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YES Welcomes Three New Board Members

Victoria Fanning, Mimi Ramsey & Scott Hammons bring passion for helping youth

BELLEVUE, Wash. (March. 22, 2011)—Youth Eastside Services (YES) welcomed three new members to its Board of Trustees. Victoria Fanning of Kirkland has joined as a community volunteer, along with Sammamish resident Mimi Ramsey, an advisor at Wells Fargo Private Bank, and Scott Hammons owner of Elite Sports & Spine in Bellevue.

Victoria Fanning--As the mother of two teenage boys, Fanning brings excellent community connections and an understanding for the struggles youth and families can face. First introduced to YES by another board member, Fanning decided to join the board so she could find ways to help youth and families who need the services YES provides. She has joined the committee that helps plan YES' annual fundraiser, the Invest in Youth Breakfast, which is coming up April 26 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. "I bring a perspective on parenting in today's environment and a true enthusiasm for the cause," said Fanning.

Mimi Ramsey--Mimi Ramsey is an advisor with Wells Fargo Private Bank. She became familiar with YES through a number of co-workers who supported the organization but she chose to get involved because of the unique services that YES provides to youth and families. "I feel strongly about the mission of YES and I want to help expand awareness that YES serves the needs of families from all walks of life," said Ramsey. She will be serving on the YES Finance Committee.

Scott Hammons--As owner of a business in Bellevue and a resident of the Eastside, Scott Hammons has always been supportive of community organizations. But he recently decided he wanted to be more directly involved and chose YES. "Being a parent and working with youth in my practice, I understand the needs that kids and families have for the services of YES," said Hammons. Hammons will be serving on the Fund Development Committee helping to raise awareness of YES in the community and raise support for uncompensated care and underfunded prevention programs.

"Our new additions brings our board to 27 business and community members and we are pleased to have their input and support as we plan for meeting the needs of our community in these challenging economic times," said YES Executive Director Patti Skelton-McGougan.

YES is a nonprofit organization and a leading provider of youth counseling and substance abuse services in the region. Since 1968, YES has been a lifeline for kids and families, offering treatment, education and prevention services in facilities in Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland and over 40 school and community sites. While YES accepts Medicaid, insurance and offers a sliding scale, no one is turned away for inability to pay. For more information, visit www.YouthEastsideServices.org.

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Photos attached: Left: Victoria Fanning; Middle: Mimi Ramsey; Right: Scott Hammons