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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **2011 Walton Local Refresh Awards Announced**

Bellingham, Washington

Walton Beverage, local Pepsi distributor, and Whatcom Community Foundation, teamed up for the 2nd annual Local Pepsi Refresh Project to give away \$39,000 in charitable grants to refresh and improve our local communities and the lives of those around us.

Local nonprofit organizations from Whatcom and Skagit counties submitted proposals to the Local Pepsi Refresh Project online earlier this summer. The public then voted online for their favorite proposal and submitted “power votes” which allowed one vote for each dollar spent on Pepsi products. The four organizations receiving the most votes were granted: \$10,000 for first prize, \$6,000 for second, \$4,000 for third and \$2,000 for fourth. Local Refresh Project winners were announced on September 8th live on KGMI radio. Fourteen organizations received “Standout Awards” for their compelling proposals. “It’s all about the organizations in our community doing great work,” said Phil Isle, CEO of Walton Beverage. “And we couldn’t do this without the help of the Whatcom Community Foundation.”

Refresh Challenge Awards

	Project Name	Award
Lydia Place	Educating Families & Fostering Community Through Life Skills programs	\$10,000
St. Francis Foundation	St. Francis Intergenerational Garden Project	\$6,000
Summit Assistance Dogs	S.O.S. (Serving Our Soldiers)	\$4,000
Bellingham Public Library	Early Learning & Literacy Space	\$2,000

Standout Awards

Alternatives to Hunger	Feeding Your Neighbors! Help Bellingham Food Bank buy 100,000 pounds of food	\$1,500
American Red Cross - Mt Baker Chapter	The catastrophic Shelter Plan - Preparing Today to Save Lives Tomorrow	\$2,000
Blaine Football Booster Club	Help fund the Blaine Boys and Girls Club and Middle School Football teams	\$1,500
Bridgeway Christian Academy	Whatcom Independent Schools' Hands-On (WISH) Learning Project: Non-Profit Private Schools Share Creative Teaching Tools	\$500
Crisis Pregnancy Center of Skagit County	Help with remodel and outfitting costs of Phase 1 for the Living Awareness program	\$1,000
Kulshan Community Land Trust	Kulshan CLT's 100th Home refreshes the community by taking a foreclosed lot and turning it into a high performance home	\$900
Lucille Umbarger Elementary School	Keep Students in School! Decrease Truancy, Dropping Out, Drug Dependency, Gang Involvement, Violence	\$1,000

META Performing Arts	Babes in Toyland musical at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon	\$500
Michael Koenen Foundation	Save Local Youth Sports Programs	\$1,500
Royal Family Kids Camp, Inc.	Week long camp for local foster kids, ages 7-11 who have a history of abuse and/or neglect in their lives.	\$2,100
The Sergey Foundation	Emergency veterinary grants to low income people of companion animals in an attempt to keep them in the home	\$500
WESnip	Neuter is Cuter!	\$1,000
Whatcom County Council on Aging	Fresh Produce for Meals on Wheels Program	\$1,500
Whatcom Volunteer Center	Pantry on Wheels - getting food to homebound people in need. volunteers pick up and deliver food	\$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 over \$28 million in gifts from more than 4,800 donors and now holds 184 funds to benefit a wide variety of charitable and educational activities in Whatcom County. For more information, visit www.whatcomcf.org or call (360) 671-6463.