

## \*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*

### SECOND ANNUAL KITSAP WINE FESTIVAL A DELICIOUS AND DELIGHTFUL SUCCESS

*Community event raises more than \$12,000 for Harrison Medical Center Foundation*

**Bremerton, Wash.** (September 2, 2010) – The second annual Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park, a celebration of food and wine on Bremerton’s scenic waterfront, took place on Saturday, August 14. As the gateway to the Kitsap Peninsula, the picturesque venue welcomed more than 500 guests from Bremerton, Seattle and beyond. More than \$12,000 was raised for the Harrison Medical Center Foundation and its mission to make a positive difference in people’s lives through exceptional medical care.

On the heels of two sold-out annual events, plans are already in the works for the third annual Kitsap Wine Festival, which will take place in August 2011.

“The second Kitsap Wine Festival was such a wonderful community effort,” said Terry Halvorson, general manager of Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside. “We were so happy to once again see these local businesses and community groups come together to build an event that showcases our local chefs and regional wineries while supporting one of our area’s most precious organizations.”

A collaboration between The City of Bremerton, The Port of Bremerton, Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside and Harrison Medical Center Foundation, the festival offered guests live music and magnificent views of Puget Sound and the Port of Bremerton Marina. More than 30 wineries from Washington and Oregon poured sips, and cuisine was provided by Chef Marsha Henry of Kitsap Conference Center, Chef Paul Jensen of Anthony’s at Sinclair Inlet, Chef Bruce Bonholzer of Clubhouse at McCormick Woods in Port Orchard, CJ’s Evergreen Catering and Boston Pizza and Deli with sweet treats from Silverdale’s Bella Bella Cupcakes.

#### **About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside**

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside is a high-tech conference center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional conferences and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events. Kitsap Conference Center can accommodate 10 to 750 guests. The center, which is a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Seattle, offers views of Sinclair Inlet and is literally 100 steps from the Seattle-Bremerton ferry terminal. Amenities include free Wi-Fi service, videoconferencing, teleconferencing and onsite catering. The conference center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, visit [kitsapconferencecenter.com](http://kitsapconferencecenter.com).

#### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer.

Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, mixed-use hotel developments, event venues and conference centers offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [columbiahospitality.com](http://columbiahospitality.com).

***\*\*Note: additional photos are available upon request.***

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