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Healthy Start Receives \$25K Grant from Boeing

Redmond, Wash. – In these times filled with a lot of bad financial news, Healthy Start, a Redmond-based young-parent support program, is pleased to announce that The Boeing Company has granted a gift of \$25,000 to support the program in Snohomish County.

The fund from The Boeing Company will be used for enhancing the program's effort to provide the parenting support, skills and knowledge for young parents to nurture all aspects of their child's development, ensuring that these vulnerable children have greater access to a healthy and productive future. The Boeing Company has supported Healthy Start for many years. In 2002, it granted \$10,000 to support the program.

"Healthy Start is delighted to receive this support. Demand for Healthy Start services in Snohomish County has been growing and this fund helps meet the increased need," said Keltie Wright, Program Director of Healthy Start.

About Healthy Start:

Healthy Start is a parenting education and support program for young families designed for parents, age 22 or younger, parenting their first child. Young families may enroll in the program any time during the mother's pregnancy or before the child is six months old. The program benefits include home visits, group activities, developmental and health screenings, and referrals to community resources. Healthy Start is a collaborative effort of five local agencies, including Friends of Youth (lead agency and fiscal agent), The Center for Human Services, Renton Area Youth and Family Services, Northshore Youth and Family Services, and Youth Eastside Services. For more information, visit www.HealthyStartFamily.org or phone (425) 869-6490, ext. 319.

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, or phone (425) 869-6490.

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