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## KIRKLAND INVESTOR SHARKS FEATURES TOP LOCAL INVESTORS FOR SHARK TANK-STYLE EVENT

All the fun of the TV show, live and local

Kirkland, WA, August 29, 2018– The Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Kirkland Performance Center, is excited to announce that the second annual Kirkland Investor Sharks event taking place on Thursday November 1, 2018 at the Kirkland Performance Center.

Built on the foundation of the Kirkland Chamber's Kirkland Startup Weekend, Kirkland Investor Sharks provides local startup businesses with an opportunity to pitch to a panel of some of the reknown Venture Capitalists and Angel Investors in the Pacific Northwest Region, including leaders in the investment community such as Greg Gottesman, Co-Founder of Madrona Venture Labs; Gregg Bennett, Vice Chair of the Seattle Alliance of Angels; Todd Dean, a leader in the local entrepreneurial investment community, and others; and moderated by Jeff Peterson, VP of Marketing for GoDaddy. The investor panel is looking for tech-based ideas that will bring new contributions to the market.

*“We are thrilled to co-host an event with the Kirkland Performance Center that allows startup companies a chance to connect with some of the most highly regarded investors in the Pacific Northwest, and introduce the wider community to the deep innovation that we have happening in our Region.” – Samantha St. John, Executive Director, Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce*

In keeping with the spirit of fostering the next generation of entrepreneurs, each ticket sold funds a scholarship ticket pool, in which 150 free tickets are provided to local area high school and college students to join the action. Kirkland Investor Sharks is proud to be able to offer this benefit to spark ideas in young minds. Students may reserve a free ticket by registering using the promo code: SHARK! Don't delay – the free student tickets are limited to 150 seats.

The event will take place at the Kirkland Performance Center, with a reception from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The pitches will begin at 7:00pm. General Admission tickets are only \$35 and include a reception featuring tables with information from our sponsors and access to the live show. The VIP package contains a private reception with appetizers and wine, exclusive opportunities to speak with the investors, and a personal swag bag valued at over \$150. Tickets are on sale now at <http://sharks.kirklandchamber.org/>.

*“Kirkland Performance Center is excited to partner with the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce in this unique event to highlight startups in our community. Kirkland Investor Sharks is designed to keep the focus on business while still putting forth an entertaining event that people can enjoy.” – David Bander, Managing Director, Kirkland Performance Center*

Sponsors of Kirkland Investor Sharks include Google, GoDaddy, Northwest University, Aegis of Kirkland and Aegis Lodge, Wallick & Volk – Beth Thompson Team, Kirkland Reporter, 425 Business Magazine, Kirkland Living Magazine, Kirkland Lifestyle Magazine and Jill Labberton Lifestyle Photography.

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