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### **For immediate release**

#### **Lindsey Elhart of Hudson's Bay High School Awarded 2010 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99**

(VANCOUVER, Washington March 3, 2010) – Lindsey Elhart, a senior at Hudson's Bay High School, has been named the recipient of the 2010 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99. The announcement was made by the Fort Vancouver National Trust and the Marshall Youth Leadership Award selection committee. She will be recognized at a public award ceremony on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at the Marshall House on Officers Row.

Lindsey will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship, \$500 paid summer internship in the Fort Vancouver National Trust Celebrate Freedom office, a biography of General George C. Marshall, the opportunity to meet with local elected representatives and the opportunity to participate in Celebrate Freedom events including the Flag Day Ceremony, Independence Day at Fort Vancouver and the Veterans Parade.

Janet Elliott, a Hudson's Bay High School teacher who nominated Lindsey for this award, said, "Lindsey is a natural leader and serves as a role model for those around her. Her smile is infectious, her dedication to her leadership projects is unsurpassed and her integrity is undeniable."

"The young people nominated for this award had compelling stories to tell about their exceptional leadership and service," said Tom Hagley, Jr., co-chair of the selection committee. "They earned our respect and gratitude for their many contributions at school and in the community."

The 43 nominees are: *Battle Ground High School*: Alisha D. Miller; *Camas High School*: Hannah E. Jones; Kathryn J. Christopher, Samuel J. Kent, Lisa M. Nicholson, Connor M. Sullivan; *Columbia River High School*: Riley P. Gaffney, Alan (Thomas A.) Grove, Melissa J. Brown, Katherine (Katy) A. Williams; *Evergreen High School*: Neomia R. Lawrence, Lindsey M. Rogers, Kathryn L. Simovic, Quwontae Jordon Wallace; *Heritage High School*: McKenna J. Hoecherl; *Hockinson High School*: Ryan Belisle, Mariah A. Blackwell, Matthew P. Kirschenbaum; *Hudson's Bay High School*: Lindsey J. Elhart, Billy (William Scott III) Henry, Cameron H. McCallum; *La Center High School*: Jessica C. Murray; *La Salle Catholic College Prep*: Lindsey Leann Allais; *Mountain View High School*: Sean C. Fraser, Rona Ding, Bradley W. Lan, Sara K. Rauch, Kyra L. Smith, Jing Xue; *Prairie High School*: Christine Sonners; *Ridgefield High School*: Molly A. Boyle, Hannah L. Grenz, Holly S. Vogel, Bruce B. Walker; *Skyview High School*: Sarah Abebe, Jessica A. Williams; *Union High School*: Kala J. Kirnak, Elodie L. Nierenberg, Elizabeth Reeves; *Vancouver School of Arts and Academics*: Michelle J. Taylor; *Washougal High School*: Jessandra M. Dinius, Patrick M. McCarthy, Cynthia E. Mace.

**About the Marshall Youth Leadership Award:** Established in 2000, the General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award is presented to a Clark County high school age student who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others to become involved. This award is one of the Celebrate Freedom programs organized by the Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Past award recipients are Emma Sagor, Camas High School (2009); Renata Fusso, Skyview High School (2008); Jane Lee, Mountain View High School (2007); Kate Castenson, Mountain View High School (2006); Rosalyn Hart, Washougal High School (2005); Anya Pavlovic, Columbia River High School (2004); Dane Anderson, Prairie High School (2003); Kandi Bauman-Garvey, Hudson's Bay High School (2002); MaReesa Davenport, Heritage High School (2001).

The Marshall Youth Leadership Award, the only program of its kind in the country, honors the legacy of General George C. Marshall. General Marshall was U.S. Army Chief of Staff during World War II, Secretary of State under President Truman and the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. From 1936 to 1938, he lived at the Marshall House on Officers Row and served as commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade covering Oregon and Washington, including supervising twenty-seven Civilian Conservation Corp camps.

The Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom program is a series of festive and educational events that inspire all generations to strengthen the community values of leadership, public service, patriotism, lifelong learning and vision. The programs were established in 1989 to foster a better understanding of Vancouver's rich heritage.

**About the 40 et 8:** The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, including programs promoting child welfare and nurses' training.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8," denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.