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USO Puget Sound Announces \$40k Donation from Boeing
Key support grows as organization prepares for major deployments

SEATTLE – The USO Puget Sound Area (USOPSA) announced today a major donation from Boeing and praised the aerospace giant as a longtime supporter of the USO's outreach effort to the region's military community. The \$40,000 Boeing donation is targeted to help the USO provide deployment support for 25,000 troops being deployed from the Puget Sound area up through August.

"Boeing has stepped up to the challenge at a very strategic time," says Tom Jaffa, USOPSA board chairman, and president and CEO of The Jaffa Company. "Boeing's support is extremely important and appreciated as we carry out our mission of supporting those who serve."

"The men and women of Boeing bring the same shared passion and care to supporting those who serve as they do to providing the products and systems that make our forces safer and stronger," said Fred Kiga, vice president for State and Local Government and NW Global Corporate Citizenship. "To contribute to the wellbeing of those who defend our freedoms and bring hope to those who need it most is simply an honor."

"Boeing has stood with us as a committed partner," says Don Leingang, USOSPA executive director. "They lead by example in the community when it comes to making investments that go beyond the company's interests or capabilities and recognize the human value of what the USO does 24/7 for military members and their families."

Leingang added that with 2008 being a record-breaking year for the number of people served, 2009 continues at a record-breaking pace. "We served 5,000 troops during 17 deployments in just one week last month at our McChord USO Center. Our volunteers are there at all hours of the day to bring the comforts of home and offer ongoing support," Leingang says.

The Boeing Company is committed to developing vibrant communities and empowered citizens. It has a rich history of corporate philanthropy, contributing millions of dollars each year to support critical health and human services, arts and culture, education, environmental and civic programs that are helping to build stronger and more vibrant communities. Together, the company, its employees and retirees contribute around \$50 million each year to support critical needs. And, Boeing employees are among the most generous. The Employees Community Fund is the largest employee-directed charitable fund in the world. Since it was founded in 1951, employees have contributed more than \$500 million to support a wide range of needs, and last year they contributed more than 100,000 hours of volunteer time to help nonprofits provide needed community services.

For more information on the USO Puget Sound Area and the upcoming 2009 USO Golf Tournament at Newcastle go to www.usopsa.org

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