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Community Foundation of Jackson Hole Meets Highest Philanthropic Standards
Recognized in Top Tier Nationally for Quality and Accountability

JACKSON, WY,—December 19, 2008— The Community Foundation recently received notification that it has met nation’s highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability -- the Council on Foundations’ National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. “The National Standards seal by our name indicates that the Foundation has demonstrated its dedication to serving the community responsibly and offering a premier level of service to donors and nonprofits,” said Katharine Conover, President of the Community Foundation.

The Council on Foundations, a national professional association based in Washington D.C., developed the National Standards program in 2000 to provide quality assurance to donors and their professional advisors. In addition to helping donors, the certification also affirms that the Community Foundation’s grantmaking practices include an open, competitive process designed to meet the changing needs of our community. Organizations found in compliance with the program have demonstrated that their policies and procedures for donor service, investments, grantmaking and administration meet forty-three separate standards.

“Donors trust that we manage their dollars wisely, honor their wishes and work towards a stronger community,” said Conover. “In order to qualify for the Council’s program, we underwent a rigorous year-long application process and peer review, during which we documented specific evidence of achieving and furthering those goals. This confirmation is the Good Housekeeping Seal for community foundations.”

The National Standards program is designed to be both a guide for internal organizational development as well as a tangible set of benchmarks for external assessment. The Foundation will use the standards as a resource for delivering excellent service and maintaining legal, ethical and effective operating practices. Local philanthropists can rest assured that their foundation has been officially approved by the only program in the United States created to specifically recognize community foundations for the quality and transparency of their work.

About The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

For 20 years, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has worked with donors and nonprofits to enrich all aspects of our community, granting over \$100 million. The Foundation enables donors to establish personal philanthropic funds including donor advised, endowment, field of interest and legacy funds to facilitate their giving. Annually, the Foundation organizes Old Bill’s Fun Run for Charities, which has raised over \$60.5 million for local nonprofits in the past twelve years.

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