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Community Foundation to Award Scholarships to Nonprofit Conference

Slated for October 18 & 19 in Ocean Shores

Olympia, WA --- Citing the need for small nonprofits to hone their skills during challenging economic times, The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound will award 12 scholarships to a regional conference for nonprofit leaders, board members, professional staff and volunteers from Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties.

The Nonprofit Leaders Conference will be held October 18 and 19 in Ocean Shores and provide training by professionals with extensive, Northwest nonprofit experience, networking, and opportunities to meet with grantmakers. The conference features workshops and seminars to help nonprofits that are facing increased needs with restricted resources.

The Community Foundation conference scholarships sponsor two leaders from each of six nonprofits to attend and will cover registration and one night of lodging at the designated conference hotel. A preference will be given to nonprofits with one staff and one board member attending. To be eligible, the nonprofit must submit a written request to The Foundation naming its two attendees, stating the size of its annual

budget and identifying the top two issues the organization is facing today. Nonprofits headquartered in Thurston, Lewis and Mason counties with annual budgets of less than \$500,000 are eligible to apply, with the caveat that its two representatives attend the entire, two-day conference. Application letters must be received by Friday, September 27th to be eligible.

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About the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound

Founded in 1989, The Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals, families and businesses realize their philanthropic goals. The Foundation currently stewards over \$5 million in assets within 80 separate charitable funds. The Foundation guides donors setting up endowments, scholarships, and other funds to help communities within Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties meet challenges over changing times. Donors trust The Foundation to monitor current and emerging regional needs and to identify organizations capable of meeting these needs. The Foundation invests donors' charitable gifts with local agencies providing important services in order to strengthen the community—both now and in the future. For further information please visit www.thecommunityfoundation.com or call us at 360.705.3340.

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