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It's takes a special organization to inspire people to not only raise funds, but to climb mountains.

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Many of us have contributed to or participated in charitable events held throughout they years. A select few may have even developed a special place in our hearts, affecting us personally. In my case, the Relay for Life—whose goal is to both celebrate the survivors of cancer and raise funding for research—hits home, as my father is a Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia survivor/fighter. Have you ever wondered what options or events are held for the dental profession?

Daniel A. Bobrow, founder of Climb for a Cause—a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization—encourages each of us to take ourselves to new heights personally, while benefiting our profession globally, by completing what many of us consider impossible: a mountain climb.

SUMMONED TO THE SUMMIT

President of American Dental Company, a consulting firm specializing in practice marketing and

patient communications, Bobrow founded Climb for a Cause in 1994. “This organization allows me to leverage my fundraising resources by combining my passions for climbing, philanthropy and working with the dental profession,” he explains. His team arranges mountain climbs that help to raise funds and create awareness for a variety of significant groups, including the American Brain Tumor Association and the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Dental-related causes were added to the menu in 1998.

When climbing for a dental cause, you have the opportunity to help provide aid abroad through Children’s Dental Care International, including the Suining district of Sichuan Province, Cambodia, Vietnam and Guatemala.

Bobrow chooses future climbs by conferring with Climb for a Cause alumni, who help determine peaks that are challenging, but not so inaccessible that a novice would be too intimidated to participate. Also,

Climb in 2007!

The 10th Annual Climb for a Cause takes on Mt. Hood on July 13, 14 and 15. The results of those efforts will be devoted to establishing and maintaining the Cambodia and Guatemala Dental Relief Projects. The climb will be guided by professionals of the Northwest School of Survival, which will take responsibility for safety during the Climbing portion of the Event. A virtual climb of Mt. Hood is available at climb-foracause.org, as well as information on registration, donations and past climbs.

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if groups are interested in climbing a specific peak, that is taken into consideration. Past summits include Humphreys Peak, the Grand Canyon, Mt. Charleston and Mt. Rainier. It is important to note that since starting this climbs a little over 10 years go, the organization has maintained a perfect safety record.

PERSONAL HEIGHTS

When participating in a Climb for a Cause event, climbers will receive a complete gear

list, along with a Climber Aid and welcome packet. All participants are expected to fundraise, and the American Dental Company assists you with this at no charge. Discussions regarding your fundraising potential and physical fitness level are discussed with an executive director prior to entry.

Once you’re “in,” continuing education is offered to help familiarize climbers with the cause that they are climbing for; this is said to provide substantial motivation during the climb itself.

Embracing dental hygienists, dentists, dental students as well as spouses, friends and additional staff, Climb for a Cause welcomes everyone to participate or cheer along a team, providing a unique opportunity for professionals to reach new heights within themselves and benefit others worldwide at the same time.

For more information on Climb for a Cause, visit climbforacause.org. [ml](#)

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