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Introducing the next generation of Eastside community leaders – Leadership Eastside Class of 2010

Bellevue, Wash. – (August 15, 2007) -- Who will tackle the critical issues facing the Eastside region in the years to come? From environmental concerns to homelessness to disaster readiness, a new group of community leaders have made a commitment to serving their communities by enrolling in the 2010 class of Leadership Eastside.

The 36 members of the class live and work in Eastside communities, come from private, public and non-profit sectors and all share a desire use their leadership experience to help improve the quality of life for the Eastside region. Class members will dedicate a full day each month from September through May by focusing on six community leader capabilities including sustaining stewardship, thinking holistically, valuing dialogue, envisioning possibilities and building community, influencing outcomes – with emphasis on becoming a catalyst for change.

Based on what they learn from the community and LE course materials, class members will identify similar interests, form teams and work with an advisor to develop a community project that addresses one particular issue facing the Eastside community. This practical application helps prepare future community leaders for challenges they may experience while creating some form of positive change. The entire experience is designed to give individuals deeper personal, professional and community connections and a broadened knowledge of a variety of facets of the Eastside community.

Leadership Eastside is the region's next-generation community-leadership development organization. LE's unique three year program includes an intensive first year curriculum designed around six core community leader capabilities that are explored through a focus on real issues facing the Eastside. Years Two and Three provide customized support that matches class members' passion and availability through mentoring opportunities, community leadership guidance, and connections with incoming classes.

Leadership Eastside is supported by a wide range of Eastside businesses and organizations including: Evergreen Healthcare, City of Bellevue, First Mutual Bank, King County, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, Puget Sound Energy, Symetra Financial, Whole Foods, The Boeing Company, Group Health, Lake Washington Technical College, Sound Transit, City of Issaquah, GLY Construction, Univar, University of Washington Bothell, Cascadia Community College, United Way of King County, Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Seattle Seahawks, City of Duvall, Starbucks and the Grape Choice.

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The Leadership Eastside 2010 class participants and their sponsoring organizations:

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David Funk, The Boeing Company
Juan Hernandez, Hopelink
Michael James, Symetra financial
Jason Popp, Microsoft Corporation
Mollie Purcell, The Seattle Times
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North Bend

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Dan Donlan, Lane Powell
Doug Schumacher, GLY Construction
Leslie Thurston, Community Volunteer

About Leadership Eastside

Leadership Eastside launched its inaugural class in the fall of 2005 and is a community resource supported by a broad base of public, private and not-for-profit organizations committed to the health and vitality of the Eastside region. LE is a catalyst for progress.

For more information, visit Leadership Eastside's Website at www.leadershipeastside.com.

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