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SEVENTH ANNUAL KITSAP WINE FESTIVAL RAISES RECORD BREAKING FUNDS FOR HARRISON MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

Bremerton Harborside Fountain Park hosted a successful event featuring the region's top restaurants, wineries, and breweries



Above from left to right: Photo #1: Bremerton City Council member Jerry McDonald, Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, City of Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent, Executive Director of Harrison Medical Foundation Stephanie Cline, and Kitsap Conference Center General Manager Arne Bakker; Photo #2: One of the many fountains at the Bremerton Harborside Fountain

Bremerton, Wash. (August 18, 2015) – The Kitsap Conference Center and Harrison Medical Center Foundation hosted the seventh annual Kitsap Wine Festival on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Over 850 people attended this popular event, making it the largest turnout to date for the festival. The event raised a record-setting \$63,000 to benefit the Harrison Medical Center Foundation, whose mission is to make a positive difference in people’s lives by providing exceptional medical care. Guests enjoyed selections from Anthony’s at Sinclair Inlet, Toro Lounge, Gold Mountain Golf Club, Amy’s Decadent Chocolates, nearly 30 wineries and for the non-wine drinkers, Hales Ales and Silver City Brewery.

“It is wonderful to see local business and city leadership working together for the continued success of the annual Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park,” said Mayor Patty Lent. “To have community members and marina visitors celebrate together at this gorgeous park is a highlight of the summer, and I’m proud to see so many patrons show up and support the Harrison Medical Center Foundation.”

Kitsap Conference Center General Manager Arne Bakker enjoyed seeing another record-breaking year for the festival. “Our entire team enjoyed planning and hosting this event for the Harrison Medical Center Foundation. We are thrilled to support such a worthy cause while providing a great summer event for the community.”

About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside

Kitsap Conference Center (KCC) at Bremerton Harborside is a conference and events center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional meetings and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events and can accommodate up to 700 guests. KCC offers an ideal waterfront location, featuring magnificent fountains and stunning water views that highlight the Center's marina setting. Restaurants, shops, galleries, museums and world-class golf courses are all nearby. Kitsap Conference Center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), is a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm that was established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio includes the award-winning boutique hotels of the Columbia Collection, public and private golf facilities, conference centers and distinctive venues. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners. With 20 years of proven success in management, Columbia has also consulted on over 100 hospitality projects worldwide, delivering a high level of customized service to partners and investors. For more information about Columbia and to view the entire portfolio visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

About Harrison Medical Center Foundation

Harrison Medical Center is a nonprofit 297-bed healthcare organization serving residents on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas and in North Mason County. Harrison provides a full range of medical, surgical, labor & delivery, pediatric, level-three trauma emergency, and urgent care services, as well as primary and specialty care services, across four campuses—Bremerton, Silverdale, Port Orchard, and Belfair—and at more than two dozen clinic locations. Harrison offers a nationally recognized and award-winning cardiovascular program, 25-year accredited oncology program, and comprehensive orthopedic care, as well as ICU, sleep disorders, rehabilitation, medical imaging, laboratory services, and more. Harrison is part of the Franciscan Health System family of services. To learn about Harrison, call 866-844-WELL or visit www.harrisonmedical.org. To learn more about Franciscan, visit www.fhshealth.org

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