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"Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus"

Port Townsend, Washington - December 10, 2008 –Kris Mayer, consulting Executive Director for Jefferson County Community Foundation (JCCF) returned from a two week vacation in early November with a full postal box. Sorting through the envelopes she noticed one with a return address from the Seattle Foundation, which she quickly opened to find a check for $50,000 from an anonymous donor. She was so excited that she had to put in a call to board members to share the news.

"This donation, which is for the Community Endowment, demonstrates the generosity of the citizens of our community." says Mayer. "It exemplifies the spirit of giving, especially during the holiday season."

The donation culminates a busy year for the foundation. Jefferson County Educational Alliance, the education arm of JCCF conducted five seminars for community non-profit organizations and has more planned for 2009. "We completed all paperwork to be able to offer donor advised funds, started the Women Who Share Giving Circle, and have added additional community partners. "It was especially heartfelt to see the outpouring of appreciation for the work of Barbara Marseille in our community," states Bruce McComas, outgoing JCCF board President. "Her legacy will live on through Jefferson County Historic Society Barbara Marseille Endowment Fund & Barbara Marseille Endowed Arts Scholarship."

Jefferson County Community Foundation was organized in 2006 as a vehicle for promoting and increasing responsible and effective ways of investing in our community. Created by and for the people of Jefferson County, JCCF's goal is to provide leadership, education, and support to strengthen local non-profit organizations, and provide tax efficient investment opportunities for our citizens. Please go to www.jccfgives.org or call Kris Mayer 379-3667 for more information.

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