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*An Extraordinary Evening*

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**SEATTLE- March 12, 2011** - A sold-out crowd of 365 Komen benefactors joined in the promise to end breast cancer forever by raising \$830,000 at the annual Puget Sound Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Grace Notes gala held at The Fairmont Olympic Hotel. The gala was an extraordinary evening for the cure. Event chairs Lisa Dawson, Albert Shen, and Laura and Ian MacNeil, along with Executive Director Cheryl Shaw and Board President-Elect Jim Havens recognized the Dunham and Blair families and Dunham Cellars as the 2011 Honorees.

Longtime supporters of Komen Puget Sound Affiliate, Mike, Joanne, Eric and Luanna Dunham and David and Cheryl Blair share a very personal connection to breast cancer. Mike's mother/ Eric's grandmother Shirley Mays died of breast cancer in 1983, and Cheryl was diagnosed with the disease in 2004 after a routine mammogram. The Dunham Cellars tasting room pays tribute to Shirley Mays and is dedicated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Dunham Cellars uses the back label of each bottle of Shirley Mays Chardonnay to tell the inspirational stories of family and friends who have survived breast cancer and pay tribute to those who have lost their battle.

"We are grateful for the partnership of the Dunham and Blair families and are privileged to recognize them as our 2011 Honorees," said Cheryl Shaw.

As a token of appreciation for their dedication to breast cancer awareness, Chihuly Studios presented this year's honorees with a gift of hand-blown glass signed by Dale Chihuly.

Mistress of Ceremonies Jean Enersen, KING5 TV news anchor, kicked off the evening of fun and fundraising. The energy was high and bidding was enthusiastic. Highlights included former Seattle Seahawk Jacob Green's barbecue party, a 1976 Cadillac El Dorado restored by ski legend Warren Miller, and a luxury fly fishing trip to Montana. Together, these generated \$131,500, plus \$21,000 generated by wine events at Dunham Cellars!

Seventy-five percent of the net funds raised for the Puget Sound Affiliate remain in Western Washington for lifesaving breast cancer screening, education, and treatment support. The remaining 25 percent funds groundbreaking global research to find a cure.



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