



Towboat Invitational Raises Nearly \$295,000 for Heart Care and Kids

SEATTLE – (July 28, 2010) – On Monday, July 26, maritime companies, golfers and guests teed off for the 11th annual Towboat Invitational to benefit The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason and Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. The tournament was held at The Golf Club at Newcastle in Newcastle, Wash.

High-spirited bidding on live-auction items, led by local celebrity Dick Foley and an “Enter to Win” challenge raised nearly \$295,000 for the nonprofit organizations. All net proceeds directly benefit Boys & Girls Club programs and new equipment for The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason.

“We are honored to have such tremendous support from our community for these organizations,” said Michael VanDerhoef, president of Virginia Mason Foundation and vice president of Virginia Mason Medical Center. “The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason is committed to providing quality care as a regional referral center and completes thousands of procedures for patients each year, and the Boys & Girls Club offers tremendous support for kids, making an important impact on their lives.”

Hosted by marine transportation companies Foss Maritime, Harley Marine Services and Sause Bros., along with many other corporate sponsors, the Towboat Invitational has raised more than \$1 million since its inaugural event in 2000.

Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon

Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon is dedicated to assisting youth of all backgrounds and financial circumstances achieve their potential by enhancing their self-esteem, providing positive role models, and by helping them to develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. About 250 to 300 kids come to the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon every day after school and it averages over 3,000 members every year. Visit BGC-SWOregon.org for more information.

The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason

The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason offers a full range of cardiac services at one convenient location. Virginia Mason’s team of highly trained specialists combines state-of-the-art technology, health education and innovative research to offer comprehensive care for all forms of heart disease. Visit VirginiaMason.org/heart for more information.

About Virginia Mason Medical Center

Virginia Mason Medical Center, founded in 1920, is a non-profit comprehensive regional health care system in Seattle that combines a primary and specialty care group practice of more than 440 physicians with a 336-bed acute-care hospital. Virginia Mason operates a network of clinics throughout the Puget Sound area; manages Bailey-Boushaya House, a nursing residence and Chronic Care Management program for people living with HIV and AIDS; and operates Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason, internationally recognized in autoimmune disease research. Virginia Mason is known for applying manufacturing principles to health care to improve quality and patient safety. For more information, visit VirginiaMason.org or [Facebook/VMcares](https://www.facebook.com/VMcares) or follow @VirginiaMason on Twitter.

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