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) disease – a genetic condition that causes abnormal growth of blood vessels – to families, physicians and local self-help groups for families affected with VHL. The Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance is dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for individuals and families affected by VHL. For more information about VHL or to help fight VHL and expand crucial research and support programs, visit [www.vhl.org](http://www.vhl.org).

*Brandt Consolidated, founded in 1953, is a family-run ag company built to help Illinois farmers adopt new and profitable technologies for their operations. Brandt Consolidated is comprised of three operating divisions: Specialty Formulations, Retail Agronomy and Dealer Support.*

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*Lewis Hybrids is a family-run seed company that has delivered seed solutions and service to northern Missouri, west central Illinois and southeastern Iowa farmers for three generations. Their corn, soybean and wheat seed solutions are backed by the year-round Lewis Service Promise. For more details about Lewis Hybrids, visit [www.lewishybrids.com](http://www.lewishybrids.com).*

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