

# **News Release**

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### **Friends of Youth to Host Fundraising Luncheon for Local Youth and their Families**

**Redmond, Wash.** — Friends of Youth will host the Celebration of Youth luncheon at Meydenbauer Center on Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2008, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Celebration of Youth is an annual fundraising event aimed at assisting local youth and their families in times of crisis.

Antwone Fisher, the author of *Finding Fish* and inspiration for the film, *Antwone Fisher*, will be the keynote speaker addressing the issue of foster care. Additionally, Brad Goode, a co-anchor of *KING 5 Morning News*, *KING 5 Morning News on KONG* and *KING 5 News at Noon*, will be the master of ceremonies. Friends of Youth will host a VIP session before the event begins for table captains, sponsors and media to obtain information and resources about Antwone Fisher and Celebration of Youth.

Registration is free but there is a suggested donation of \$150. For reservations or more information, contact the Donor Relations Officer, Michele Petitti, at [michele@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:michele@friendsofyouth.org), or (425) 869-6490, ext. 338.

Sponsors for this event include Alaska Airlines, Safeco Insurance, The Boeing Company, Ragen MacKenzie/Wells Fargo, Swedish Medical Center, Columbia Bank, Citi Private Bank, and Pyramid Communications.

#### **About Friends of Youth:**

Friends of Youth is a non-profit agency dedicated to supporting youth and their families in King and Snohomish counties. Friends of Youth provides a broad range of services to improve its clients' emotional stability and self-sufficiency, including homeless shelters, transitional housing, outreach, mental health counseling, and substance abuse prevention and treatment. For more information, visit [www.friendsofyouth.org](http://www.friendsofyouth.org), or phone (425) 869-6490.

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