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## Media Advisory

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

DARTMOUTH – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts invites area residents to leave their black ties and high heels at home and join them for the seventh 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 is back by popular demand on **Friday, Sept. 9**, in a new location – Round Hill in South Dartmouth. The fundraiser will celebrate the Foundation's 16 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 CV Liquors, Fine Wine & Spirits; and dancing to the Blues/R&B sound of Diane Blue.

Honorary Chairs for the gala event are Joel & Lisa Alvord, Bill & Mary Jean Blasdale, Paul & Donna Downey, Rev. Robert Lawrence & Elizabeth Duffy, Barbara Mulville, Paul & Tina Schmid, Gilbert & Timmy Shapiro, and Liz Waring.

***Summer's Last Blast*** 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 in a beautiful waterfront setting," 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 16 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 Diane Blue and her band 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](mailto:nharding@cfsema.org).

#### **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.

Over the past six years, the Community Foundation has distributed nearly \$10 million from 144 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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