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## **The Terry Porter Returns to Gilgamesh Brewing's Seasonal Lineup**

*University of Portland hosting beer release party in honor of Trail Blazer great, now men's basketball head coach*

**PORTLAND, Oregon (October 20, 2016)** – As if Terry Porter becoming their men's basketball head coach wasn't enough cause for celebration this year, the University of Portland will also help lead the return of Gilgamesh Brewing's craft beer honoring the former Portland Trailblazer. *The Terry Porter*, a limited edition American-style Porter Ale, arrives next week at Oregon-based retailers and bars, with a release party at the University's Pilot House on October 26 at 4:00PM.

Launched in 2015, *The Terry Porter* honors and raises funds for the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation. For each 22oz. bottle sold in retail, Gilgamesh and its distribution partner, Columbia Distributing, will donate \$1 to the Foundation, as well as \$20 for every half-barrel keg sold in bars and restaurants across Oregon. At the Gilgamesh Campus, \$1 will be donated for every *The Terry Porter* pint purchased in the restaurant, and \$2 during Blazer games. Patrons are encouraged to make additional donations as well.

"We are honored and thankful for the opportunity to continue working with an Oregon hero (Terry Porter). We are grateful that we have been blessed with this relationship and the ability to use our beer to raise funds for a great cause," explained Matt Radtke, co-owner of Gilgamesh Brewing. "With the support of the community, we were able to raise around \$50,000 last year and hope to match that amount by the end of the Blazer season."

"Nothing else should matter when a family is focusing on the health of their child—not where they can afford to stay, not where they will get their next meal or lay their head at night. Doernbecher is profoundly grateful to Terry Porter and to the philanthropic support of our community and Gilgamesh for continuing to help us raise funds for the construction of the Gary & Christine Rood Family Pavilion, a new home for healing at OHSU," said Jim Ervin, executive director of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation.

"I am very excited to be a part of the second season of *The Terry Porter* and thrilled that University of Portland has also partnered in this great effort," Porter said. "The first run received such a tremendous response last year and the donations support a wonderful cause. Doernbecher Children's Hospital takes care of so many families and

provides such caring service to those in need. We talk about the importance of being active and caring members of the community, this initiative brings both attention and resources to a great organization.”

In its typical community-driven spirit, Columbia Distributing’s Oregon President Mark Walen didn’t have to think twice about partnering with Gilgamesh for a second year. “We knew that if Matt and his brothers wanted to bring back *The Terry Porter* to benefit Doernbecher we’d be all in again. The beer is too good, the cause too great to pass up.”

OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital is one of the nation’s Best Children’s Hospitals, ranked in the top 10 in the nation in 7 specialties. It is the only teaching hospital in Oregon and serves tens of thousands of children annually. The Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation is currently raising funds for a five-story guest house facility at the OHSU South Waterfront Campus, officially called the Gary & Christine Rood Family Pavilion. Approximately 49 percent of pediatric patients reside in rural Oregon or neighboring states. The Rood Family Pavilion will provide housing for these families, as well as other families whose loved ones are OHSU patients. Beyond providing an affordable place to sleep, the Rood Family Pavilion will foster community healing. Each residential floor is designed with spaces for families to talk about their shared experiences, and to support one another in the process.

#### **About Gilgamesh Brewing:**

Once located in the woods of Turner, Oregon, Gilgamesh Brewing has expanded and moved into a new facility in South Salem on Madrona Avenue. The three Radtke brothers, and their father, Lee, spent the summer of 2012 recreating a former grass seed warehouse into a full scale brewery. They also transformed the warehouse office building into a handcrafted restaurant featuring custom woodwork and metal fabrication. Pringle Creek runs along the covered back patio which opens up into the property’s large back yard creating a nice ambiance. The Gilgamesh motto is “a beer for everyone” and the range of selection provides the delicious proof.

More at [gilgameshbrewing.com/terryporter](http://gilgameshbrewing.com/terryporter).

#### **About Columbia Distributing:**

Columbia Distributing is one of the nation’s finest beer, cider, and non-alcoholic beverage distributors. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the company has been delivering the best-known brands in the beverage business since 1935. Today Columbia Distributing and its 3,000+ employees service over 20,000 retail customers covering more than 135,000 square miles in Oregon, Washington, and California. The company’s success is based on the deep-rooted tradition of delivering quality products, timely service, and a genuine concern for customers’ needs.

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