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**Inland Northwest Community Foundation Congratulates  
Leadership Spokane Foundation as the 300th Fund**

SPOKANE, WA, *2.17.2011*— Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Leadership Spokane Foundation as its 300th fund, thanks to an initial gift of \$10,000 from Leadership Spokane. This partnership is a milestone for the community and a monumental achievement for our community foundation, since its first fund was established in 1975. The Leadership Spokane Foundation will help provide scholarships to future community leaders so they may participate in its extensive leadership training program.

“Deciding to partner with Inland Northwest Community Foundation was an obvious choice with its regional reputation, outreach and positive track record,” said Linda Finney, Executive Director of Leadership Spokane. “We are looking forward to the future of our Foundation and what it will bring to the community of Spokane.”

“Inland Northwest Community Foundation will manage the fund for us, which frees us to focus on our mission of community leadership development,” stated Sue Welberry, Chair of the Board of Directors, Leadership Spokane Class of 2006.

“Nearly every type of asset can be contributed to the Leadership Spokane Foundation,” noted PJ Watters, INWCF Director of Gift Planning, Leadership Spokane Class of 1994. “Donors may give cash, real estate, stock, retirement funds, or other appreciated assets. We can work with donors to put a bequest in their wills, to design their gift plans and maximize the benefits they receive, as well as leverage the impact of their philanthropic dollars.”

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 Eastern Washington counties and 10 North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation manages 300 funds valued at nearly \$60 million and has awarded \$38 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region. For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, contact Director of Gift Planning PJ Watters at 509-624-2606.

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