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Media Advisory

SACRAMENTO COUNTY VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE MILLIONS

Outstanding Volunteers of 2008 Honored by Board of Supervisors

Who: Seventeen individuals and groups will be recognized as Sacramento County's Outstanding Volunteers of 2008

When: Tuesday, April 21, 2009; 9:40 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: 700 H Street, Sacramento, Board Chambers - First Floor

Attention Assignment Editors: Visuals (ceremonial check presented to the Board of Supervisors) and interviews with volunteers available

Dr. Jim Aubrey, Elk Grove dentist, donated more than \$32,000 in restorative dental treatment for a formerly homeless patient client. Aubrey's generosity not only alleviated the man's chronic pain, but he is now gainfully employed and attending school.

Aubrey is one of 17 individuals or groups to be honored next week by the Board of Supervisors for their volunteer service to Sacramento County.

In 2008, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$20.25 per hour. Sacramento County utilized more than 9,285 volunteers and students who donated 614,395 hours. The monetary value of the staggering contribution is **\$12,547,199**. A ceremonial check will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Susan Peters, Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, said the success of many public programs and services is directly attributed to volunteers. "These volunteers are valuable to the County of Sacramento and to our community. Their unselfish service is critical to augment limited government resources available at this time. Because of that devotion, we appreciate our volunteers for their dedication every day throughout the year and especially are pleased to make a special effort to honor them today," said Peters.

Sacramento County recently updated the Volunteer website listing various volunteer opportunities within departments and programs. For more information, view the Volunteering website at www.volunteering.saccounty.net.

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