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## **Make-A-Wish Foundation® Announces New Board Leadership**

**Seattle (September 29, 2009)** – The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho, and Washington is pleased to announce its new Board leadership for FY 2009-10.

### ***Ramona Emerson, Board Chair (photo attached)***

Emerson is a Partner at K&L Gates. After joining the firm in 1991, Emerson has focused on business litigation, and is seen as a “Super Lawyer” in *Washington Law and Politics* in the areas of business litigation and antitrust. 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 in Seattle.

### ***Derek Snead, Chair-Elect***

Snead is an in-house corporate attorney at Costco Wholesale Corporation. He joined Costco in 1992 and has held a variety of positions ranging from corporate inventory control specialist to an import merchandiser to a licensing specialist to a corporate attorney, amongst other positions. Snead holds a JD from Seattle University School of Law and a BA from the University of Puget Sound. He lives in Bellevue and has been a board member since 2007.

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

Mark 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.

### ***Marsha Ederer, Secretary***

Ederer is a community volunteer with a passion for serving organizations that offer support and encouragement to people whose lives are challenged by life-threatening diseases and other medical issues. Prior to serving as a Make-A-Wish trustee, she was on the Cancer Lifeline board for seven years and was also a committee member on the UW Medical Affairs Development Council’s Prostate Cancer Subcommittee. Last year, Ederer

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and her husband, David, co-chaired the Make-A-Wish Foundation's fall fundraising breakfast which raised more than \$175,000. Ederer resides in Seattle with her husband and has been a board member since 2006.

***Mark Mitchke, Immediate Past Board Chair***

Mitchke is a Principal at McKinsey & Company and a graduate of MIT (BS in Mechanical Engineering) and the University of Michigan (MBA with High Distinction). Throughout his career he has worked with many manufacturing and industrial clients across the country helping them develop business turnaround and transformation plans. Mitchke was elected to the Make-A-Wish® Board in 2004 and is now serving his second consecutive term. He resides in Seattle.

**About the Make-A-Wish Foundation:** The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and 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 4,000 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant more than 300 wishes this year alone. For more information about the Foundation, including how you can help *share the power of a wish*® contact us at 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at [www.northwestwishes.org](http://www.northwestwishes.org).

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