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Argosy Named as Top Corporate Philanthropist by Puget Sound Business Journal

Seattle, Wash. — (May 7, 2009) —The *Puget Sound Business Journal* honored Argosy Cruises as the second most giving company in Washington State.

The winners were announced on May 7th at the publication's Corporate Citizenship Awards luncheon, spotlighting Northwest-based companies for their ongoing support of philanthropic causes and organizations. Among the hundreds of companies competing for consideration in this year's awards, Argosy was one of only 25 to receive recognition in the Small Business category, and ranked number two in terms of giving, averaging an amazing \$6000 per employee.

"Businesses can be - and increasingly are - an enormous force for improving our community, far above and beyond the effects of the economic opportunity they create. The Puget Sound region is a world leader in this regard, and the time has come to fully measure, recognize and celebrate the role of business in creating this healthy community," said Emory Thomas, editor of the *Business Journal*. "At this time of economic challenge, this celebration, and the messages it conveys, has never been more urgently important."

As family-owned Argosy Cruises has always maintained a philosophy of giving back to the community, Argosy owners Kevin and Cary Clark are particularly honored to receive this award. "We've always been committed to the idea of helping our local community," says Cary Clark. "We're fortunate to have had the success to afford us with many opportunities to give back, and we're extremely proud of that. In addition our clients should feel good about working with us – knowing that a portion of what they spend is redirected to our corporate giving initiative."

In all, Argosy Cruises was able to give more than \$361,233 in 2008 to organizations and nonprofits, through both corporate foundation giving and in-kind donations.

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