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### **Make-A-Wish Foundation® Elects New Board of Trustee Leadership**

**SEATTLE**– The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington is pleased to announce its new Board leadership for fiscal year 2010-11.

#### ***Derek Snead, Chair***

Snead is in-house corporate counsel for Costco Wholesale Corporation, his employer since 1992. Snead graduated *cum laude* from the Seattle University School of Law and holds a BA in English Literature and a Minor in Economics from the University of Puget Sound. Snead served as the Chair Elect for the Make-A-Wish Foundation Board of Trustees in 2010, and has been a member of the Board since 2007. He lives in Bellevue with his wife and two children.

#### ***Jack Arndt, Chair-Elect***

Arndt graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a BA in Business. He joined The Bon Marche (now Macy's) in 1972 as an executive trainee, serving in various management positions, leaving in 2008 as Senior Vice President of Marketing, since 2008 he has taken a sabbatical to serve as a community volunteer. Arndt has been affiliated with the local Make-A-Wish chapter since 2007. He currently serves as Board President for the American Heart Association's King County Affiliate. He has also served on the board of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, Seattle Sports Council and the 2002 Seattle Bowl Committee. Arndt resides in Kirkland with his wife, Christy.

#### ***Mark Barnum, Treasurer***

Barnum is Senior Vice President of Investments, CFP, CIMA and is a PRIME Consultant of the PRIME Asset Consulting Team in the Seattle office. He has been with UBS Financial Services Inc. / Kidder, Peabody since 1983 and was with Merrill Lynch for two years prior to that. He is a 1987 graduate of the College for Certified Financial Planning (CFP) and a 1979 graduate of Lewis and Clark College in Portland. Mark resides in Redmond with his family and has been a board member since 2007.

#### ***Ann Williams, Secretary***

Williams is currently a community volunteer. She graduated from New York State University with a degree in Science Education. She previously taught at Troy High School in New York and later moved to Buffalo where she worked for an environmental organization and volunteered at a homeless shelter for teens. Williams later went on to work for Sandoz, a

pharmaceutical company, and soon became one of the first female regional managers in the industry. After moving to Seattle, Williams left the industry to devote her time to family and volunteering. She has served on the board for the Fine Arts Center of Edmonds (FACE) and Deaconess Children's Services. Williams currently lives in Edmonds with her husband Doug and their youngest daughter Cara, while daughter Kayleigh attends college.

***Ramona Emerson, Immediate Past Board Chair***

Emerson is a Partner at the law firm K&L Gates LLP. She joined the firm in 1991, and focuses her practice on antitrust and business litigation and is recognized as a “Super Lawyer” in *Washington Law and Politics* in these areas of the law. She holds a JD from the University of Washington (UW) School of Law and a BA in Business Administration/Finance from UW. Emerson has served as a board member since 2006 and currently resides with her husband Brian McMullen and their children in Seattle.

**About the Make-A-Wish Foundation:** *The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska & Washington grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 4,250 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant more than 300 wishes this year. For more information about the local Make-A-Wish chapter, including how you can help **share the power of a wish**<sup>®</sup> contact us at 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at [www.northwestwishes.org](http://www.northwestwishes.org).*

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