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Media Advisory

### **End-of-Summer Blast to Benefit Community Foundation**

NONQUITT, South Dartmouth – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts invites area residents to leave their black ties at home and join them for the third annual ***Summer's Last Blast***, an end-of-summer evening of fine food and dancing to benefit their efforts to improve the quality of life in our region. This successful charitable fundraiser is expected to draw over 450 SouthCoast residents.

The gala event, known as ***Summer's Last Blast III***, is back by popular demand on Friday, Sept. 7, in a new location – the Bullard Family Estate on the waterfront in Nonquitt, South Dartmouth. The fundraiser will celebrate the Foundation's 12 years of service to the community *and* the end of summer with a gourmet dinner prepared by Fine Catering by Russell Morin; 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 Michael & Margie Baldwin, John & Laurie Bullard, Paul & Donna Downey, Richard & Betty Fitton, Gilbert & Frima Shapiro, and Sumner James & Liz Waring.

***“Summer's Last Blast III promises*** to once again be a fun and festive celebration – fine food, great company, and good music, all overlooking the water in South Dartmouth,” said Craig Dutra, President of the Community Foundation. “We invite our friends to join us as we celebrate the Foundation's many contributions to Southeastern Massachusetts over the past 12 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 from Fine Catering by Russell Morin and dancing to First Take will follow at 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$150 each. For information call the Community Foundation at (508) 996-8253.

***About the Community Foundation***

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

To date, the Community Foundation has assets of more than \$18 million and has distributed over \$5 million from 108 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. More information about the Foundation can be found at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org).

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