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Bainbridge Community Foundation Introduces the C. Keith Birkenfeld Humanitarian Award

The Bainbridge Island and Kitsap community have a wonderful opportunity to help a local nonprofit during this time of critical funding need, and recognize an individual for his or her service to the community. The Bainbridge Community Foundation is now accepting nominations for the C. Keith Birkenfeld Humanitarian Award. The individual who receives this award will be authorized to select a charitable organization to receive a \$25,000 cash grant in 2009. This annual award will be given to a resident of Kitsap County who exemplifies the best in volunteer service, leadership, and commitment to the community. Nominees for the award must be a non-salaried volunteer, not a person who is performing a job for which he or she is paid.

Proposals should describe the major contributions made by the nominee to the local community and the compelling reasons why this person should be selected. The Foundation will be looking for such qualities as compassion, empathy, dedication, cooperation, devotion to community, understanding, respect, perseverance, and significant contributions to solving a serious community need.

Written nominations should be submitted to the Bainbridge Community Foundation by August 8, 2009 and should be 300 words or less. The honoree and the designated nonprofit will be recognized at the Bainbridge Community Foundation's annual philanthropy celebration on September 18, 2009.

Nominations should be sent to the Bainbridge Community Foundation, Attn: C. Keith Birkenfeld Award Committee, 221 Winslow Way West, Box 305, Bainbridge Island, WA 981108. Refer to the Foundation's website at: www.bainbridgecommunityfoundation.org, or call 206.842.0433.

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