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**Fort Vancouver National Trust hires Alishia Topper as Director of Development and Brenna Beck as Tourism and Events Manager; Trust names Kim Hash as Director of Programs**

(November 30, 2009--Vancouver, WA) **Alishia Topper** has joined the Fort Vancouver National Trust as its new Director of Development, with responsibility for the Trust's annual fund programs, capital campaigns, and other community outreach initiatives.

Since March 2007, Topper has been Director of Development at Columbia Springs. Prior to that, she served as the Director of Donor Relations and Special Events for the Portland State University athletics department. She has also served as director of Share's family shelters and transitional housing programs.

Topper holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages and Cultures from Washington State University. She earned her Master of Public Administration with a certificate in Nonprofit Management at Portland State University. Topper was also a 2000 NCAA Division 1 National All-American in the 800 meter and competed in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials.

**Kim Hash** has assumed expanded responsibilities as Director of Programs at the Fort Vancouver National Trust. Over the past ten years, Hash has managed the growth of the Trust's primary programs, as well as the development of new events and event sponsorships.

In her newly focused position, Hash will continue to produce all Celebrate Freedom programs including Flag Day, the Veterans Parade, two Marshall Leadership Awards, and the Marshall Lecture. Hash will also have primary responsibility for the re-launch of the Trust's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, *Independence Day at Fort Vancouver*. She will continue oversight of the Pearson Air Museum's *Dancing with the Local Stars* fundraiser and event sponsorships.

**Brenna Beck** has joined the Trust as Tourism and Events Manager. Beck will focus on increasing group tour visitation to the Fort Vancouver National Site as well as managing the Trust's event rentals.

Previously, Beck worked for the City of Vancouver, first assisting the Out-of-School Time Coalition and then with the city's program and events coordinator.

Her volunteer experience includes Seattle Children's Hospital and the YMCA in Seattle and teaching at a youth center in Ethiopia. She has studied ecotourism and sustainable development in Costa Rica. A Vancouver native, Beck holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health from the University of Washington.



*Alishia Topper*



*Kim Hash*



*Brenna Beck*