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## **Matsco Climbers help raise \$75,000 for Needy Children**

July 15, 2007 – Emeryville, CA – On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Matsco employees John Campbell, Allison Farey, Brad Nelson, David Smith, Gavin Shea, and Andrew Speece joined dental professionals from across the nation to participate in both mountaineering school as well as ascending to the top of Mt. Hood, Oregon's highest point.

Reaching Mt. Hood's 11,237 foot summit is a formidable feat. Even more impressive, however, is the \$75,000 raised from the climb that will be used to deliver critically needed dental care and education to underserved citizens in Cambodia and Guatemala.

In addition to sponsoring employees on the climb, the commercial lender was a corporate co-sponsor of the event, which was organized by the non-profit, **Climb for a Cause**.

"People in the dental profession are very caring," says Team Member and Matsco President Allison Farey. "They understand that many communities outside the U.S. lack the basic dental services we take for granted and they want to help. Climb for a Cause enables them to do this while sharing the experience with others. We're proud to be a supporter of this organization. Four out of Six of the Matsco Team actually made the summit, which is unbelievable, Farey stated. The mountain was particularly challenging as much of the snow has already melted away and it became somewhat of an unstable rock climb. Aside from the physical strength to carry out such a climb, the mental challenge based on conditions made this an unforgettable experience for all those that summited, which were John Campbell, David Smith, Brad Nelson and Gavin Shea."

Since 1997, Matsco and other dental industry companies have teamed up with **Climb for a Cause** to make a difference in the lives of needy children.

For more information about Climb for a Cause, contact executive director Daniel Bobrow at 312-455-9498 or [Director@ClimbForACause.org](mailto:Director@ClimbForACause.org).

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