

Media Advisory  
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## Thomas Stoel Award Recipient Announced by Metropolitan Family Service

*John von Schlegell will receive the 2004 Thomas Stoel Award in recognition of his commitment to strengthening families and building community through their connection with Metropolitan Family Service. In addition, von Schlegell is being honored because he has demonstrated through his leadership that dedicated volunteers are a cornerstone of a strong community. von Schlegell supports MFS through his generosity as well as the longevity of his commitment to the organization.*

**What: 2004 Thomas Stoel Award Honoring Recipient John von Schlegell**

Thomas Stoel and Eileen Johnson will present the 2004 Thomas Stoel Award to John Von Schlegell at our MFS Spring Recognition Event. MFS board members, staff, and volunteers as well as representatives from Stoel Rives will be in attendance to mark this occasion. Retired Senator Mark O. Hatfield will be on hand to join in the festivities.

**When: Wednesday, May 5, 2004**

Event: 5:30 p.m.

Media availability to speak with MFS representatives can be arranged.

**Where: Portland City Grill, Jefferson Room, 111 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, US Bancorp Tower, Portland, OR**

**Why:**

John von Schlegell is co-founder and managing director of Endeavour Capital, an investment firm providing equity capital to private Northwest-based businesses. He is an active volunteer in the Portland community and has served in volunteer leadership roles for several local nonprofits. In addition to John's involvement with MFS and the Classic Wines Auction, he has served on the Boards of Oregon Episcopal School, the Oregon Symphony, and Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. Recently, Governor Kulongoski appointed John to serve as a member of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

John has been an active volunteer with MFS and our Classic Wines Auction for more than six years. Serving as co-chair of the event in 2001 and 2003, John was a driving force that positioned the auction as one of the top five charity wine auctions in the country. The auction raised a total of \$2.5 million during the two years John co-chaired the event.

For more information or to interview a local spokesperson, contact Development Director Jana Richardson at 503.230.1451 or email: [janar@metfamily.org](mailto:janar@metfamily.org)

## About Metropolitan Family Service

Local nonprofit Metropolitan Family Service – MFS – is dedicated to building stronger communities by providing services, connecting people with resources, and offering volunteer opportunities throughout the Portland area. For more than half a century, MFS has played a vital role in the lives of children, families, and older adults. Most people who access our programs are low-income individuals and families.

Metropolitan Family Service is a private, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of MFS *is to strengthen families and individuals while enhancing their participation in community life.*

## About the Thomas Stoel Award

Thomas Stoel is a widely recognized corporate and tax lawyer, retired from the firm that bears his name, Stoel Rives. As one of Portland's leading citizens, Mr. Stoel serves on several foundation boards and has made a significant positive impact on philanthropy in our region. Stoel, a member of the first Board of Directors of Metropolitan Family Service, prepared the original by-laws and articles of incorporation. The Thomas Stoel Award was established in 2002, in recognition of his volunteer commitment to our community.