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## **CLASSIC WINES AUCTION, INC. WELCOMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

PORTLAND, Oregon – (December 4, 2009) – Heather Martin, Executive Director of Classic Wines Auction, Inc. recently welcomed three new board members to the organization. Joining the Board of Directors are Kim Agnew, Executive Director of The Agnew Family Foundation; Christopher Hermann, Partner, Stoel Rives LLP; and Bruce Ramseyer, Vice President, Key Private Bank.

"We are thrilled with the experience and community involvement each member brings to the Classic Wines Auction Board," said Martin. "Their generosity in supporting philanthropic causes will benefit five Portland and Southwest Washington charities working to help 42,000 children and families in our community. Our auction is one of the top five charity wine auctions in the country and our Board of Directors has the leadership to make us even more successful."

### **2010 Gala Auction Benefits More than 42,000 Children and Families**

The Classic Wines Auction board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2010 auction events: Friends of the Children - Portland, Metropolitan Family Services, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA-Clark County. "Watching our community raise funds for programs that will impact more than 42,000 children and families is amazing," said Martin. Classic Wines Auction, Inc. has raised \$21.6 million for Portland-area charities since its inception in 1984.

### **About Classic Wines Auction:**

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wine events to raise funds for five local charities benefiting children and families. Recognized as one of the top five charity auction events by the *Wine Spectator*, Classic Wines Auction has raised a total of \$21.6 million since its inception in 1982. The five charities benefiting from the fundraising include Friends of the Children-Portland, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County. More than 750 guests attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala event on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The 2010 Auction will be held on March 6. For more information, please visit [www.classicwinesauction.com](http://www.classicwinesauction.com).