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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES TO VOLUNTEER AT Family Tree AS PART OF DELEGATE SERVICE DAY

Delegates will interact with homeless women and their children thus learning more about the plight of the homeless.

DENVER – Building on its ongoing commitment to service and active participation in the community, the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC), in conjunction with Metro Volunteers, Democrats Work, and Volunteers of America, will engage more than 900 Convention delegates from across the country who will volunteer at 29 community service sites in and around Denver on Delegate Service Day, Wednesday, August 27.

Delegates will be participating in projects ranging from serving meals for the homeless and park cleanup, to reading to children and aiding military families. Through this effort, and in conjunction with ServiceNation, a national campaign to increase community and national service opportunities and promote service as a core ideal of civic engagement, the DNCC aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of Americans in a renewed commitment to service.

Michelle Obama and Colorado First Lady Jeannie Ritter are co-chairing Delegate Service Day, the capstone to a year-long DNCC community service effort, in which leadership and staff have contributed more than 850 hours to a variety of local projects. Both Michelle Obama and Jeannie Ritter will participate in Delegate Service Day activities with their children.

DNC delegates will have the opportunity to interact with clients at the Family Tree House of Hope facility. There, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., delegates will learn more about the issues of homelessness and the women and children served by Family Tree. House of Hope is a shelter and self-sufficiency program that provides a broad range of services to women and children to help them be safe, strong and self-sufficient. Families come to House of Hope through referrals from community agencies such as social services, schools and churches, as well as through direct calls from homeless women in search of safe shelter. House of Hope is part of the Family Tree Homelessness Services program. House of Hope is located at 3301 S. Grant St., Englewood, CO 80113.

Family Tree helps people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe, strong and self-reliant. Programs include Children's Services, Domestic Violence and Homelessness Services. Community support programs include the Treasure Trunk Thrift Store and the volunteer program. Family Tree benefits from the talents of more than 900 volunteers each year. Last year, Family Tree provided services to more than 31,000 people. Your support of Family Tree is crucial to helping families build better futures. The work of Family Tree is literally saving lives. Learn more by calling (303) 422-2133, or visit us online at www.thefamilytree.org.