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Make-A-Wish Foundation® Named One of Washington's Best Workplaces by Puget Sound Business Journal

2010 Finalists honored and winners announced at special event on August 12

SEATTLE – July 8, 2010 – The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington was named as one of the finalists for Washington's Best Workplaces by the Puget Sound Business Journal. The program was launched in 2007 to identify and recognize best practices in the hiring and retention of great people. After an extensive and rigorous process, which included the completion of surveys by nominee-company employees across the state, workplaces in five different categories -- small, medium, large, extra-large company and nonprofit organization -- have been identified as Washington's best, based on their various employee benefit offerings, leadership culture and work/life balance philosophies. In total, 80 companies have made the grade as finalists.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. In 1986, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Washington was founded. In 2000, the chapter expanded its territory, enabling it to serve children throughout Alaska, Montana and Northern Idaho, in addition to Washington. Since that time, the local chapter has granted wishes to more than 4,250 children. Last year, the chapter granted 307 wishes to children battling life-threatening medical conditions and this year 340 other children will realize their heartfelt dreams come true.

“Work-force development has never been more important – or more difficult – than it is in today’s global economy,” said Emory Thomas Jr., publisher of the Business Journal. “We believe the Business Journal, as the Puget Sound area’s top source of business information, has an important role to play in drawing attention to innovations and excellence in the management of our region’s No. 1 resource: its people.”

The 80 finalists will be celebrated at a one-of-a-kind awards event at Safeco Field on Aug. 12. Honorees and the public alike are invited to cheer for the workplace accomplishments of these companies from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The celebration will include ballpark food and drink, walking the bases, speed pitching and an awards presentation.

For more information, visit: www.wabestworkplaces.com

About Puget Sound Business Journal is the region's premier source of business information, serving an unparalleled audience of business and community leaders. In addition to the weekly newspaper, the Business Journal provides daily updates via its web site and email alerts. The company also plays a vital role in bringing the area's leadership community together by hosting a wide variety of events throughout the year, from the Washington's Best Workplaces event at Safeco Field to the annual 100 Fastest Growing Companies celebration to the Women of Influence awards event. Puget Sound Business Journal is a unit of American City Business Journals, which operates 41 local business newspapers throughout the United States. Visit Puget Sound Business Journal on the web at www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com.

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