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Media Advisory

End-of-Summer Blast to Benefit Community Foundation

WESTPORT – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts invites area residents to leave their black ties at home and join them for an end-of-summer evening of fine food and dancing to benefit their efforts to improve the quality of life in our region.

The gala event, known as ***Summer's Last Blast II***, is back by popular demand on Friday, Sept. 8, at the scenic River Road residence of Richard and Betty Fitton, overlooking the Westport River.

The fundraiser will celebrate the Foundation's 11 years of service to the community *and* the end of summer with a gourmet dinner prepared by Nancy & Jo Anne's Catering; top shelf beverages provided by Cardoza's Wine & Spirits; and dancing. Live music will be provided by *First Take*, a Boston area sextet that plays classic favorites from Calypso to Jimmy Buffett.

Honorary Chairs for the gala event are Paul & Donna Downey, Richard & Betty Fitton, Gilbert & Frima Shapiro, Mary Tomlinson and Sumner James & Liz Waring.

“Summer's Last Blast II promises to be a fun and festive celebration – fine food, great company, and good music, all overlooking the gorgeous Westport River,” said Dr. Richard Fitton, host and honorary chair. “We invite our friends to join us as we celebrate the Foundation's many contributions to Southeastern Massachusetts over the past 11 years.”

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The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and a clam and oyster raw bar donated by Seth and Dorothy Garfield of Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, Inc., featuring

Cuttyhunk Oysters® and Cuttyhunk clams. Dinner, including grilled lobster donated by Grant and Debra Moore, and dancing will follow at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$125 each. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the Community Foundation at (508) 996-8253.

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