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**Cornerstone Advisors Celebrates 25 Years in Business
Milestone Reflects Firm's Pioneering Approach to Financial Stewardship**

BELLEVUE, Wash. - Cornerstone Advisors Inc., a wealth and life building firm with \$1.8 billion in assets under management, was founded in 1984 with the sole purpose of equipping wealthy individuals, families, foundations and endowments to make sound financial decisions and achieve the long-term financial results they desire.

“Celebrating our 25th Anniversary feels terrific. It is a great opportunity to pause and thank those who have helped us to build our company,” said Robert F. Trenner, CEO of Cornerstone Advisors.

“We are grateful not only to our clients who have entrusted their finances to us,” continued Trenner, “but also to the professional community of lawyers, accountants, and bankers who have consistently referred their clients to us. Finally, we are indebted to our highly-skilled employees who have treated each and every client as valued member of the Cornerstone family.”

Over the past 25 years, Cornerstone has continued to lead and innovate in the areas of portfolio design and management, philanthropy and in preparing the children of wealthy families to receive and use wealth wisely.

Cornerstone builds investment portfolios utilizing up to thirteen different asset classes, ranging in sophistication from short-term cash management through to income-producing real estate and private equity investments.

“Each client portfolio is designed and built to address their specific needs and concerns,” said Ken Hart, Chief Client Relationship Officer. “In addition, Cornerstone offers highly specialized investment strategies to help clients take advantage of unique opportunities and protect their wealth during periods of highly volatile capital markets.”

Cornerstone was also one of the first firms in the Pacific Northwest to be founded on the principle of conflict-free advice. This approach was ahead of its time and was later ratified by a study conducted by the Stanford Research Institute.

”This study concluded that wealthy investors wanted a trusted financial advisor whose judgment was free from any and all economic conflicts of interest, no matter how subtle,” said Trenner.

Subtle economic conflicts may include the recommendation of an investment that inures profits to the advisor or receiving compensation for referring a customer to a particular service provider.

“For 25 years, Cornerstone has avoided all of these practices and remains faithful to its original founding principal of being a “trusted advisor,” continued Trenner.

In recognition of their 25 years in business and in support of our community, each Cornerstone employee has been given an additional 25 hours of paid time off to serve a local charity of their choice.

Founded in 1984, Cornerstone Advisors may be retained by wealthy individuals, families, and organizations to provide Portfolio Management and Family Office Services. Additionally, Cornerstone may be engaged on an hourly basis to address specific financial questions. The privately-held firm is headquartered in Bellevue, Wash. and has 42 employees. More information on the firm can be viewed online at www.buildbeyond.com

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