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CAMP KOREY GROW BENEFIT DINNER RAISES \$300,000

CARNATION, WA (September 28, 2010) – The second annual *Grow*, a harvest celebration for Camp Korey, took place on Saturday, September 25 at Camp Korey at Carnation Farm. The event featured farm-to-table cuisine donated by Executive Chef Brian Scheehser of Trellis Restaurant at The Heathman Hotel in Kirkland.

Two hundred sixty-five guests began the evening at Camp Korey with guided tours of camper spaces by staff and volunteer counselors, who regaled invitees with stories of a “superhero” summer. Guests enjoyed appetizers by Milagro Cantina (opening this week in Kirkland) and Beecher’s Handmade Cheese, as well as wines by Chateau Ste. Michelle, Hedges Family Estate, Woodhouse Family Cellars, Gorman Winery, and DeLille Cellars. Jazz singer Susan Robinson performed just prior to the evening program.

An overview of 2010 Camp Korey programs followed, including a moving camper speech. Dom, fifteen, told the crowd, “I never thought something like Camp Korey would be possible. My whole life, my future, has changed. I feel like I belong somewhere and it is awesome!” Guests raised their paddles (and bid on silent auction items) for a total more than double last year’s event. *Grow* raised over \$300,000 for camp operations and camper programs.

Grow sponsors included Nestle Waters North America (Platinum), Earthbound Farm & Brita (Gold), Fred Meyer (Silver), and the Kellogg Company (Bronze). In-kind contributors included Trellis at the Heathman, Beecher's Handmade Cheese, Chateau Ste. Michelle, DeLille Cellars, DRY Soda Co., Eye2Eye Graphics, glassybaby, Gorman Winery, Hedges Family Estate, Heineken, illy Caffè, Kathryn Barnard, Milagro Cantina, Rented Elegance & Design, The Essential Baking Company, and Woodhouse Family Cellars.

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.

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