

Local dentists donate to local charity, give two a new smile

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ROCHESTER — Two local residents have a reason to smile, thanks to the work of two Rochester dentists who donated their time and efforts to a Rochester charity.

Doctors Kurt Doolin and Jeff Haddad of Rochester Advanced Dentistry auctioned off two free smile makeovers at the Leader Dogs for the Blind's annual Christmas charity event, Lead in the Holidays last November.

Calling it a win-win situation, Haddad said those who bid received the smiles they always wanted and the satisfaction of knowing they contributed to a great cause.

"We know there's a demand for (smile makeovers), especially in our area," Haddad said. "We do a lot of these for a lot of people, and it can really change the person and change their lives. People can have the smile they always wanted in a very short period of time, and that's something that's really powerful."

The winning bidders — Carol Zamjahn of Rochester Hills and Debbie Schreiber of Lake Orion — received \$15,000 worth of dental services, including crowns, veneers and more.

For Schreiber, 50, it was a chance to celebrate her birthday in style

"My husband had it done four years ago, and I always liked the way he smiled," Schreiber said. "We went to some black-tie event and had some pictures taken, and when we were smiling his teeth were whiter than mine. I wanted it done, too."

People notice, Schreiber said, especially since she's a nurse at the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in Rochester.

"As soon as you smile, you forget all about it, but everyone around you notices," Schreiber added. "People are always saying, 'You've got a beautiful smile.' It really has boosted my confidence. It's better than a facelift."

For Zamjahn, 58, the makeover was a chance to correct something she has always wanted to take care of — her crooked bottom teeth.

"Over the last couple of years I've had this issue with my jaw," said Zamjahn, a General Motors Automotive Industry Action Group employee. "I slept with a mouth



Debbie Schreiber



Carol Zamjahn

guard, and my teeth were crooked on the bottom. I made up my mind that I wanted to get this done."

Zamjahn kept putting it off for one reason or another. Finally, when she attended the Leader Dogs event, she decided to jump right in.

"I've got to tell you, I'm a chicken, and it was so easy," Zamjahn said. "I just feel much more secure smiling. For me, it's given me a new incentive to smile. It's like 'Wow!' I got to do this and it's been a major boost. I love it."

The 2007 Lead in the Holidays was a record fundraising event, with a total of \$26,000 coming from the makeover bids alone. A total of \$164,000 was raised through the entire event.

Brandy Hirschlied, Leader Dogs for the Blind special events manager, said Lead in the Holidays is all about the kind of community support Rochester Advanced Dentistry has shown.

"The funds that we raise for our programs here at the Leader Dogs largely come from auction items that are donated," Hirschlied said. "Without the support of these business, we wouldn't be able to do what we do, and we're grateful for the sup-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ROCHESTER CHAMBER ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

ROCHESTER — The Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce will honor local businesses and individuals at the annual Sunrise Pinnacle Awards ceremony Oct. 30 at the Royal Park Hotel. Nominations are being accepted through July 23. Self-nominations are also welcome.

To find the nomination form and a description of the awards, go to www.rrc-mi.com or contact the chamber at (248) 651-6700 or info@rrc-mi.com. Tickets to the event and sponsorships are also available.

PCCA PRESENTS TOUR DU JOUR SERIES

ROCHESTER — The Paint Creek Center for the Arts announces the next stop on its Tour du Jour series, which will take place July 19. Participants are invited to take a private, guided tour of Southwest Detroit murals with artist Vito Valdez.

The tour begins at the Detroit Institute of Arts, where participants will view the work of artist Diego Rivera. The tour will continue throughout southwest Detroit, visiting local art galleries, viewing murals and stopping for lunch at a local restaurant.

A limited number of spots are available. The program will run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Transportation

to and from Detroit, admission to the DIA and lunch are provided for \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. Call (248) 651-4110 to reserve a space, or visit www.PCCArt.org.

YPR TO BE ANNOUNCED AT ANNUAL MIXER EVENT

ROCHESTER — The Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Oakland University Alumni Association will introduce the Young Professionals of Rochester at the chamber's annual Mixer on the Green networking event July 23 at Great Oaks Country Club, 777 Great Oaks Blvd., 5-7 p.m.

Members of YPR must be members of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce, be under the age of 40 and/or own a business that has been operating for less than five years. Those interested in membership should contact Kelly Bennett at info@rrc-mi.com or (248) 651-6700.

MIXX SALON PRESENTS CUT-A-THON EVENT

ROCHESTER — A cut-a-thon benefiting CareerDress, affiliated with Lighthouse of Oakland County, will be held July 18 at MIXX Salon & Spa, 303 Main St., 5-8 p.m. MIXX Salon will donate 100 percent of the proceeds for haircuts. Cuts cost \$10 for children, \$15 for men and \$20 for women. During the week of July 11-19 the salon will accept financial donations, as well as gently used ladies business attire for CareerDress. Call (248) 651-8288.

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port we continue to get and have gotten in the past."

As a member of the community, they like to be involved, Haddad said. Plus, as co-chair of the Lead in the Holidays event, he felt it was the least he could do.

"Our goal was to help the Leader Dogs for the Blind as a whole. Our second goal was to help

the people in our community," Haddad said. "We think it's important to give back, especially in a small, close-knit community like Rochester."

Rochester Advanced Dentistry is located at 433 W. University Dr. For more information, visit www.rochesteradvanceddentistry.com or call (248) 656-2020.

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