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**“Coming Together, Moving Forward;” Annual Luncheon celebrates  
community strength and a wonderful year of giving**

**Vancouver, Wash., April 20, 2011**—The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington will celebrate its signature event on Tuesday, May 10, commencing with a reception at 11:00 a.m. and program from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The event, to be held at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, is being presented by Ferguson Wellman Capital Management and is open to the public. Tickets are available online at [www.cfsww.org](http://www.cfsww.org) or by calling 360-694-2550.

“This past year has been defined by a feeling of momentum, and the remarkable giving we witnessed has been a major impetus to our efforts,” Melching said. “By working with a diverse group of people who are united through their commitment to philanthropy, we have facilitated donor investment in landmark projects and continued our focus on funding programs that meet basic needs.”

“Coming Together, Moving Forward,” is the theme for the celebration that will feature the vitality and strength of our community, as well as some of the initiatives and individuals who have helped make it a reality. An awards ceremony will recognize Lee and Connie Kearney, 2011 Philanthropists of the Year, and Max Kamp, 2011 Friend of the Foundation. It will also mark the launch of our *Catalyst Award for Philanthropic Innovation* by honoring Mary Granger as the first recipient.

To emphasize the successes of our community’s philanthropic support, the foundation will cap

the event with a presentation of, “It’s Springtime in Southwest Washington.” The video will profile the community through numerous vignettes of daily life in southwest Washington that will demonstrate how individual efforts impact our collective lives.

### **About the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington**

Established in 1984, 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 more than 270 distinct Funds, ranging in size from \$10,000 to nearly \$6 million, which are pooled, managed and invested to generate growth and income for granting purposes. Governed by a volunteer Board of local leaders, the Foundation offers services to donors and nonprofit organizations, as well as a wide range of benefits to the community.

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