Joel Wolf Community Service Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Nominations are now being accepted for the Joel Wolff Community Service Award, an annual recognition created in 2003 to honor community service in Grays Harbor County. The recipient will be announced at the annual meeting of the United Way of Grays Harbor on June 14, 2011. The Joel Wolff Community Service Award was established to recognize the contributions and examples of its namesake, Joel Wolff. In addition to his numerous community affiliations and causes, Joel was instrumental in the organization and creation of United Ways of Grays Harbor's predecessor organizations, the Community Chest and United Good Neighbors of Grays Harbor County. His involvement in our United Way and our annual campaigns has been constant and steadfast. The Board of Directors of United Way of Grays Harbor have chosen to honor Joel by continuing the annual award that recognizes a volunteer or professional from the human services community that epitomizes Joel's example of caring, commitment, and dedication.

A recipient will be chosen based on the following criteria (in no particular order and with no special weight given to any single criteria):Length of service Impact on community needs - making a difference - real result in the communityDemonstration of an authentic and real change in the lives of otherDedication to meeting the needs of local peopleReputation in the communityLeadership on community issuesScope and/or depth of involvement in community service Eligibility for the annual Award shall require:An individual active in community service efforts who may be nominated for work done, whether volunteer or work-related.The work the person is nominated for must be done in Grays Harbor County.Individuals must serve the community at large.United Way employees, members of the Panel of Judges or their immediate families are not eligible.Nominees from previous years, who were not recipients of the Award, are eligible for re-nomination. The nomination process shall work as follows:For a nomination to be considered, the nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly and turned in to the United Way office at 101 E. Market Street, #544 in Aberdeen by May 2, 2011. Or emailed to uwgh@techline.com (application is available for download of the website, www.unitedwaygh.com). An incomplete or unsigned nomination form will not be accepted.Any individual may nominate more that one candidate. Individuals may not nominate themselves.Pertinent supplemental information, of no more than three pages, may be submitted along with the entry form. This may include letters of support, newspaper clippings, photos, etc.The Panel of Judges may request additional information from nominees, the nominator, or an organization.Nomination forms and supplemental information shall become the property of United Way of Grays Harbor County and will not be returned.Please include a recent photograph of the nominee for publicity purposes. The United Way of Grays Harbor panel of judges shall use the following additional selection criteria in making the annual selection in an effort to separate one nominee from another: *NEED* Did the nominee contribute a needed service to the community? *ACTION* How active and involved was the nominee? *INITIATIVE* Did the nominee start a new program? Did they use new method to solve problem? Did they initiate activities?*ACHIEVEMENT* Did the nominee accomplish the desired results?*IMPACT* Did the nominee's efforts produce positive change? Did the

nominee provide an example to others?*TIME* Did the nominee devote and significant amount of time?*CHALLENGE* Did the nominee overcome unusual challenges? (limited resources, public perception, unusual hardship, etc.) If you have a nominee, please log onto the United Way website, www.unitedwaygh.com to print out the nomination form, email it, or call the office for a hard copy in the mail. For questions, please call the United Way office at 532-6260. Closing date of nominations is May 1, 2011.