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**ALFOND YOUTH CENTER COMPLETES 2010 ANNUAL APPEAL, RECEIVES \$120,000  
IN MATCHING AND BONUS PAYMENTS FROM HAROLD ALFOND FOUNDATION**

Portland, Maine, September 24, 2010 – The Harold Alfond Foundation has awarded \$120,000 to the Alfond Youth Center for successfully completing its annual fundraising appeal. The Foundation is matching every dollar raised by the Center from the community up to \$100,000. Because the Center raised the full amount in cash by September 1<sup>st</sup>, it qualified for an additional \$20,000 bonus. The Center will use the proceeds to enable underprivileged children to attend its after-school program, summer camp, and enrichment programs.

“In May, we challenged the Alfond Youth Center to raise \$100,000 by the end of the summer,” said Greg Powell, Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “And despite the difficult economic times, the Center met our challenge and exceeded the fundraising goal. The success of this fundraising campaign is a credit not only to the Alfond Youth Center board and staff who have worked tirelessly, but also to the Greater Waterville community whose support of the Alfond Youth Center has been unwavering and whose generosity ensures that the Center’s important work for the benefit of area youth will continue.”

The Foundation’s \$120,000 award to the Alfond Youth Center follows other 2010 commitments made to Waterville area charities and institutions, including the Waterville Opera House, Colby College, and Educare Central Maine.

**About the Harold Alfond Foundation**

Founded in 1950, the Harold Alfond Foundation furthers the philanthropic legacy of Harold Alfond, the founder of Dexter Shoe Company and a longtime supporter of Maine communities in which he and his family worked and resided. Harold Alfond awarded matching challenge grants to organizations to build community partnerships and to inspire and leverage additional giving

by others. He ensured that his philanthropy would live on by committing nearly all of his wealth to the Foundation, which continues to support charitable causes in the State of Maine.

Consistent with Harold Alfond's own giving pattern and philanthropic principles, the Foundation favors education, healthcare, youth development, and other selected charitable causes. The Foundation applies Harold Alfond's business approach to funding decisions, his belief in teamwork, and his love of competition by continuing to award matching challenge grants to projects that meet a demonstrable need, are entrepreneurial, promote teamwork, have measurable performance outcomes, are financially viable, and have quality management and board leadership.

Major grants have been made to:

- Build athletic facilities for public and private colleges and universities and private secondary schools in the State of Maine, including:
  - Alfond Ice Arena, Alfond Outdoor Track, Harold Alfond Athletic Center, and Harold Alfond Stadium at Colby College
  - Alfond Hockey Arena, Shawn Walsh Hockey Center, and Harold Alfond Sports Stadium at the University of Maine
  - Harold Alfond Student Recreation Center at St. Joseph's College
  - Harold Alfond Diamond at the Winkin Sports Complex at Husson College
  - Alfond Athletic Center at Thomas College
  - Alfond Athletic Center and Alfond Athletic Fields at Kents Hill School
- Establish the Harold Alfond College Challenge, a first-in-the-nation program which offers college scholarship grants of \$500 to every Maine baby under one year of age;
- Build the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, which consolidated MaineGeneral Medical Center's comprehensive cancer care programs in Central Maine into a single 59,000-square-foot facility, equipped with the latest technology, and designed to offer multi-specialty treatment and care coordination;
- Build and endow the Alfond Youth Center, the nation's only combined Boys & Girls Club and YMCA;
- Construct the University of New England's Center for Health Sciences, which houses Maine's only state-based medical school; and,
- Create a Children's Garden at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

#### **About the Alfond Youth Center**

Located in Waterville, Maine, the Alfond Youth Center is the nation's only combined Boys & Girls Club/YMCA. Its mission is to inspire and enable all young people and their families, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.