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**Museum of Glass Hosts Second Annual Breakfast at the Cone Fundraiser**

Tacoma, Wash. — Over 300 professionals from more than 75 South Sound businesses gathered at Museum of Glass for *Breakfast at the Cone: The Art of Business* on Friday, June 8, 2018. The theme for this year's event was "Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow." The Museum welcomed Bill Robertson, President and CEO of MultiCare Health System, as the event's Honorary Chair and local entrepreneur Troy Alstead, as the Keynote Speaker.

Alstead took a major step in 2016, when he left Starbucks, and his role as their Chief Operating Officer to pursue his entrepreneurial dream. He shared with the group the inspirations and major influences that helped him evolve and bring this dream to life as the CEO and Founder of Ocean5 and Table 47, an innovative entertainment and dining venue in Gig Harbor. Alstead's remarks captivated the crowd and helped the Museum raise more than \$70,000 in support of arts programming for youth.

In addition to Robertson and Alstead, Gail Weyerhaeuser, Chair of the Board of Trustees at Museum of Glass, talked about the connection between the arts and entrepreneurial success, and shared some very compelling statistics about the impact of creative experiences on a young mind. The highlight of the morning was a video which brought one teen's experience with glass to life.

"The Museum of Glass is proud to be a part of Tacoma's arts and culture community, in addition to our global role in the glass world," said Debbie Lenk, Executive Director of Museum of Glass. "This year's *Breakfast at the Cone* theme, *Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow*, is so relevant for our organization because of the opportunities we offer for artistic expression. Children are the future, and providing them the chance to explore and find their creative voice will only make us all stronger. Who knows, the next big, innovative entrepreneur may be attending one of our Science of Art™ classes right now!"

**About Museum of Glass:**

Located in Tacoma, Washington, Museum of Glass is a premier contemporary art museum dedicated to glass and glass making in the west coast's largest and most active museum glass studio. Opened in 2002, the Museum has established a reputation for hosting impactful and engaging artist residencies, organizing nationally traveling exhibitions, and creating unique programs for visitors while building a growing permanent collection chronicling the contemporary glass art movement. Museum of Glass is a non-profit organization sponsored in part by The Klorfine Foundation, The Robert Minkoff Foundation, City of Tacoma Arts Commission, ArtsFund, The Dimmer Family Foundation, BNSF Railway, and Anonymous donors.



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