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Experts and Advocates Come Together to Prevent Suicide

DENVER— Ten years after the Governor’s Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission addressed the issue of suicide, Colorado has taken great strides in advancing suicide prevention efforts throughout Colorado. However, more work needs to be done. Colorado still ranks 6th in nation for suicide completion. Because of this tremendous state and nationwide problem, The Carson J. Spencer Foundation is hosting, “Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention.” The summit will be held Monday, May 19-Thursday, May 22, 2008 at Regis University in Denver.

Sally Spencer-Thomas, Executive Director for the Carson J Spencer Foundation, hopes the conference will be an extension of efforts to impact that high suicide rate in Colorado. “This conference brings together the best minds and most passionate advocates from across the country,” says Spencer-Thomas. “Most people don’t realize more Coloradans die each year by suicide than by vehicle crashes or homicide.”

Keynote speakers will include renowned suicide prevention experts such as Dr. Thomas Joiner, author of “Why People Die by Suicide;” Dr. Paul Quinnett, founder of Question Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program; Dr. Peter Gutierrez, president of the American Association of Suicidology and Dr. Silvia Canetto, researcher on gender and suicide at Colorado State University.

About the Carson J Spencer Foundation

The Carson J Spencer Foundation is a Colorado nonprofit, established in 2005. The foundation is responsible for innovative suicide prevention programs targeting the working age population, funding social enterprise for sustainable mental health initiatives and supporting the education of emerging entrepreneurs and leaders

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