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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Funding Opportunity to Boost Local Health Care Innovations

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The Whatcom Community Foundation announced it is accepting grant proposals from local nonprofits to innovatively address primary healthcare needs in Whatcom County. Proposals may involve multi-year initiatives and should lend themselves to replication. Grants will be made from the Foundation's MBI Health Innovation Fund (Fund). Proposals are due at the Foundation office by 10am on June 8, 2009.

The Fund was established by a generous \$250,000 donation to the Foundation from Mount Baker Imaging (MBI), a partnership of Northwest Radiologists and PeaceHealth. The Fund was created to support bold, creative work in primary healthcare delivery and prevention techniques in Whatcom County. Grants will be issued by the end of June. The proposal form and guidelines are available on the Foundation's website at www.whatcomcf.org.

Whatcom Community Foundation, founded in 1996, is a dynamic vehicle for philanthropy and community building in Whatcom County. WCF currently holds more than 100 funds totaling more than \$8.5 million to benefit Whatcom County nonprofit organizations in all areas of service to the community. The organization has granted more than \$2 million to numerous local nonprofits since July 1, 2008. WCF also provides services to donors who wish their charitable giving to be as effective as possible.