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## SKYLINE FOUNDATION'S CULTIVATE COLUMBIA FUNDRAISING GALA A GREAT SUCCESS

**WHITE SALMON, Wash.** – Cultivate Columbia, Skyline Foundation's annual fundraising gala was a great success this year raising nearly \$75,000 to support Skyline Hospital's programs and services. This year's event honored Margaret Walker, longtime community volunteer, for her decades of service.

The evening will begin with an artist reception where guests can mingle with featured artists Mark Nilsson, Peggy Ohlson, JoDean Sarins, Kyle Ocean and Darlisa Black, as well as view and purchase their work. Guests will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and cider tastings, and have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items.

The artist reception will be followed by a four course farm-to-table dinner generously prepared by local chefs from Henni's Kitchen and Bar, Feast, Best Western Hood River Inn and Ingrid's Cheesecakes & Pastries, with wine from Domaine Pouillon.

A live auction will follow dinner featuring original art donated by the featured artists, a VIP wine experience, gourmet lunch for eight, a half a day of excavation, an instant wine cellar and a children's art party package.

"Cultivate Columbia is promising to be the premier affair in our area," said Elizabeth Vaivoda, Skyline Foundation executive director. "With the generosity of our philanthropic partners we are able to provide an amazing and memorable experience for our guests, honor an extraordinary physician, and raise funds to help us create healthier and happier communities."

This year's sponsors include Bell Design Company and Cerner. Tickets are \$85 for individuals or \$700 for a table of eight. Ticket price includes all food and drink.



Net proceeds from the gala will be placed in a fund in Dr. FitzSimmons' name and benefit the programs and services Skyline Hospital provides to Gorge communities.

For more information on how to purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please call 509-637-2602 or email [elizabethvaivoda@skylinehospital.org](mailto:elizabethvaivoda@skylinehospital.org). Learn more at [www.cultivatecolumbia.org](http://www.cultivatecolumbia.org).

*The Skyline Foundation is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to providing accessible and quality health care for the residents and visitors of the Gorge. Its mission is to support, enhance, and expand the activities of Skyline Hospital and improve the health and well-being of the people it serves.*