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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2010 Pepsi Refresh Awards Announced

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You've probably heard of the national Pepsi 'Refresh' project giving money to nonprofit organizations around the U.S. This summer, Local Pepsi distributor Walton Beverage and the Whatcom Community Foundation teamed together and each provided \$18,000 to create a fund that gave a total of \$36,000 to local needs, all based on suggestions from the public.

Local nonprofits submitted grant proposals in the areas of education, health, arts and culture, food and shelter, the planet (environment) and neighborhoods. Community members reviewed proposals and voted online for four Refresh Challenge grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$2,000. Standout awards totaling \$10,000 were also handed out to six projects submitted. On September 14th, Walton Beverage hosted an outdoor BBQ in the parking lot at Sunset Cost Cutter where the winners were announced live on KGMI 790AM radio. (see below)

Refresh Challenge Awards	Project Name	Award
Michael Koenen Foundation	The Michael Koenen NFL All-Star Football Kids Camp	\$10,000
Whatcom Volunteer Center	Project Homeless Connect	\$6,000
Lydia Place	Life skills classes for low-income housing projects	\$4,000
Old Town Christian Ministries	Amy's Place	\$2,000
Standout Awards		
Alternatives to Hunger	Small Potatoes Gleaning Project	\$1,500
Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center	Purchase of a new therapeutic horse	\$2,000
Whatcom County Council on Aging	To serve a senior more than soup and cereal	\$2,000
Brigid Collins	Imagine a world without child sexual abuse	\$1,500
Brigadoon Assistance Dogs	To help at-risk youth students learn to train dogs to assist children and adults with disabilities	\$1,500
Burlington Edison School District #100	Keep Students in School!	\$1,500

For more information about the Local Pepsi Refresh Project email: localrefresh@waltonbeverage.com or visit www.waltonbeverage.com.

Whatcom Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 Federal Nonprofit organization, connects people who care with causes that matter. The Foundation has received nearly \$20 million in gifts from more than 3,800 donors and now holds 171 funds to benefit a wide variety of charitable and educational activities in Whatcom County.