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**Community Foundation set to honor David and Patricia Nierenberg  
as 2007 Philanthropists of the Year and  
T. Randall Grove as Friend of the Foundation**

**Vancouver, WA – April 4, 2007.** The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is pleased to announce David and Patricia Nierenberg as 2007 Philanthropists of the Year and T. Randall Grove as the 2007 Friend of the Foundation. The awards will be presented at the May 1 Annual Luncheon held at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel.

The Philanthropist of the Year Award was first presented in 2004. Its purpose is to recognize and celebrate outstanding individuals, foundations or corporations who have demonstrated outstanding charitable leadership and whose generosity is an example to others at the community level. The Nierenberg's were chosen by a committee of former Philanthropist of the Year award recipients. "The Nierenberg's approach to giving is engaged, passionate and inspired. Without a doubt, they are changing the fabric of this community through their generosity, time and support," said E.W. Firstenburg, 2006 Philanthropist of the Year award recipient.

Recently the Nierenberg's have made major gifts to Southwest Washington Medical Center, Foundation for Early Learning and The Confluence Project. Previous recipients

are Margaret Pulliam, Leslie Durst, Ray Hickey Foundation, Ed & Dollie Lynch and E.W. Firstenburg.

The Community Foundation will also honor T. Randall Grove, partner in the law firm of Landerholm, Memovich, Lansverk & Whitesides, P.S. as 2007 Friend of the Foundation. “Randy is someone who has, behind the scenes provided extraordinary professional and personal support to our mission—promoting philanthropy,” said Nancy Hales, President of the Community Foundation. T. Randall Grove’s practice emphasizes wealth transfer, estate planning, probate, and business succession. He is the only attorney in Southwest Washington to be listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* (trusts and estates category) and was selected as a Washington 2006 Super Lawyer.

The theme of this year’s annual luncheon is “Think outside the box.” The keynote speaker is venture capitalist Paul Klingenstein, Managing Partner of Aberdare Ventures and past advisor for the Rockefeller Foundation. His keynote will focus on venture philanthropy, an approach to philanthropy that emphasizes the belief that grants to nonprofit groups represent a form of investment. He is calling for philanthropy to be nimble, more engaged, willing to take risks, or to... “Think outside the box.”

First Independent Wealth Management Group is the presenting sponsor along with gold level sponsors Bank of America and Kuni Automotive.

The Community Foundation helps a broad cross section of citizens build stronger communities through effective philanthropy. One of the nation’s 700 community foundations, it is a tax-exempt, public charity that primarily serves southwest Washington. The Foundation holds distinct Funds, ranging in size from \$10,000 to over \$3 million, that are pooled, managed, and invested to generate growth and income for granting and inflation purposes. Governed by a volunteer Board of local leaders, the Foundation offers services to donors and nonprofit organizations and a wide range of benefits to the community. In total, the Community Foundation has infused more than \$80 million into the community since it was established in 1984.

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