



Revett Minerals, Troy Mine, Supports Local Educational Program

'Provider Pals Announces Revett's Donation for local 2007/2008 Provider Pal Programming'

(Libby, Montana) - Revett Minerals, Troy Mine, has announced the donation of \$25,000 to the Provider Pals Program. Provider Pals is a Libby based educational urban/rural cultural exchange program that the *Wall Street Journal* deemed 'the most exciting educational initiative in decades.' "This donation represents a huge commitment to education on the part of Revett. Having a local organization take the initiative to help educate and give exceptional opportunities to our local students is very exciting." said Bruce Vincent, Executive Director of Provider Pals.

Bill Orchow, President and CEO of Revett Minerals said the company, with operations in Troy and the proposed Rock Creek Mine, "works hard to be a good local citizen and that this donation to the important and unique cultural exchange program is one example of how they can give back to the community." Doug Miller, Troy Mine General Manager adds, "Provider Pals not only helps educate our urban counterparts about who we are and what we do within our rural cultures and professions, but offers our students a glimpse into their inner-city peers lives. I'm proud to work for an organization that supports such efforts and opportunities for our youth."

Provider Pals programming facilitates urban classroom 'adoptions' of rural resource workers in the fields of farming, ranching, mining, logging and fishing. Four miners from the Revett Minerals Troy Mine are adopted in local and inner-city schools every year. They communicate with the students during the school year through letters, e-mail, and pictures and then meet face to face in the spring. In addition, students from rural areas travel to urban centers to visit schools of their city peers and participating urban schools travel to Libby, Montana, and join rural students for a week of fun and learning at the Presidential Award Winning Historic Raven Natural Resource Learning Center. Since the program's first camp six years ago, Revett employees have taken the time to give tours to the campers.

Provider Pals was piloted in rural Montana and in 2002 a 1.5 million dollar donation from Ford Motor Company enabled the program to broaden into cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Detroit and Washington, DC. Ford Motor and others continue to provide support for the program as it has grown to include over 10,000 students per year in over 25 cities in the United States and Canada. Locally, the program operates in Libby, Troy and Eureka and with this generous donation will be able to expand to Noxon and Thompson Falls.

The program is also launching the new web site, *Provider World*, which will allow students and guests to visit farms, forests, ranches, mines and fishing operations and cultures in an interactive educational gaming format. Students will be able to go online to learn about the lifestyle and professions of their Provider Pals, including those adopted at Revett Minerals Troy Mine. Revett's donation will cover the year long memberships of local students. The creation of this website was possible because of a donation from Caterpillar, Inc.

Bruce Clark, a five year program participant, comments "Educating our youth about environmental and cultural realities is vital for communities like ours. I've been part of this program for five years and fully understand the impact. It should have been around 20 years ago. But it's not too late."

About Provider Pals™

Provider Pals® is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Education Organization that is in its fifth year of full time operation. The mission of this Presidential award winning program is to build bridges of cultural understanding and respect between rural youth, urban youth, and their natural resource providers.

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