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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Northwest Radiologists' Fund of Whatcom Community Foundation Makes Grant to Hospice Capital Campaign

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The Whatcom Community Foundation presented a grant check in the amount of \$30,000 from its Northwest Radiologists' Fund to the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation Board of Directors at their November meeting. The grant is in support of the capital campaign for the new Whatcom Hospice House.

Northwest Radiologists established a fund at the Whatcom Community Foundation in 2007. Dr. Peter Buetow, a partner in Northwest Radiologists and board member of the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, remarked, "As a partnership, Northwest Radiologists wants to make a meaningful contribution to the community. Establishing the Fund was a great way to do that. As healthcare practitioners, we know all too well the emotional distress terminal illness can cause for patients and their loved ones. The services that Whatcom Hospice will be able to provide with a residential facility will help the organization do even more to ease that distress. We're thrilled to be a part of the capital campaign."

"Receiving a contribution of this size to the Hospice campaign, particularly in this economic climate, is wonderful," said St. Joseph Hospital Foundation Board president Joanne Robinson. "We're grateful for this level of leadership and support from members of the medical community." Whatcom Hospice is a program of St. Joseph Hospital. Its new twelve-suite facility will be located on Douglas Avenue on the south side of Bellingham. The campaign goal for the Hospice project is \$5.3 million.

The Northwest Radiologists Fund is a donor advised fund of the Whatcom Community Foundation. The partners of Northwest Radiologists make recommendations to the Foundation about how the funds should be granted. Buetow added, "This is the second grant we've recommended to the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, the first being for general support. We see ourselves as an integral part of addressing all the healthcare issues in our community and the Fund is our vehicle for investing in solutions."

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