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Media Advisory

End-of-Summer Blast to Benefit Community Foundation

RIVER ROCK FARM, Westport – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts invites area residents to leave their black ties at home and join them for the fifth 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 nearly 400 SouthCoast residents.

The gala event, known as ***Summer's Last Blast V***, is back by popular demand on **Friday, Sept. 11**, in a new location – River Rock Farm, the Westport home of the Alvord and Schmid Families. The fundraiser will celebrate the Foundation's 14 years of service to the community *and* the end of summer with a gourmet dinner prepared by Christian's Catering of Lafrance Hospitality; top shelf beverages provided by Cardoza's Wine & Spirits; and dancing to the classic rock and blues of the SouthCoast's own Blu Lobsta band. Live jazz music will also be provided from 6 to 7:30 p.m. by the Kobenpack Trio, a group of Old Rochester Regional High School students.

Honorary Chairs for the gala event are Joel & Lisa Alvord, Margie & Michael Baldwin, Bill & Mary Jean Blasdale, Paul & Donna Downey, Richard & Betty Fitton, Paul & Tina Schmid, Gilbert & Frima Shapiro, and Sumner James & Liz Waring.

“Summer's Last Blast V is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and promises to once again be a fun and festive celebration – fine food, great company, and good music, all overlooking east branch of the Westport River,” said Craig J. 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 14 years.”

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The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and a clam and oyster raw bar provided by Seth and Dorothy Garfield of Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, Inc., featuring ***Cuttyhunk Oysters®*** and Cuttyhunk clams. Dinner from Christian's Catering will follow, with dancing to Blu Lobsta until 11 p.m. Individual tickets are \$150 each. For information call the Community Foundation at (508) 996-8253, ext. 203, or contact nharding@cfsema.org.

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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 distributed over \$7 million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. More information about the Foundation can be found at www.cfsema.org.

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