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CENTRAL TEXAN RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL COLOMBIA MEDICAL EFFORT *Doctor Joins Former Army Surgeon in Local Medical Partnership*

WACO , TX – Waco native, Scott Warren, DDS, M.D. has met a challenge few in his profession ever experience. His life changing experience was met as one of several medical specialists from the United States, Europe and Colombia who participated on a 9-day medical trip to Neiva, Colombia in June. Dr. Warren, product of the Midway schools near Waco and a Baylor University graduate, had a vision of helping those less fortunate upon his medical residency graduation in June from the Baylor College of Dentistry/Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. As a dual-degreed Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Dr. Warren shared his gift as a surgeon on the medical team in Colombia. Dr. Warren was part of the team organized by the international nonprofit organization, HEALING THE CHILDREN [www.healingthechildren.org] Northeast, Inc. The June trip is in its fifteenth year of successful medical efforts to Neiva, Colombia. The organization provides medical services to children throughout the world who lack sufficient access to medical services and / or the financial resources to obtain services. HTC envisions a world where every child has access to medical care and targets those countries with a high need to heal children. The Colombian medical team was comprised of oral & maxillofacial surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists and pediatricians who operated on 196 children, with surgeries including cleft lip and palate, ear reconstructions, burns, club foot and hip dysplasia.

Dr. Warren performed operations on 30 children, some as young as 6 months of age, over a 5-day span in a Colombian hospital. Crucial medical supplies needed for the surgeries were flown into Colombia with the medical team. The team arrived in Bogota and traveled, under military and police escort, to Neiva, a city of half a million people, east of the Andes Mountains. Upon arrival in Neiva, the team spent 9 hours screening approximately 500 – 1000 patients. Many families walked miles for two days or traveled 12 hours by bus in order to reach the screening site. Dr. Warren feels assured that through his efforts, the children he helped will have a renewed outlook on life because the majority of them have or would have experienced tremendous negative psychological effects due to their medical difficulties.

Upon arrival back home in Waco, Dr. Scott Warren will join another prominent Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Dr. Charles L. Clark. Clark, 38, a 12-year U.S. Army surgeon of the War on Terror along with his spouse, Heidi, a former RN in the U.S. Army, established the **Heart of the Brazos Oral & Facial Surgery** [www.brazossurgery.com] medical practice in July 2007 in Waco. During his tour of duty in Iraq, Dr. Clark's specialization was as a trauma surgeon focused on head and neck injuries of soldiers and Iraqi civilians. He was also one of the combat surgeons responsible for treating then Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein, upon his capture. In addition to his tour of duty in Iraq, Dr. Clark was also stationed at Darnell Army Hospital at Fort Hood and ended his service in the military by teaching Oral & Maxillofacial residents at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Similar philosophies in treating patients and the outstanding medical backgrounds of the two surgeons provide the arena for excellent medical care in Central Texas. The practice treats patients from Central Texas, including weekly surgical visits to the Corsicana region. **Heart of the Brazos Oral & Facial Surgery** specializes in facial reconstruction, teeth extractions, dental implants, sleep apnea and cosmetic surgery.

Dr. Scott Warren, 33, resides in Waco with his wife Ashley and daughter Mabry. {Photo's of Colombian medical trip available upon request for media purposes} ###