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Northwest Parks Foundation Hits a Home Run for Woodinville Fields Wins a \$75,000 grant from Boeing / Mariners

Woodinville – The Boeing Company and the Seattle Mariners are pleased to announce that Northwest Parks Foundation has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Boeing / Mariners Care Athletic Field Grant. The \$75,000 grant was developed and submitted by Northwest Parks Foundation as part of the Woodinville Fields Capital Campaign.

According to Gina Hasson, Director of Community Relations for the Seattle Mariners, NWParks' application for the Woodinville Fields project was a perfect fit for the Boeing / Mariners Care Athletic Field Grant. "The project has tremendous community support and will be completed by next spring – and it's great to award a project on the East side!" Hasson stated when informing NWParks of the award. Once completed, the park will feature 4 lighted baseball diamonds, 2 soccer fields, a walking path and a gateway entrance feature.

"We researched several funding opportunities and discovered the connection between the Boeing / Mariners Care Athletic Field Grant selection criteria and the NWParks Capital campaign for Woodinville Fields", stated Suzette Hart, Campaign

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Director. Evaluation criterion included significant community need for additional baseball/softball fields and demonstration of the community's ability to obtain additional funding/resources. To date, the project has received state and county grants and almost \$1 million from Northshore Youth Soccer Association. In addition, the Woodinville Fields Capital Campaign has received over \$314,000 in pledges and contributions to date. The Campaign's leading contributor, Woodinville Lumber and the Mackay Family Foundation, combined with other campaign donors were instrumental in demonstrating direct community support of the project. Campaign donors include Sierra Construction, Northwest Parks Foundation, Northshore Youth Soccer Association, Woodinville Weekly, Olympic Nursery, Starbucks, Hirai Family, Mead Gilman & Associates, Pacific Bag Inc, Evergreen Healthcare, Vibrant Plants, Inc, Woodinville Garden Club, Net-Tech, Vic's Insurance, CH2M Hill, Brittany Park, Quality Care Physical Therapy, MagicHour Films, and Costco Wholesale #747 Woodinville.

The grass roots support through the Turf Sponsorship program and the Coach's Honor Roll were also instrumental in demonstrating broad community support. Almost 100 individuals and families have contributed to the Turf Sponsorship program. In addition, almost 100 coaches have been honored by their team through the Coach's Honor Roll program. There is still very limited availability for Turf Sponsorship and the Coach's Honor Roll. If you are interested in participating in either of these campaign programs, don't delay in contacting Northwest Parks Foundation to secure your spot!

Northwest Parks Foundation will be recognized on Friday, October 2nd during a pre-game check presentation ceremony at Safeco Field as part of Fan Appreciation Night. Group block tickets purchased by NWParks in anticipation of the award

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announcement may still be available for purchase. Please call NWParks at 425-284-0420 to check on ticket availability. Single game tickets for the game remain available and can be purchased online at www.mariners.com.

Northwest Parks Foundation is the 25th grant recipient since the program's inception in 1985. Thanks to the generosity of the Boeing Company, the longtime Mariners corporate partner, and Mariners Care, the team's non-profit foundation, the grant has provided over \$2 million to improve youth sports fields in the state. Past winners include: Des Moines, Alderwood, Arlington, Carnation, Ballard, Vashon, Federal Way, Sumner, Mukilteo, Kennewick, Enumclaw, Yakima, Central Seattle, Shoreline, Sultan, Stanwood, Hazel Dell, Mount Vernon, Lynnwood, Port Orchard, Tukwila, North Seattle, Gig Harbor and West Seattle Little League.

For more information about the Woodinville Fields campaign, please contact Suzette Hart at Northwest Parks Foundation, 425-284-0420 or visit the website at www.nwparks.org.

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