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Local dentists recognized for outstanding community service

DENVER, Colo. — On Thursday, May 11, 2006 the Metropolitan Denver Dental Society (MDDS) honored local dentists who have given the gift of hope, health and dental care to those in need, as identified through the **MDDS Community Service Recognition Awards Program**. The 2006 awards program recognized four individuals for making major contributions to patients with special needs and the under served in both the Denver and world communities. All award recipients were selected by a panel of dentists. The awards were presented to the following dentists at a ceremony held during the MDDS 109th Annual Meeting at Red Rocks Amphitheatre and Visitor Center.

Fred R. Harvey, DDS, a Lakewood-based general dentist who resides in Wheat Ridge, received the **2006 Outstanding Service to Patients with Special Needs**. He was recognized for his commitment to providing no and low-cost dentistry to adults struggling with severe and persistent mental illness through the Jeffco Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (JAMI) Filling the Gap Program. A volunteer for the program since 2000, Dr. Harvey's efforts have improved the quality of life for dozens of individuals, who are difficult to treat due to their apprehension in receiving care.

Eric W. Van Zytveld, DDS, a Denver-based general dentist, received the **2006 Outstanding Service to the Under Served**. He was recognized for over 25 years of

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dedicated service in providing free and low-cost dental services to a variety of under served populations. A volunteer for numerous community programs, he has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars of free, comprehensive dental services and care to children, seniors and individuals who are homeless, homebound, institutionalized and battered. The dental community estimates that Dr. Van Zytveld has treated over 1,000 under served patients during his career.

Andrew Holecek, DDS, a Denver-based general dentist who resides in Golden, received the **2006 Outstanding Service to the World Community Award**. He was recognized for his charitable dental service to children in northern India and Nepal. For the past ten years, he has donated his time and skills, averaging three to four months per year, leading dental camps, which provide dental education and treatment, including exams, cleanings, extractions, and restorative care. In 2001, he founded the Himalayan Dental Relief Project, an organization that recruits volunteer dentists to travel to Nepal and northern India to deliver free treatment for children in orphanages, charity schools and remote villages. The project is able to treat up to 4,000 children a year and has reached 12,924 children since its inception.

Damien A. Mulvany, DMD, an Englewood-based general dentist who resides in Littleton, received the **2006 Outstanding Contributions to the Dental Profession Award**. He was recognized for significant contributions to both the local and world communities. For the past nine years he has provided services to homeless teenagers through Urban Peak, a Denver-based organization serving approximately 800 homeless youth per year. Through International Medical Relief, a Denver-based humanitarian organization, he has provided services to the people of Senegal since 2003 – he is among the first to provide dental care in this region of sub-Saharan Africa.

The Metropolitan Denver Dental Society is a 109-year-old organization committed to improving the standard of dental care for the Denver community. The Society, a component of the American Dental Association, acts as the unified voice to advance public awareness and dental education for the benefit of its members and the public.