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**YOUNG PORTLANDERS ENGAGE NEXT GENERATION OF PHILANTHROPISTS
IN ANNUAL EVENT**

All Proceeds of Fifth Annual Charity Ball To Benefit Schoolhouse Supplies

Portland, OR November 10, 2008 – Levé, a nonprofit founded by a group of girlfriends in Portland, will host their fifth annual Charity Ball on December 5. All proceeds will benefit Schoolhouse Supplies, which operates Oregon’s only volunteer-run Free Store to provide teachers with classroom supplies.

In addition to providing unrestricted funds to Schoolhouse Supplies, Levé’s signature event seeks to provide the organization with more long-term support by exposing a younger demographic to the non-profit, and their mission.

“Nonprofits of all types are looking for ways to attract a new donor base, especially the hard to reach under 35-year-old audience. Because of the nature of our organization and our event, we are easily able to reach that audience and communicate to them all the wonderful things Schoolhouse Supplies is doing for our community,” said Courtney Francis, president of Levé, “Although what we’re doing is simple, we want to plant the seed of activism among our event attendees and peers.”

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, Levé can boast raising more than \$30,000 last year for Friends of the Children – Portland and more than \$70,000 since its inception. That money allowed Friends to add four new at-risk Kindergarten students to the program. Each year, the organization selects a different nonprofit to spotlight based on its level of need and its direct impact in the community. Past beneficiaries include p:ear, MercyCorps, the YWCA Yolanda House as well as Friends of the Children – Portland.

“Schoolhouse Supplies is honored and excited to partner with Levé for the 2008 Charity Ball. This event comes at a critical time for us as we aim to raise awareness and build support among a younger demographic of Portlanders,” said Gayle Kellman, executive director of Schoolhouse Supplies. “The Levé partnership extends our reach to those 35 and under, who may not consider themselves philanthropists, but as we learned in the

recent presidential election, their involvement is key to successfully engaging the broader community in achieving social change.”

The Charity Ball will showcase live music & dancing by Toque Libre followed by DJ Tyler Tastemaker as well as hors d’oeuvres, and a silent auction featuring local artists and businesses. The event is on December 5, 2008 at Holocene – 1001 SE Morrison. Doors open at 7:00 pm and tickets are \$30 at the door or in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com.

About Levé

Lifting the Pacific Northwest

Levé is a nonprofit founded by a group of girlfriends in Portland, Oregon that hosts an annual fundraising event in support of local non-profits. It exists to provide immediate and sustainable support for local organizations—building their capacity to act on their missions to serve the Pacific Northwest community. To date, Levé has raised more than \$70,000 for local nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.leve-nw.org.

About Schoolhouse Supplies

Schoolhouse Supplies is an award-winning nonprofit that supports public education by giving students and teachers free classroom supplies. The mission, “to serve classrooms in need by operating a volunteer-run Free Store for Teachers, which is stocked with supplies donated by the community,” is based on the belief that every child deserves school supplies and has the right to a quality education. Founded by Portland Public Schools parent Katie Gold, Schoolhouse Supplies has grown from serving 11 to serving all 130 Portland Public Schools. In this time the nonprofit has distributed an estimated retail value of more than \$10.5 million dollars in school supplies.

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