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M.O.M.-AZ Purchases Second Van...On the Road to Expansion!

PHOENIX--Mission of Mercy Arizona recently acquired a new 43-foot RV to bolster its plans for expansion into the Far West Valley by late 2010.

Thanks to the charitable commitment of Tucson-based **Beaudry RV, Inc.** Mission of Mercy Arizona was able to secure a great deal on the purchase price of the van. A special thanks also goes to **Thunderbird Charities, The Foster and Lynn Friess Family Foundation** and **The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust**, whose generous financial contributions made the purchase and medical retrofit possible.

“This is such an exciting and challenging time for Mission of Mercy,” said Catherine, Amiot, M.O.M.-AZ Executive Director. “In the simplest of terms, the purchase of a second mobile medical van means that we can provide more help to more people and continue our mission of restoring dignity to a hurting community.”

The silver and blue 2011 Monaco Diplomat sports a diesel engine, three air conditioning units, and a unique pass-through storage feature that allows for easier loading. In addition, it has a tag axle, a feature that improves stability and longevity on the road.

“This van has everything we could possibly ask for, from safety and reliability to better mileage and durability,” says Dr. Brad Smith, MOM-AZ Medical Director. The new van will supplement the existing one being used to travel to the four clinic sites in Central Phoenix, Mesa, Maryvale, and South Phoenix.

Dr. Smith says the next step is to get the RV retrofitted for medical use. Once complete, the van will offer three patient examination rooms, a patient education area, and an on-site pharmacy. The mobile unit should be ready to “hit the road” by the end of September.

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Pictured left to right: Jason McKew, Beaudry RV Sales Manager; Scott Beaudry; Catherine Amiot, M.O.M.-AZ Executive Director; Dr. Brad Smith, M.O.M.-AZ Medical Director; Michael DiGiovanni, M.O.M.-AZ Volunteer.



Mission of Mercy's new 43-foot medical mobile unit, a 2011 Monaco Diplomat.

About Mission of Mercy Arizona

Mission of Mercy is a faith-motivated, non-sectarian, non-profit organization that has been serving the Valley since 1997, taking a 36-foot mobile medical unit to host sites in metropolitan Phoenix to provide free primary medical care and free prescriptions to the uninsured, working poor and homeless. Mission of Mercy is the only free mobile health clinic requiring no co-pays or proof of poverty in Maricopa County. The organization does not accept government funding, and is fully funded through private donations and grants. In 2009, Mission of Mercy provided 10,027 patient visits and dispensed 17,292 free medications.

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