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Local dentist recognized for outstanding service to survivors of domestic violence and abuse

DENVER, Colo. — On Thursday, May 10, 2007, the Metropolitan Denver Dental Foundation (MDDF) honored **Dr. Jim Abramowitz** with the **2007 Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service to the Domestic Violence Dental Care Program (DVDCP)**.

He received this award for significant contributions to individuals who suffer needlessly from oral health complications that affect their overall well being and social consequences that affect self-esteem and employability.

Dr. Abramowitz became an active DVDCP volunteer in September 2005 and has since treated over a dozen patients who were in desperate, urgent need of dental care. While most program volunteers evaluate one to three patients annually, Dr. Abramowitz has treated up to four patients at a time. To date, the treatment value of his contributions is over \$40,000.

Established in 2002, the DVDCP is a community service project of Metropolitan Denver Dental Society (MDDS) member dentists that offers cost-free dental care to qualifying disadvantaged survivors of domestic violence in Denver in an effort to restore oral health and assist in recovery. The program is supported by MDDF, which was established in June 2005 to advance awareness and education for improved oral health and to enhance access to dental

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care for all populations served by MDDS member dentists. To date over \$450,000 in comprehensive dental services have been donated by metro area dentists to patients enrolled in the program.

The mission of the DVDCP could not be achieved without the important partnerships that we develop with all 132 volunteer dentists who participate in the program. These partnerships fulfill a promise to our communities by offering life-changing dental healthcare to those survivors of abuse with the greatest need, who have the greatest promise of eventual self-sufficiency. The Award of Excellence has been created to recognize those collaborations that stand out from the rest on an annual basis.

For more information on the Domestic Violence Dental Care Program, please contact (303) 488-9700, ext. 3270 or visit www.mddsdentist.com.

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