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### Port Madison Enterprise Employees Make Record Donation

*Suquamish Company Workers Give \$25,178.89 to North Kitsap Relay For Life*

**SUQUAMISH, July 13, 2010-** Port Madison Enterprises employees are celebrating a record donation to the American Cancer Society. Workers for the Suquamish-owned company generated more than \$25,000 in donations for the North Kitsap Relay for Life this year, marking the largest employee contribution ever given at Port Madison Enterprises.

"The generosity and ingenuity our employees consistently demonstrate are a testament to each individual as well as PME. Our staff are very talented at building on ideas to keep the fundraising fresh, fun and lucrative for the Cancer Society." Port Madison Enterprises Human Resource Director Barbara Griffin.

Relay For Life is the largest fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. It began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for a cure. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives.

"It's absolutely astounding that, despite the current economic downturn, the Port Madison Enterprises Relay teams were able to make a record contribution this year. We are truly grateful

for their participation and could not have done it without them," said Kim Poole, North Kitsap Relay for Life Chair 2010.

PME employees have participated in the North Kitsap Relay for Life for several years and raise funds annually for the event by making voluntary payroll deductions, hosting bake sales, garage sales, drawings and more.

Formed in 1987, Port Madison Enterprises acts as an agency of the Suquamish Tribal Government to develop community resources while promoting the economic and social welfare of the Suquamish Tribe through commercial activities. What began as a modest retail endeavor for the Suquamish has grown exponentially over the last few decades. Port Madison Enterprises now encompasses several hospitality, entertainment and retail businesses. With more than 800 employees in fields ranging from information technology to hospitality, the Suquamish-owned company is fast becoming one of the largest employers in the greater Kitsap area.

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