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Cheyenne Wells Former Resident Wins 2007 Leadership Award for Outstanding Work in Cancer Prevention

DENVER—Andrea (Andi) Dwyer, a former resident of Cheyenne Wells, was presented with The Colorado Cancer Coalition's 2007 annual award for her outstanding contributions in the field of cancer prevention and control.

Dwyer, who works in breast cancer research and cancer survivorship trials at the University of Colorado-Denver Cancer Center and School of Medicine, received the award for a health professional who has exemplified outstanding outreach and education to underserved communities in the area of cancer prevention and control in the state.

Sara Miller, program director with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Comprehensive Cancer Program, said, "With Andrea's direction and focus, she helped launch the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program, which is now a national model for statewide screening efforts.

"Through her work she has helped underserved and rural communities connect with opportunities to screen and treat cancer that were not previously available."

Dwyer recently appeared on NBC affiliate KUSA's Your Show, "A Conversation About Cancer," with news reporter Adam Schragger and Dr. Dev Paul, who is a medical oncologist with the Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers.

Last fall, Dwyer also was invited to attend the Lance Armstrong Foundation Community Partners meeting where she met Elizabeth Edwards, wife of presidential hopeful John Edwards, to discuss cancer survivorship and health care issues in the United States.

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Miller said Dwyer’s work has opened up opportunities for provider and patient education and action. “As a Colorado native, Dwyer has worked to benefit rural and underserved areas of Colorado, reflecting a commitment to all Coloradans no matter their location or status,” she said.

The Colorado Cancer Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals with interest in the prevention and control of cancer in Colorado. The coalition dedicates itself to achieving increased prevention, research, early detection and improved treatment of cancer for all Coloradans in the coming decade.

For more information about the awards program and winners, contact John Romero Campbell with the Comprehensive Cancer Coalition at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at 303-692-2506.

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