



Caring Foundation of Montana Announces New Board Members

*Two Prominent Montana Dentists and an Accomplished Public Servant
Lead Charge for Healthy Montana Kids Participants' Dental Care.*

HELENA, MT, Tuesday, June 8, 2010 – Participants in the Healthy Montana Kids (CHIP) program in need of dental care can count on help from three distinguished Montanans who are newly appointed members of the Board of Directors of The Caring Foundation. Administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT), The Caring Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Healthy Montana Kids Dental Program.

These new Caring Foundation Board Members are:

- **Dr. Andrew Hyams**, a Billings-based dentist is the President of the Montana Dental Association in 2011;
- **Dr. Gary Mihelish**, a Helena-based dentist and past President of the Montana Dental Association; and
- **Doug Mitchell**, former Montana Chief Deputy Secretary of State, former Montana Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Max Baucus and currently serving as a Managing Director of The Montana Land Reliance.

They are joining the current Caring Foundation Board Members:

- **Sherry Cladouhos**, Chief Executive Officer, BCBSMT and Caring Foundation Board Chair;
- **Mary Belcher**, BCBSMT General Counsel; and
- **Chris Manger**, Controller, BCBSMT.

This announcement of the new Caring Foundation Board Members comes just prior to The Caring Foundation's major annual fundraising event, the Governor's Cup of Montana in Helena. Race officials expect several thousand participants and donors in support of the Caring Foundation's mission to help Montana children get access to quality dental care. Registration fees and donations are being matched \$4 to \$1 as a result of a matching grant partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Earlier this year, a \$150,000 donation from The Caring Foundation, matched by the \$4 to \$1 grant, allowed Montana children and teenagers get access to the dental care they need.

“We are honored to have Dr. Hyams, Dr. Mihelish, and Mr. Mitchell join us in support of the very important new mission of the Caring Foundation – expanding access to quality dental care for Montana’s children and teenagers,” said Sherry Cladouhos, CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, which created the Caring Foundation and has administered it for more than 35 years. “Each of them is dedicated to making Montana a better place now and for our future generations. Their experience and wise counsel, along with the generosity of Montanans, will ensure our ability to fulfill our mission to give children and teenagers the dental care they need.”

People wishing to participate in the June 12, 2010, Governor’s Cup in Helena or make a donation to the Caring Foundation of Montana should visit www.govcupmt.com.

About the Caring Foundation of Montana

The Caring Foundation of Montana, a 501(c)(3) organization, is exclusively dedicated to providing Montana children with access to health care benefits. Founded by BCBSMT in 1992, the Foundation has provided a gateway to essential health care services for thousands of uninsured Montana children. The Governor’s Cup in Helena, the Governor’s Cup Marathon in Billings, the Caring Classic Golf Tournament in Helena, and other fundraising events and initiatives provide the basis for the Caring Foundation of Montana’s resources. For more information about the Caring Foundation or to make a contribution, please visit www.caringfoundationmt.com.

About Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, is Montana’s leading not-for-profit health services corporation. Headquartered in Helena, Montana, BCBSMT has conducted business for 70 years exclusively in Montana. BCBSMT serves more than 240,000 members across the state and another 70,000 through the BlueCard program. More information is available at www.bcbsmt.com.

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