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50 FOR TIBET

STATE HIGHPOINTER ADVENTURE

A NON-PROFIT FUND RAISING PROJECT FOR:

THE ROWELL FUND FOR TIBET

FUND RAISING PASSES \$165,000.00 LEVEL

Colorado based Team Highpoint has continued its 50 For Tibet project in a big way by collecting tax deductible donations and pledges now in **EXCESS** of **\$165,000.00**. The Team has so far reached 47 state highpoints (and Washington, DC), traveled over 60,000 miles, and has climbed over 76,000 feet of elevation gain since June 16, 2006. Team Highpoint hopes to reach the highest point in all 50 states (Arkansas, Wyoming, and Alaska are remaining) as a fundraising effort for The Rowell Fund for Tibet (www.savetibet.org/programs/rowellfund/index.php), an organization which provides financial grants to Tibetan artists, writers, photographers, filmmakers, and musicians around the world to help preserve the threatened Tibetan culture.

Team Highpoint is also pleased to announce that they will be visiting state highpoint #48 (Arkansas) in the next two months. The top of Arkansas is known as Magazine Mountain (2,753 feet) and is located in the Ozark National Forest.

Financial support for the 50 For Tibet project has come from corporations and private donors around the world. Some contributors pledge an amount per highpoint reached, and others donate a specific amount to the project. One hundred percent (100%) of all donations go directly to The Rowell Fund because all costs for transportation, lodging, food, equipment and other expenses for Team Highpoint are paid by the group's primary benefactor, ECHO Geophysical Corporation (Denver, Colorado) and/or individual team members.

"Our motto is to 'celebrate one mountain culture, preserve another'," said John Jancik, who began planning this challenging adventure in October of 2005 with his wife, Terri Baker. John and Terri, who originally met Galen Rowell in 1995 as the three of them prepared for their participation in the 1996 Top Of The World Expedition to northern Greenland, now serve on The Advisory Board of The Rowell Fund For Tibet. Team Highpoint also includes their son David Baker, his wife Jennifer Pauley, and longtime friend, Steve Gardiner. On Sunday, September 23rd, 2006, Team Highpoint was honored to meet His Holiness The Dalai Lama during his visit to Colorado.

To learn more about Team Highpoint and its 50 For Tibet project, see the Team's website at www.50forTibet.org or contact Team Highpoint members John Jancik at echojj@aol.com or Jennifer Pauley at jenn@50fortibet.org. More information about the Tibetan situation is available from the International Campaign for Tibet at (<http://www.savetibet.org/>) or by phone at: (202) 785-1515.

Check out this link <http://cbs4denver.com/video/?id=19958@kcnc.dayport.com> featuring a 50 For Tibet feature story video aired by local Denver CBS network affiliate, KCNC-TV, Channel 4 on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2006.

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