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**Greg Mortenson, Founder of Pennies for Peace and Best-Selling Author  
to Speak Here May 13**

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Olympia, WA ---Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School At A Time* and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan* will make a public presentation on Thursday, May 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the Marcus Pavilion at Saint Martin's University, 5300 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey, WA.

Mortenson's appearance is being organized by the Rotary Club of Olympia's high school Interact group at Olympia High School. Olympia senior Kaycee Keegan initiated the Mortenson project which she now co-chairs with Teasha Feldman-Fitzthum. Fiscal sponsorship for the event is being provided by The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound.

Tickets are available through a link on The Foundation's website at [www.thecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.com) A total of 3,500 tickets are available at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students presenting valid identification at the door. The event is expected to sell out quickly.

Mortenson has attained international recognition through his Pennies for Peace initiative, a service-learning program with tens of thousands of participants worldwide. The goal of Pennies for Peace is to empower

communities through education in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Since a 1993 climb on Pakistan's K2, Mortenson has dedicated his life to promote community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The author's appearance will culminate a day spent with local students who have become involved with the Pennies for Peace project.

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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](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.com) or call us at 360.705.3340.*

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