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Catholic Charities Culminates \$12.5 Million Capital Campaign
*"Providing Help, Creating Hope" Sets Stage for Development of Clark
Family Center*

Portland, Ore. – (March 18, 2009 – updated version) – Firmly staking its position as a social service agency relied upon by more than 25,000 clients per year, Catholic Charities in Oregon announced today that it has successfully concluded its first major capital campaign – “Providing Help, Creating Hope” – in the organization’s 76-year history. In just 18 months Catholic Charities reached its goal of \$12.5 million, generated by contributions from 130 foundations, trusts and individuals.

“Given the uncertainty of our economy and the many pressures it poses to social service organizations, it is ever more gratifying to acknowledge the good will of our donors,” said Mark Ganz, campaign chair and Regence Group CEO. “Thanks to donor support, Catholic Charities has a breakthrough year ahead.”

The capital campaign funds, which are separate from Catholic Charities’ general operating budget, are earmarked for the construction of the Clark Family Center, a 60,000 square foot building to be located at SE 28th and Powell Blvd. in Portland. The center will house operations for nearly all of Catholic Charities’ 15 programs and services.

“Catholic Charities is honored to have our new center named the Clark Family Center,” said Dennis Keenan, executive director of Catholic Charities. “For more than 30 years the Clark family has been synonymous with philanthropy in the state of Oregon. We thank Maybelle Clark Macdonald, Mary Clark, and Mike and Tracey Clark for their contribution to this important project, and we thank the many other generous donors who have made this building a reality.”

In addition to the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, the Clark Family Foundation and Mike and Tracey Clark, all of whom pledged a combined total of \$2.65 million, other major donors pivotal to the success of the campaign included the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (\$750,000), MJ Murdock Charitable Trust (\$750,000), Meyer Memorial Trust (\$600,000), and Pacific Seafood (\$300,000). The tipping point for the campaign was \$2.24 million in New Market Tax Credits secured prior to an April 1, 2009 deadline for achieving a proportionate percentage of donations and pledges. This includes a New Market Tax Credit allocation provided by Community Funding Group in Seattle, New Market Tax Credit investments by U.S. Bank Community Development Corporation, and construction financing provided by U.S. Bank Commercial Lending.

"Clark Family Center will afford Catholic Charities a comparative annual cost savings of more than \$215,000 on lease payments, energy consumption and maintenance alone," said Keenan. "And given that virtually all Catholic Charities services will be under one roof, our clients will have their needs met more comprehensively and efficiently."

"Providing Help, Creating Hope" was spearheaded by Kim Randles, campaign director, and Anne Holloway, assistant campaign director, who have a combined 20 years of fundraising experience.

About Catholic Charities

Since 1933, Catholic Charities in Oregon has been bringing hope, resources and advocacy to the poorest and most vulnerable throughout the state, regardless of faith, race or condition in life. The organization serves as the professional social service arm of the Archdiocese of Portland, yet is funded completely through grants and donations. Headquartered in Portland at 231 SE 12th Avenue, the organization will move into its new Clark Family Center upon completion in Spring 2010. For more information call (503) 231-4866, or go to www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

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