



Paul Mackay Named 2007 Cornerstone Humanitarian of the Year Washington Restaurant Association



(Paul Mackay, center, at the 2006 auction and dinner "A Promise for Tomorrow" hosted by El Gaucho® Seattle to benefit the Women and Children of Seattle's Union Gospel Mission)

Seattle, WA – Paul Mackay and his six restaurants have adopted a "never say never" philosophy when it comes to giving back to the community. Mackay Restaurants' in-kind contributions of \$75 gift certificates generate \$1.5 million in revenue for local schools and organizations annually. But the company's charitable contributions go far beyond donations of gift certificates. One day each year, Mackay closes El Gaucho Seattle for a fundraising auction and dinner to benefit a local charity. Mackay donates everything related to the event, including the location, food, beverages and the services of his staff. He donates gift certificates for dining and accommodations, as well as private-dining events, to auction or raffle off at the event. This year's beneficiary is Seattle's Union Gospel Mission. Past beneficiaries have included the Bailey-Boushay House, a nationally recognized facility offering residential care and day health programs for people with AIDS.