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50 FOR TIBET  
ANNOUNCES START  
OF STATE HIGHPOINTER  
FUND RAISING PROJECT

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For Immediate Release

A Colorado based family is pleased to announce the start of their "[50 For Tibet](#)" project that will attempt to reach the highpoint of all 50 states within 52 weeks to raise awareness for the Tibetan people and specifically, to raise financial donations for The [Rowell Fund For Tibet](#). A program of the [International Campaign For Tibet](#), The Rowell Fund, named in honor of the late Galen and Barbara Rowell, provides small grants to Tibetans for their projects in the visual and language arts.

The family of four, the new Team HighPointer, has already received support of some of the most notable mountaineers in the world -- Conrad Anker and David Breashears -- who will join them on select highpoint ascents around the country. In addition, Tony Rowell, the son of Galen, will be joining the team for multiple highpoint climbs.

"Our motto is to 'celebrate one mountain culture, preserve another'," said John Jancik, who started the planning of this challenging adventure last October with his wife, Terri Baker. John and Terri, who originally met Galen Rowell in 1995 as the three of them prepared for their participation in an expedition to northern Greenland, now serve on The Advisory Board of the Rowell Fund For Tibet. Joining them will be their son David Baker and his wife, Jennifer Pauley.

The "50 For Tibet" adventure begins on June 16th when Team HighPoint climbs California's highest point, Mt. Whitney. At 14,495 feet, Whitney is the highest mountain in the 49 states outside of Alaska and is near [Galen and Barbara Rowell's gallery](#) in Bishop, California. Within the first ten weeks of the challenge, Team HighPoint is scheduled to climb 17 highpoints throughout the western and northeastern regions of the U.S. The 50th state highpoint, Denali (20,320 feet) in Alaska, is scheduled to be reached on the 365 day -- June 15th, 2007 -- of the project.

Notes:

1. Team HighPoint will be paying for ALL of their own travel and other expenses during this adventure so that 100% of the monies raised will go directly to The Rowell Fund.
2. Team HighPoint spokespersons can be reached at...

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