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Corporations Kick It for Charity at Qwest Field on 6/13 **Microsoft, Boeing, Starbucks, Expedia play soccer for the Ronald McDonald House Charities**

SEATTLE – Anywhere the game is played in the Puget Sound area you’re sure to spot the rave-green jersey of the Seattle Sounders FC. On Microsoft’s Redmond campus, it’s a similar story where employees purchase their rave-green kit directly from the Microsoft Company Store and utilize the company’s playfields as a part the Microsoft Soccer League. On Saturday, June 13 Microsoft puts forward their league all-star team who will step onto Qwest Field’s Xbox Pitch alongside similarly-assembled, soccer teams from Boeing, Expedia and Starbucks for a day of corporate networking, philanthropy, spirited competition and fun.

The event is open to the public and a suggested \$5 donation will be collected at the gates. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Washington & Alaska, which provides a “home-away-from-home” for seriously ill children and their families.

WHEN: Saturday, June 13, 2009

WHERE: Qwest Field – Xbox Pitch, Seattle, WA

WHAT:

10:30 AM – Gates open for charity matches

11:00 AM – Boeing vs. Microsoft

1:00 PM – Starbucks vs. Expedia

3:30 PM – All charity match attendees and players exit Qwest

6:00 PM – Gates open for Sounders FC vs. San Jose Earthquakes (match ticket required)

History

The Boeing vs. Microsoft pre-Sounders matches started in 1997 and throughout the years have moved along with the USL Sounders to Renton, Seattle’s Memorial Stadium, Starfire Stadium and Qwest Field. In 2008 the Puget Sound Corporate Soccer Challenge formalized to expand the scope of the event to include more

Northwest corporations and make it a philanthropic effort. In 2009, the event continues in coordination with the MLS Seattle Sounders FC.

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