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SECOND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT CAMP KOREY TO BENEFIT CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES

CARNATION, WA (October 1, 2010) – Seattle-area families have a 100% not-for-profit option for fall harvest activities: Camp Korey's second annual Fall Festival, running each weekend in October. Located at the 100-year-old Carnation Farm in the Snoqualmie Valley, the Fall Festival offers a corn maze, pick-your-own pumpkin patch, eclectic petting animals, hayrides, S'mores, organic produce, and children's activities.

The Fall Festival is open to the public each Saturday and Sunday in October, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with free admission. Corn maze entry is \$7 per person or \$30 for a group of five. Group packages are available for Friday daytimes, a popular option with school and daycare groups. Festival activities are also available for corporate groups by appointment.

The 2009 Fall Festival attracted a few thousand visitors, despite rainy weekends and variable temperatures. Highlights included pumpkin pancakes, a giant pumpkin grown locally, and S'mores roasted at a fire pit in the center of the corn maze. One visitor remarked, "Tons of fun. Definitely has that non-commercial feel to it!"

E.A. Stuart established Carnation Farm in 1899 as the site of the Carnation Company. "Contented cows" roamed the property until 1985, when Nestle USA acquired the farm along with the Carnation Company. Nestle operated Carnation Farm as a retreat and regional training center, then sold the land to Camp Korey in 2008. Elbridge Stuart, a Camp Korey board member and great-grandson of founder E.A., purchased the property back from Camp Korey in March of this year along with his wife, Debra, leasing it to Camp Korey for 30 years at a nominal rate. This retired Camp Korey's debt, allowing it to focus on program funding, as well as returning the property to its original owners. The Camp Korey Fall Festival is an opportunity for the public to enjoy the beauty and history of Carnation Farm.

Camp Korey serves children with serious and life-threatening illnesses at no cost to them, offering summer camps, family weekends, adaptive athletics, and hospital outreach to families in the Northwest and beyond. Camp Korey is a provisional member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps, founded by Paul Newman in 1988. Events like the Fall Festival directly underwrite Camp Korey programs.

Information and directions are available at www.campkorey.org. Contact Sheryl Watts at 425-844-3173 for group reservations.

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