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Friends of Youth Receives \$25K Grant from The Seattle Foundation

Redmond, Wash. – Friends of Youth, a Redmond-based not for profit organization, is pleased to announce that The Seattle Foundation has granted a gift of \$25,000 in general operating funds. This award will help support the agency's comprehensive services for vulnerable and homeless youth and families in King and Snohomish counties, providing them with a range of therapeutic counseling and residential services to help build solid foundations for future success.

The Seattle Foundation has been a long-time supporter of Friends of Youth, including a recent \$40K capital gift to help open *Duvall Place*, a combined housing and community services facility in the Snoqualmie Valley.

"Friends of Youth is delighted to receive this generous support from The Seattle Foundation. Demand for our programs and services has continued to rise, and this gift helps meet the increased need," said Joan Campbell, President and CEO for Friends of Youth.

"The Seattle Foundation is grateful that our region has established organizations, such as Friends of Youth, working to improve the health of our community. Friends of Youth is the primary runaway and homeless youth provider in East King and Snohomish counties. They have strong partnerships with other human service providers. Friends of Youth's work supports strategies within The Seattle Foundation's Healthy Communities framework," said Ceil Erickson, Director, Grantmaking Program.

About Friends of Youth:

Friends of Youth is a not for 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.

About The Seattle Foundation:

Established in 1946, The Seattle Foundation is a philanthropic leader creating positive community change across King County and beyond. Working side by side with donors, the Foundation guides strategic charitable investments based on long, deep ties to the local community and unparalleled knowledge about promising philanthropic practices. The Seattle Foundation is one of the nation's largest community foundations, with total assets in excess of \$600 million. For more information, visit www.seattlefoundation.org.

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