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Board of Directors Elects Officers and New Members

Vancouver, Wash., April 26, 2011—The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington (CFSWW) appointed officers to their Board of Directors during a Board Meeting this week. The Foundation's all volunteer board is comprised of community leaders that possess both a deep knowledge of and commitment to the future of southwest Washington. These traits are imperative in fulfilling their responsibility of ensuring that charitable gifts are carefully invested and administered in accordance with donors' wishes.

David Nierenberg, Principal of Nierenberg Investment Management Company, has served as a Board Member for eight years and was re-appointed as Board Chair. During his tenure, Nierenberg has headed multiple committees, while also personally assuming roles as a leader within the philanthropic community in southwest Washington and throughout the northwest.

The newly elected Vice Chair, Kaycee Wiita, is an active member of the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation and Board Member of the Portland Junior League. In her three years on the board, Wiita has contributed insight into the greater community and volunteered many hours of her personal time to Foundation activities.

Jim Youde, retired Principal of Northwest Economic Associates, Inc., continues his role as Treasurer. In his three years with the Board, Youde's blend of philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit has benefited the Foundation's financial outlook, administrative growth and community initiatives.

Greg Goodwin, Chief Executive Officer of Kuni Automotive Group, has spent four years with the Board and is now occupying the role of secretary. Goodwin has shown strong support for The Community Foundation, and his knowledge and engagement with the greater community have proven an invaluable asset.

In addition, two new members were elected onto the Board of Directors. Mark Matthias, a former First Citizen, is the Founder of Beaches restaurant and brings extensive leadership experience, community service and community connections with him. Marty Forsmann, a senior executive with Wells Fargo Securities, also joined the Board. Marty has her finger on the pulse of the local financial community and supports a broad range of non-profit organizations with her enthusiasm and networking ability.

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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