

# **DURA Automotive Systems, Inc.** **and Toyota donate \$10,000 to** **Mancelona Education Foundation**



Plant Manager Drew May answers questions from the crowd.

U.S. Representative Bart Stupak attended DURA's Community Connection celebration on August 17, 2005 at their facility in Mancelona, Michigan. DURA and Toyota announced a \$10,000 gift to the Mancelona Education Foundation ("MEF").

"The Mancelona Education Foundation is a community group that raises funds for school needs not covered by the district's budget," said Representative Stupak. "Since its formation, the Mancelona Education Foundation has granted over \$250,000 to assist teachers with a wide variety of projects and purchases aimed at meeting student needs. This

generous donation by both DURA Automotive Systems and Toyota proves their willingness to assist the community and dedication to our future, through providing opportunities to our students."

MEF President Jim Dewey said, "With this generous donation from Toyota and DURA Automotive Systems, the MEF will be better able to help teachers in their classrooms. The commitment from Toyota and DURA to help the students of Mancelona Public School will better our community and provide for needs that might otherwise not be met. The MEF is very appreciative of these two corporations' generosity and commitment to education."

"DURA Automotive Systems, Inc. is pleased to be partnering with Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc. in support of the Mancelona Education Foundation, through the Community Connection Program," said Plant Manager Drew May. "It is opportunities like Toyota's Community Connection Program that allow DURA Automotive and Toyota to demonstrate our commitment to the Mancelona community. By selecting the MEF as the recipient of this gift, we have focused on our children's education and looking forward to tomorrow."

DURA Automotive Systems, Inc. ("DURA") is the largest independent designer and manufacturer of driver control systems, and a leading supplier of door modules, glass systems, seat mechanisms and structures, and engineered assemblies. DURA began in 1990, and has been a Toyota supplier since 1996. DURA produces hood latches and hood hinge latches for Toyota at their Mancelona plant, where they employ 325 team members. DURA operates in 14 countries, with more than 16,000 employees at 57 facilities, with headquarters in Rochester Hills, Michigan.



US Rep Bart Stupak speaks at DURA in Mancelona.



Left to right: David Frissora, Government Relations, Toyota; John Froschauer, Purchasing Manager, Toyota; John Truckey, Vice President/General Manager, DURA; U.S. Representative Bart Stupak; Jim Dewey, President, Mancelona Education Foundation; Drew May, Plant Manager, DURA Mancelona.