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MEDIA RELEASE

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**GLASSYBABY ROADSHOW TO VISIT TRI-CITIES
A BENEFIT FOR THE
TRI-CITIES CANCER CENTER FOUNDATION**

Kennewick, WA – The Tri-Cities Cancer Center, a leader in radiation oncology in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon, is proud to announce the Glassybaby Road Show will visit Kennewick, Washington on January 24, 2012. A percentage of the event sales will benefit the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation.

Lee Rhodes, lung cancer survivor and owner of glassybaby, will speak at the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Conference at TRAC on January 24, 2012. During the conference, glassybabies will be available for sale from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM with 10% of the sales benefiting the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation.

Registration for the conference continues through Friday, January 20th at the Tri-City Regional Chamber Office. The sale of glassybabies is open to everyone in the community, even those who are unable to attend the conference.

A glassybaby is physically a small, hand-blown colored glass cup, candleholder, or vase. However when used as a votive, the light of a candle coming through a glassybaby generates more: it gives warmth to a cold day, a calm token of peace in the busy world.

When the first glassybaby was created in 1998, Lee Rhodes, glassybaby creator and founder, was raising her three small children and fighting what would become a 7-year battle with a rare form of lung cancer. She had endured surgery, countless rounds of chemotherapy, and was searching for a few moments of serenity to escape the fear that encompassed her



life. Inspired by the beauty of these elegant vessels, Lee filled them with tea lights and scattered them throughout her home. She found great hope and healing in their color, light and love.

It takes four glassblowers from her team of 80 to create just one unique, handmade glassybaby. Her company now employs 58 glassblowers and 23 admin staff. They are on the verge of producing over 580 glassybaby per day.

To learn more about this hand-blown glassware, watch this short YouTube video. (The link is unlisted, only those with the link can view it.)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R1ZbkpCY1s&feature=player_embedded

“We are touched by and grateful for the generosity of Lee Rhodes and her philanthropic support of cancer care facilities like ours,” states Tom Cothran, Executive Director at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center. The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is able to offer programs and services in thanks to generous contributions from organizations like Glassybaby and others. Donations to the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation stay local and are used to provide valuable non-reimbursed cancer programs and services for patients, their families, and the community.

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