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Asuris donates \$20,000 to Pumpkin Ball

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

(Spokane) – Asuris Northwest Health presented a check for \$20,000 to support this year's annual Pumpkin Ball on Thursday. The ball will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, and all proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

The Pumpkin Ball is a black-tie evening gala that features a pumpkin carving contest between teams made up of area physicians and business leaders. The ball brings together members of the medical, business and civic communities from Spokane and the surrounding area to raise money for the children in our communities. The evening also features a dinner and wine auction.

Brady Cass, Director of Eastern Washington for Asuris, presented the check to Amy Swanson, Executive Director of the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, and Karen Kelly, Executive Director of Sacred Heart Children's Foundation.

"We're thrilled to be supporting this magical event and helping local organizations like Sacred Heart and the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery make the Spokane community a healthier place for our children," Cass said.

This is the third year Asuris has supported The Pumpkin Ball.

About Asuris Northwest Health

Based in Spokane, Asuris Northwest Health offers a full range of health care coverage options, including dental and vision coverage, for Eastern Washington employers and individuals. Asuris also offers Medicare supplemental plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, and provides member access to more than 19,000 health care providers. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.asuris.com. Asuris Northwest Health, a not-for-profit health plan, is a subsidiary of Regence BlueShield, a leading health plan in Washington.

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