

# IDAHO METH PROJECT

## NEWSLETTER

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### Givin' Meth the Boot Event Features Rising Country Star Lady Antebellum



The Idaho Meth Project will host a fundraiser called "Givin' Meth the Boot," on **Monday, October 27, at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls.** The event will feature a performance from one of modern country's rising stars, Lady Antebellum. **Tickets are available for \$25** and can be purchased by phone at (208) 522-0471 or by visiting the Idaho Falls Arts Council Ticket Office (490 A Street, Idaho Falls). All event proceeds will benefit the Idaho Meth Project.

Givin' Meth the Boot has been organized by local community and business leaders who support the groundbreaking work of the Idaho Meth Project. Led by Kathy Simpson, wife of U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson, many citizens and corporations have contributed their volunteer and financial support to organize this event, including

### Planning for Year End Charitable Contributions? Remember the Idaho Meth Project



As fall approaches, many families and corporations will begin adopting budgets for the next fiscal year and will also consider charitable contributions prior to the end of the tax year. As you and the organizations that you are involved with go through this process in the coming months, please remember the Idaho Meth Project.

**The Idaho Meth Project is a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.** The project is entirely funded through the generous contributions of individuals, corporations, foundations, tribal governments, and a variety of grants - **we are not a government program!**

While contributions have been generous through the first part of 2008, **we need to raise approximately \$2.4 million on an annual basis** in order to sustain the project's prevention and public awareness efforts on a statewide basis.

Donations are accepted online at

Mountain View Hospital, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Bank of Idaho, The Hartwell Corporation, Idaho National Laboratory, Nobis Travel, and the City of Idaho Falls. Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter are expected to attend and will participate in the event.

- **WHAT:** Givin' Meth the Boot with Lady Antebellum Sponsored by the Idaho Meth Project
- **WHO:** Lady Antebellum, the trio of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, earned "Top New Group" honors at the 2008 Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards. The group's first single from their #1 debut album *Lady Antebellum*, "Love Don't Live Here," soared into the top 5 on the country radio charts.
- **WHEN:** Monday, October 27, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Colonial Theater (450 A Street, Idaho Falls)
- **COST:** \$25.00 - Seating is limited. To purchase tickets call (208) 522-0471 or visit the Arts Council Ticket Office (490 A Street, Idaho Falls)

## Meth Project National Update

The Meth Project recently announced the release of its Summer 2008 Newsletter. Highlights include the launch of the Idaho Meth Project, Illinois Meth Project, and Wyoming Meth Project; impact of the program in Montana and Arizona; and updates from each of the program states. To read the full newsletter please visit:

[http://www.methproject.org/documents/Newsletter\\_summer08.pdf](http://www.methproject.org/documents/Newsletter_summer08.pdf).

### *Summer 2008 Newsletter Highlights*

- **Advertising Awards: Meth Project Earns Industry's Top Honors**
- **The Daniels Fund Invests to Expand the Meth Project in Wyoming and Colorado**
- **94% of Arizona Teens Now See Great Risk in Trying Meth**
- **Impact: New Montana Attorney General's Report and Recent Surveys Show Significant Declines in Use and Meth-Related Crime**

### *Meth Project Featured on BBC*

As many of you may have seen, several weeks ago the Meth Project was featured on BBC World News, BBC World News America, and BBC World Service Radio. The story can be seen at:

[http://www.methproject.org/News\\_Events/index.php](http://www.methproject.org/News_Events/index.php).

[www.idahomethproject.org/Take\\_Action/index.php](http://www.idahomethproject.org/Take_Action/index.php) or contact IMP Fund Development Manager Mandy Macomb at (208) 631-8367 or [mmacomb@idahomethproject.org](mailto:mmacomb@idahomethproject.org)

## National Association of Counties Hosts Meth Prevention Forum in Boise

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Methamphetamine Prevention Forum - October 22, 2008 in Boise, Idaho. NACo educational forums offer county officials access to expert knowledge and insight, information about innovative models of policy and practice, and help developing solutions to the important challenges facing our communities. The forums are designed for community teams of county elected officials; including local substance abuse professionals, sheriffs, law enforcement professionals, probation and court personnel, prevention, treatment, and health and human service professionals

NACo and the Idaho Association of Counties will sponsor the second forum in Boise, Idaho this fall targeting the Northwest Region (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota). NACo is offering these forums through support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

For more information about the NACo Meth Prevention Forum, contact Sharon Burke at the Idaho Association of Counties at [sburke@idcounties.org](mailto:sburke@idcounties.org).

## Thank You to Our Major Sponsors



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Magdalena Soto



Magdalena Soto from Meridian, Idaho, is our star volunteer for the month of September. In addition to being a former teacher and a current drug and alcohol counselor, Magdalena is a native Spanish speaker who has been extremely helpful in extending the Idaho Meth Project's reach into the Hispanic community.

Magdalena willingly offered her services to translate a number of the IMP's materials into Spanish. In addition, last month Magdalena took time away from her business and donated several days of her time to travel with the IMP staff and our creative team, Venables Bell, to several different locations in Idaho to interview young Spanish speakers about their addiction to Meth. These interviews will ultimately be used to produce a series of new Spanish language radio ads that will air on Spanish radio stations in Idaho. Magdalena stepped up in a big way when we needed her expertise-and we can't thank her enough for all of her support and positive energy!

## Real Stories

Age: 26  
Gender: Female  
Location: Nampa

I never believed how fast the world of meth could suck you in. It took one night for me about three years ago. My husband, however, was on it for at least 13 years, and I just wanted to see what the big deal was since then we had moved across country we lost everything in that move. The person driving our truck with everything in it was coming down off meth and fell asleep at the wheel, he went off the road and into a river in MT. We came back to Boise a few months later and it all started again after awhile we found out our babysitter who was my best friend was sexually abusing my six year old daughter and a few other kids around the complex. After that and all the court stuff we got into it even worse because now we gave our self an excuse we became homeless. Family members blamed us for what happened and won't talk to us even now. We have been clean for about a year now, but with the lasting effects of meth it's still a fight to move on but we are fighting every day. Thank you



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[http://www.idahomethproject.org/Meth\\_Info/real\\_stories.php](http://www.idahomethproject.org/Meth_Info/real_stories.php)



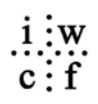
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