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Mr. Yuk honors Senator Patty Murray

Senator Patty Murray is to accept the William O. Robertson Award on October 11, 2007

The Washington Poison Center (WAPC) Board of Directors is to name Senator Patty Murray the first recipient of the *William O. Robertson, MD Award* at the W Hotel, Seattle on October 11, 2007. The award was named after Dr. William O. Robertson, founder and former medical director of the WAPC at the Inaugural Friends of Mr. Yuk Fundraising Luncheon last October.

Senator Patty Murray is a member of the Democratic Party. She has held her Senate seat since 1992 when she became the first woman to represent Washington in the Senate. She is currently the Senate Majority Conference Secretary and is known more currently for her work on passing legislation to improve care for wounded troops and veterans when they return home from battle.

Senator Patty Murray will accept the *William O. Robertson, MD Award* by Dr. Robertson and Sally Borte, WAPC Board President, at the Second Annual Friends of Mr. Yuk Fundraising Luncheon on her 57th birthday. The award is presented annually to a person in the community who has made a significant contribution to poison prevention. The WAPC Board based its decision on awarding Senator Murray due to the fact that “she has been a strong proponent for access to healthcare, children’s issues, working families and care for the elderly. As part of this, she has fought for financial and technical support for poison centers at the national level and continues to lobby not only to maintain this support but increase it” stated Borte.

The Washington Poison Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, prevents harm from poisoning through expertise, collaboration and professional and public education. Reachable 24/7, the national poison hotline, 1-800-222-1222, will connect you to specially-trained pharmacists, nurses and poison specialists. Poison help is always free and confidential. Services are available for people with hearing problems and for non-English speakers.

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