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**NBA Great, Lenny Wilkens,  
to Keynote Community Foundation's Annual Meeting**

From the basketball court to the philanthropic arena, Lenny Wilkens is a true all star. A northwest legend, and one of only two people inducted into the NBA hall of fame as both a player and coach, Wilkens will keynote The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound's annual meeting luncheon to be held Wednesday, April 22 at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club. Mr. Wilkens presentation will focus on his winning strategies from 40 years with the National Basketball Association, as well as his work inspiring philanthropy.

The luncheon is the first event honoring The Community Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During 2009, The Foundation celebrates two decades of service as a vehicle to inspire local charitable giving and steward permanent funds. The Foundation serves Mason, Lewis and Thurston counties; its mission is to advance the community good through grants and scholarships today, as well as gifts that last forever.

"Our Community Foundation's expertise is in facilitating a wide range of charitable giving. Through The Foundation, anyone can be a philanthropist and support crucial community causes: children, health, the environment, conservation, animals, education and the arts," says Marsha Tadano Long, 2009 Foundation Board Chair. The Foundation stewards close to four million dollars in assets within 80 separate charitable funds. The funds were established by generous individuals, families, corporations and non-profit agencies. Proceeds from the funds generate grants and scholarships annually and in perpetuity.

This special event is open to the public, tickets are \$45 each, or \$360 for a table of eight. On-site registration begins at 11:30 followed by lunch and program from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. To register in advance, please visit [www.thecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.com) or call 360.705.3340.

### **About the Community Foundation**

Founded in 1989, The Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals, families and businesses realize their philanthropic goals. The Foundation acts as guide for donors setting up scholarships, donor-advised funds and endowments to help Thurston, Mason and Lewis county communities 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 our 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.