The American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc. was established in 1984 to support the use of methadone maintenance treatment as part of a comprehensive treatment program for the treatment of opioid dependence and addiction.

We have been working with all partners in this system of care since our founding. We have used our national conferences as a means of creating training activities to prepare our associates throughout the field with the most current information available to respond to changing patient needs.

We are appealing to interested and concerned individuals, who may want to help the Association reach its objectives, as outlined in the Five-Year Report, which appears on our website at http://www.aatod.org/policy_five_year_2007.html. Donations are fully deductible since AATOD is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in addition to being classified as a Public Charity under Section 509a(2).

Your donations will help the Association work more diligently to achieve its goals during an extremely challenging and dynamic period.

In the past few years, we have made progress in providing access to methadone and buprenorphine in the criminal justice system and partnered with a well regarded research institute to understand changing patient characteristics with regard to the abuse of opioids as patients are admitted to treatment programs.

We have nurtured close associations with our international colleagues to form the World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence and increased access to the most current information with regard to Hepatitis C training within OTPs throughout the United States with the financial support of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. We continue to offer our Clinician's Course at our national conferences with the help of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to provide clinicians with the most up-to-date knowledge of OTPs.

Please consider supporting our critical work with a donation as we sustain a future for our treatment system and expand access to good quality care to all those who need it. Your assistance will help us assure increased access to quality treatment to those in need throughout the nation and the world.

Thank you once again for considering making a donation to AATOD and feel free to write with your questions.

Sincerely yours,

Mark W. Parrino, MPA

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