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Camp Fire CEO awarded Outstanding Achievement in Leadership at the Community/System level by SOAR.

(Seattle, WA) – Jane White Vulliet, CEO of Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council, was recognized by SOAR for her outstanding work on behalf of children at the community or systemic level on June 3rd. at a luncheon at the Tukwila Community Center.

White Vulliet is an acknowledged expert in early learning, child and family support programs and has made a lifelong commitment to activism in undoing institutional racism as a path to peace and social justice. She started her career with Camp Fire USA in 2005 after a 12 year tenure as CEO with Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS). She also served as the director of the Holly Park Branch of Childhaven. She has been a caseworker for South King County Child Protective Services and worked with children in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. She has a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Washington and a Masters of Public Administration from Seattle University. In 1999 she completed the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program in Governing for Nonprofit Excellence and in 2002 the Stanford Graduate School of Business Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders. She is also a graduate of Leadership Tomorrow.

She has represented Camp Fire on the board of the Executive Alliance and is chair-elect for the King County Children and Family Commission. Under White Vulliet's leadership Camp Fire has established or nurtured partnerships in the Asian, Latino, African and Native American communities through its Community Family Clubs and Community Partnership programs and Saturday Club for children with special needs.

Last year the Central Puget Sound Council received the Annie E. Casey Foundation Families Count Family Strengthening Award for the third straight year. Camp Fire has also participated in Undoing Institutional Racism training and White Vulliet has made it core to the strategic plan for the

organization. Camp Fire was also recognized with awards in 2007 from the National Organization on Disabilities for making programs available to children with special needs as well as a grant from the Bubel/Aiken Foundation to support recreational activities for children with special needs.

“I am stunned and honored that SOAR chose me for this award!” White Vulliet said, “Working with and on behalf of children has been a lifelong passion of mine. You know what they say, do what you love and you’ll never work a day in your life. I love my job. Every day is an exceptional day!”

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Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, serving nearly three quarters of a million participants annually. Camp Fire USA, with national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri since 1977 and Council headquarters in Seattle since 1911, provides all-inclusive, co-educational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States. The Central Puget Sound Council is the largest Council in the United States (by membership) and serves King, Kitsap and North Mason counties. Camp Fire USA's mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. By design, Camp Fire USA's programs include family and small group experiences, after school programs, camping and environmental education, child care and service learning. The Camp Fire USA experience builds confidence in younger children and provides hands-on, youth-driven leadership experiences for older youth. For more information, visit www.campfire-usa.org.

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SOAR is a community collaborative focused on the success of children and youth, ages birth to eighteen, in King County. It is governed by a partnership council of stakeholders and leaders from local organizations, government, businesses and community coalitions. Housed at United Way of King County, SOAR is funded by four partners: United Way of King County, the City of Seattle Human Services Department, the King County Children and Family Commission, and the King County Developmental Disabilities Board. SOAR's work is guided by two community-generated documents: the King County Early Childhood and School Readiness Action Agenda and the King County Action Agenda for School-Age Children and Youth. SOAR works to achieve its goals through supporting community-based partnerships and goal-specific Action Teams.

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