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## **Philanthropist Floyd Jones Gifts \$9 Million to KCTS 9**

*The Intended Estate Gift will Establish the Floyd and Delores Jones Endowment Fund Supporting Investment in High Quality Local Journalism*

**Seattle, WA**— Together with KCTS 9, Seattle philanthropist Floyd Jones is pleased to announce a future estate gift of \$9 million to Cascade Public Media, the parent organization of KCTS 9. The donation will create the Floyd and Delores Jones Endowment Fund. The new endowment will allow KCTS 9 to maintain its commitment to inspiring community conversations and substantive local journalism through in-depth reporting.

“KCTS 9 is incredibly thankful to Floyd for his generosity with this gift and his continued leadership in the philanthropic community,” said Robert I. Dunlop, President and CEO of KCTS 9. “It is our belief that the quality of our community is the quality of our conversations. This significant gift from the Estate of Floyd and Delores Jones will allow us to deliver on our mission of building a stronger community and inspiring a smarter world.”

Jones believes it is critical that the public have access to a reliable news source and high quality educational programming. By announcing the endowment, Jones hopes to inspire others to invest in public media.

“Neither my wife nor I thought we would ever do big charity, but before we got through we were doing big charity,” Jones said. “Nothing could please me more than that, because this is how I used to daydream as a boy.”

Jones had a successful career in the investment industry. Notably, he was an early investor in Berkshire Hathaway and later formed Seattle First Asset Management. Beyond his career, Jones retained interests in world affairs, literature, the arts, and writing poetry. Joining Jones in his many philanthropic activities is long time close friend Alene Moris. Together they have championed many civil and women’s rights causes.

For more information about ways to support KCTS 9 please visit <http://kcts9.org/support>.

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### **About KCTS 9**

KCTS 9 brings quality public media programming to the public when and where they need it—on the air, online, and in our communities—serving more than 2.2 million viewers each week in Western and Central Washington State, British Columbia and across Canada. To learn more about our programs and initiatives, visit [KCTS9.org](http://KCTS9.org).

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