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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Mount Baker Imaging Takes Bold Step to Support Innovation in Local Healthcare Delivery

Mount Baker Imaging (MBI) contributed \$250,000 to the Whatcom Community Foundation. The gift established the MBI Health Innovation Fund to support bold, creative work in the field of primary healthcare delivery in Whatcom County.

MBI is a partnership between Northwest Radiologists and PeaceHealth, the parent organization of St. Joseph Hospital. Nancy Steiger, CEO of PeachHealth's Whatcom Region, remarked, "It's important for healthcare providers and the general community to recognize the growing importance of philanthropy to support quality healthcare in our community. Physicians have a unique appreciation for the pressing needs we face, and ideas for how we can innovate together and work collaboratively to help address those needs."

Northwest Radiologists partner and Mount Baker Imaging board of directors' president Lars Crabo added, "The partners at Northwest Radiologists opened a fund with the Whatcom Community Foundation in 2007. After recommending grants to support St. Joseph Hospital and the Whatcom Hospice capital campaign, we wanted to leverage our giving even further. Working through MBI was the logical next step. We are thrilled that our partners at PeaceHealth share our vision."

An advisory committee is being organized to review proposals and provide grant recommendations to the Foundation's board of directors. Grant application guidelines and submittal dates will be determined in early 2009 and posted on the Foundation's website as soon as they are available.

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