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**Virginia Valentine Receives National Distinguished Service Award
From American Association of Diabetes Educators**

Albuquerque, NM. Virginia Valentine, CEO and co-owner of Diabetes Network, Inc., has been honored with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). Valentine received the award at AADE's annual meeting and exposition in Los Angeles on August 11.



Founded in 1973, AADE is a multidisciplinary professional membership organization of healthcare professionals dedicated to integrating successful self-management with the care of people who have diabetes and related conditions.



Valentine, who holds faculty appointments with both the University of New Mexico College of Nursing and School of Medicine and is a member of the Advanced Practice Advisory Board to the New Mexico Board of Nursing, has volunteered many years of service to AADE. She has served on AADE's Foundation Board of Directors, and currently chairs AADE's Advanced Practice Specialty Practice Group and the Content Expert Panel for the AADE/ANCC Advanced Diabetes Management Credential.

In addition, Valentine is President of the American Diabetes Association's New Mexico Leadership Council, and is a past member of ADA's National Board of Directors. She was awarded the Roche/Zitter Diabetes Disease Management Leadership Award in 1999.

Diabetes Network, Inc. is dedicated to improving the lives of people who have diabetes. Its many services include assessments and counseling, diabetes and nutrition education and management, insulin resistance management, insulin pump therapy, continuous glucose sensing, and assisting pregnant women to manage their diabetes. –30–