

Delta Dental of Oklahoma

Dentist Check Up

This is a new addition to the Check Up newsletter designed especially for the dentist. Please be sure to have your dentist review it for important information.

The City Rescue Mission Needs You

The City Rescue Mission in downtown Oklahoma City is looking for volunteers to assist in their dental clinic. Below is a letter from their social services director in regards to the great need for patient care.

Perspective Volunteer,

I would like to thank you for your interest in the City Rescue Mission's Dental Clinic. As you are probably well aware, dental needs have been identified as the number one need in our state, especially for the at-risk populations. You can become an important part of our multidisciplinary treatment team that supports and assists our clients in their recovery from homelessness.

Certain services are offered to the adult clients. These include exam, diagnostic, treatment planning, cleanings, extractions, fillings, bone reduction, prosthetics (complete and partial acrylic dentures), and mouth guards. Extracting teeth is the largest need for the clients at the City Rescue Mission Dental Clinic. A denture or a partial will then be made in the clinic.

The services we offer to our adult clients are free of charge and nongovernment funded. We do bill Medicaid for dental care of children, when applicable. This, combined with donations, from companies such as Delta Dental of Oklahoma, is the source of funding for the materials needed to run the clinic. Your time and work will be appreciated by the City Rescue Mission and by all the patients. You will directly change and touch people's lives that are in desperate need. Your time is a blessing to those you serve.

Volunteer time and hours are very flexible. The clinic is currently seeking volunteer services for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Friday afternoons. However volunteer time and hours are very flexible so please contact us if other times may work for you.

Volunteer commitments are monthly, bi-weekly, or weekly. No amount of time is too much or too little.

Please feel free to get the entire office involved. It is suggested a group of assistants complete the volunteer packet so they can take turns coming to clinic to help. If you have any questions, please contact us at (405) 517-3114.

Many have been helped but many more are still waiting.

Thank you.

*Debbie McCulloch
Director of Social Services*

Classified Giving

Health for Friends is in need of the following items at their clinic. If you can be of service in response, please contact Heidi Smith at hsmith@healthforfriends.org.

- » Burs
- » Instruments for extractions
- » Cavatron
- » Sutures
- » Cold Sterile Formula
- » Air/Water syringes
- » Surgical Packing Foam
- » Ultrasonic Cleaning Solution
- » #15 disposable scalpels
- » Topical anesthesia

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Help Fight Insurance Fraud



Your patient's Delta Dental identification (I.D.) card lets you know the patient is a Delta Dental of Oklahoma subscriber. To help combat fraud, you should also ask the patient to show a form of photo identification if he/she is not a regular patient.

Dental insurance fraud is an intentional act of deceiving, concealing, or misrepresenting information that results in dental benefits being paid to an individual or group. A dishonest person could borrow/steal a dental insurance identification card from a subscriber, present it at the dentist office, and receive dental insurance benefits. Help us keep costs low by putting procedures in place to ask for additional identification.



Captain Supertooth at RiverFest

Captain Supertooth, Delta Dental of Oklahoma's superhero ambassador, visited with children at the Oklahoma RiverFest event in Oklahoma City June 7-8. Each year, three Captain Supertooth characters travel the state to deliver fun and informative oral health education programs to thousands of elementary school children.

Delta Dental Named Beacon Award Winner at Inaugural Event



Delta Dental of Oklahoma President and CEO John Gladden (left) is joined by Journal Record Publisher Mary Melon and DDOK Charitable Foundation Chairman Dr. Mike McCleod at the 1st Annual Beacon Awards July 10 at the Hilton-Skirvin in Oklahoma City. The event was presented by The Journal Record. DDOK was named the overall winner in the category of Philanthropic Impact (small/midsized business).

Cause to celebrate! Delta Dental of Oklahoma's Charitable Foundation took home the top award for Philanthropic Impact – Small/Midsized Company (<100 employees) at The Journal Record Beacon Awards ceremony July 10 in Oklahoma City. This was the inaugural event of the program "Recognizing Citizen Leaders Lighting the Way in Oklahoma". Delta Dental was presented the Beacon Award for small/midsized companies. Other Beacon Award winners included Dell, Rees Associates Inc., and Express Employment Professionals. The four winners were selected from among 26 finalists. The Journal Record received more than 60 nominations.

"We are proud to honor businesses that 'light the way' by supporting nonprofit organizations that benefit the citizens of Oklahoma," Mary Melon, publisher of The Journal Record, said.

In 2008 the DDOK Charitable Foundation will award nearly \$500,000 to help fund initiatives designed to provide greater access to oral healthcare and education to all Oklahomans. That figure is on par with the community contributions of Dell, who was named Beacon Award winner for its charitable influence in the large business category. Since its inception in 1999 the DDOK Charitable Foundation has given nearly \$2 million to a variety of oral healthcare and education programs throughout the state. Delta Dental CEO and President John Gladden said that he plans to see that number increase dramatically in years to come as Delta Dental continues to contribute nearly 20 percent of its reserves – a substantial amount for any organization – to the Foundation.

In his acceptance speech Gladden praised the volunteers supported by the Foundation and gave examples of the many Oklahoma dentists and dental auxiliary personnel that donate countless hours each year to help others. "I am pleased to accept this award on behalf of Delta Dental, but I would also like to accept it on behalf of all the true unsung heroes ...the dental volunteers. These are the people that really deserve the credit, but rarely receive it."