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Wells Fargo Funding Will Strengthen Access to Dental Care For Survivors of Domestic Violence in Metro Denver

DENVER, Colo., September 28, 2006 — The **2006 Wells Fargo**

Community Assistance Fund has granted \$2,000 in funding to the Metro Denver Dental Foundation's (MDDF) **Domestic Violence Dental Care Program** (DVDCP). Established in 2002, the DVDCP is a community service project of MDDS member dentists offering cost-free dental care to disadvantaged survivors of domestic violence in metro Denver to restore oral health and assist in recovery. To date, over **\$300,000** in dental care and services has been donated by the program's volunteer dentists to those who have suffered dental trauma and neglect as a result of violence.

Scott D. Smith, DDS, MS, DVDCP program founder, said, "Self-concept and employability are both tied to appearance and health. The treatments generated by our 129 volunteer dentists are directly linked to an enhanced quality of life for these survivors and their families. Wells Fargo is assisting us in giving deserving survivors the opportunity to improve their oral health and enhance their ability to succeed in the workplace and as parents."

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Mountain Region. Their philosophy includes not only serving the financial needs of individuals and businesses, but also helping to ensure a prosperous future for all by supporting nonprofit organizations in the communities in which we do business. Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund contributions are primarily directed to Arts & Culture, Education, Economic Development, Health Care and Human Services.

The Metro Denver Dental Foundation strives to advance awareness and education for improved oral health and to enhance access to dental care for all populations served by Metro Denver Dental Society member dentists. The Foundation is a supporting organization of the Metro Denver Dental Society (MDDS). MDDS, a component of the American Dental Society, has been serving the profession of dentistry since 1897. The MDDS mission is to support the highest ethical practice of dentistry and to enhance the standard of care for all of the publics served by the dental profession.

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