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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORTS LAUDHOLM TRUST THROUGH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteer Efforts Lead to \$750 Contribution for the Trust

PORTLAND, Maine (November 16, 2010) The Laudholm Trust in Wells recently received a \$750 contribution from FairPoint Communications on behalf of employee Leslie Roberts's volunteer work for the organization. Roberts, who lives in Kennebunk, is senior manager of internal communications at FairPoint and has been on the board of trustees of the Laudholm Trust since 2008. She is chair of the Trust's nominating committee and also serves on the public relations/marketing committee and strategic planning committees.

"Leslie is a dedicated member of the Laudholm Trust board and we appreciate her hard work. It's wonderful that FairPoint encourages their employees to share their time and talent with local nonprofits," said Diana Joyner, the president of Laudholm Trust. "We appreciate the support through the incentive program which will help boost our efforts to make the Wells Reserve at Laudholm a must-see destination and an indispensable resource for our communities."

Roberts secured the donation through the FairPoint Communications Volunteer Incentive Program that recognizes employees' voluntary contribution of time and talent to nonprofit organizations where they live and work. Under the program, FairPoint employees can apply for a grant for the qualified organization when they have volunteered at least 50 hours during the year. FairPoint rewards them with a \$750 check for the designated organization.

Laudholm Trust is the member-supported, nonprofit fundraising partner for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. The Wells Reserve protects 2,250 acres of coastal habitat, operates education and research programs, and assists communities with conservation projects from its headquarters at historic Laudholm Farm. The Wells Reserve is open to the public every day, with seven miles of trails and an undeveloped sand beach.

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