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Classic Wines Auction sets date in 2006, announces charities and new board members

PORTLAND, Ore. (Sept. 14, 2005) – Wine connoisseurs and collectors: Get out your calendars. The Classic Wines Auction, one of the top 10 charity wine auctions in the United States, announced that the 2006 gala event will take place Saturday, March 4, at the Oregon Convention Center.

The nonprofit organization also has selected the four charities which will benefit from next year's gala fundraiser: Metropolitan Family Service, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington, New Avenues for Youth, and Friends of the Children-Portland.

Accepting the charge to help grow the event, which this year raised a record \$1.5 million for local charities, six new members have joined the Classic Wines Auction Board of Directors: Debbie Alley, trustee of the Oregon College of Art and Craft; Jim Fitzhenry, senior vice president and general counsel for FLIR Systems, Inc.; Roger Hinshaw, president of Bank of America of Oregon and Southwest Washington; Fred Jubitz, co-president of Jubitz Corporation; Robert G. Miller, chairman and CEO of Rite Aid Corporation; and Greg Robeson, president of Robeson Communications.

"We are thrilled to welcome our new board members and are very excited about the wonderful event that is taking shape for next year," said Heather Martin, executive director of Classic Wines Auction, Inc. "This year's record-breaking success was gratifying as we launched a brand new nonprofit organization to produce the Auction. We are seizing the opportunity to grow and expand the event's reach in order to help even more families and children in the Portland metro area."

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What began as a small group of friends exchanging wine from personal collections to raise money for Metropolitan Family Service has evolved into one of the country's top charity wine auctions according to *Wine Spectator* magazine. The increasing success of the event prompted organizers to form a separate nonprofit entity in July 2004. The shift enabled Classic Wines Auction to attract new supporters, expand its catalog, increase its fundraising and benefit a greater number of local charities.

About the Classic Wines Auction, Inc.

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related events which raise money for local charities benefiting children and families. The Classic Wines Auction raised \$1.5 million for four Portland-area charities in 2005 and has raised more than \$11.5 million since inception. For more information, please contact (503) 972-0194 or visit www.classicwinesauction.com.

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