

## **National Family Week Awardees - 2008**

**Jay Bloom**, former CEO of Morrison Child and Family Services, for his leadership in promoting the concept of "Vital Aging" in Multnomah County. Jay has harnessed the interest and commitment of county government and key community leaders to develop new ways to engage the talents of older people in meaningful and important paid and volunteer roles so that our community can benefit from experience and expertise, while supporting the concept of community engagement throughout the life span.

**Classic Wines Auction** has raised \$9.5 million since its incorporation in 2004 to support children's charities in the greater Portland, Oregon area. The hundreds of volunteers involved with the event are committed to enhancing opportunities for children and families.

**Jim Schlachter**, Assistant Superintendent, Gresham-Barlow School District, has been instrumental in raising the awareness of the need for extended time learning opportunities and for bringing together community resources to help sustain and grow these opportunities. Specifically he established the Gresham Out of School Time Committee which served to help secure continuation of federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center funds for 4 CAFÉ Sites operated by MFS.

Jesse Reding, volunteer coordinator for Wells Fargo, has been vital in recruiting volunteers for the annual Classic Wines Auction, which raises money for local charities that support children and families. Volunteers are critical to the event's success and Jesse has been able to recruit more volunteers on behalf of Metropolitan Family Service than any other organization.