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**LOCAL GROUP OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOST NEXT GENERATION
CHARITY EVENT**

All Proceeds of Fourth Annual Charity Ball To Benefit Friends of the Children

Portland, OR November 26, 2007 – Passionate about giving back to the Pacific Northwest, a group of young women—now under the name Levé—will host the Fourth Annual Charity Ball. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit Friends of the Children - Portland, a nonprofit that provides Portland’s most at-risk children with intensive and long-term mentors.

Centered on the principal of bringing people together in support of a local nonprofit, Levé’s unique annual event strives to bring the joy of charitable giving to participants of all ages and all parts of the community.

“We hope to create an unpretentious event at which everyone feels welcome and enjoys themselves,” said Nina Handleman, executive director of Levé. “Although what we’re doing is simple, we want it to be a seed planting action that grows within our organization and among our peers.”

Now in its fourth year, Levé can boast raising over \$23,000 for its most recent nonprofit. Each year, the organization chooses a different organization to spotlight based on its level of need and its impact in the community. Past beneficiaries include Pear, MercyCorps and the YWCA Yolanda House. This year, Levé is excited to help Friends of the Children as many of its members have been involved with this exemplary program since high school.

“Friends of the Children is honored to be the benefiting organization of the Charity Ball. This celebration is a testament to the heart of Portland's next generation,” said Terry Sorensen, executive director of Friends of the Children - Portland. “It is never too early to begin to make a positive and permanent difference in the lives of our community and its children.”

The Charity Ball will showcase live music by Toque Libre followed by DJ’s Gemo and Mr. Strack as well as hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction featuring local artists and businesses, and dancing. The event is on December 7, 2007 at the Wonder Ballroom – 128 NE Russell Street. Doors open at 7:00 pm and tickets are \$30 at the door or on Ticketmaster

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0F003F5AC8F79649?artistid=1171551&majorcatid=10005&minorcatid=0>).

About Levé

Lifting the Pacific Northwest

Levé is a group of young professionals on its way to becoming a recognized nonprofit that connects friends and family in an annual celebration supporting Pacific Northwest nonprofits. Its purpose is to give back to the community and to demonstrate to other young professionals that they too can make a contribution. Formally known as CharityBallPDX, Levé made its debut in 2004. For more information, visit <http://www.leve-nw.org>.

About Friends of the Children

Friends of the Children – Portland is a non-profit organization that provides Portland's most at-risk children with intensive and long-term mentors. We take a preventive, early intervention approach that breaks the cycle of poverty and abuse by helping children in need overcome the many obstacles in their lives. For more information, visit <http://www.friendsofthechildren.org/portland>.

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