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Dentist Check Up

Meet the DDOK Board of Directors

Interview with Board Member
Debbie Corwin, DDS



Dr. Deborah Corwin

Dr. Deborah Corwin has been a member of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Board of Directors for 11 years and has served on the dental policy, Oral Health

Foundation, and

governance committees. Corwin said she was initially motivated to serve on the board by a desire to represent the northern district, where she lives and practices in Bristow with her husband, Dr. Owen Corwin.

Additionally, she said serving on the board gives her a chance to help direct one of the leading dental benefits providers in Oklahoma. "The difference between Delta Dental of Oklahoma and other carriers is

that DDOK is exclusively dental," she said. "Also, DDOK is approachable and flexible, and really cares about their members, dentists and employees."

Corwin also said her service on the board has helped her learn about the aspects of dentistry beyond patient care. "I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge from serving on the board," said Corwin. "The workings of an insurance company, the demands of a dental practice, the desires of the patient, and the restrictions of the government – how do these all come together?"

Corwin said that while the dental benefits industry is not without challenges, most notably finding the balance between being fair to all parties and remaining competitive, she has seen exciting changes during her time on the board. She said she is especially thrilled with the growth DDOK has experienced over the years and how that growth enables the company to give so much back to the community through the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

"I am proud of the foundation's mission and know there are a bunch of people in need who are being served in Oklahoma," she said. "The one thing needed most to complement the foundation's financial support is increased volunteerism," she said.

As for the future of dental benefits, Corwin said she is seeing advances in technology all the time, and anticipates that trend will continue. "Technology is amazing," she said. "The sky is the limit, and we have a great IT team."

In addition to her DDOK board duties, Corwin maintains her Bristow practice with her husband. The Corwins are both general dentists, and while he sees mainly adult patients, she mainly sees children. The Corwins have four children, two boys and two girls, and they enjoy spending time watching their kids play soccer, sing, dance and play basketball. They also enjoy mission trips and outdoor activities, such as hunting, fishing and snow skiing.

Delta Dental Companies Team Up Again for Missions of Mercy



A group of 20 Delta Dental member companies from across the U.S. is donating \$515,000 to the America's Dentists Care Foundation (ADCF), the organization that provides the portable dental equipment used for Missions of Mercy

events throughout the U.S., including the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy recently held in McAlester. The Delta Dental donation will be used to purchase a new semi-trailer load of equipment, enough to equip an entire 100-operatory MOM event.

This is the second group donation organized by Delta Dental. "Last year we learned that Delta Dental member companies throughout the country shared DDOK's vision for partnering with Missions of Mercy when we collectively contributed funds to

purchase the dental chairs, portable delivery units and Cavitron scalers for a MOM trailer," said John Gladden, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. "That inspired us to expand our vision and cover the costs of an entire trailer load this year. Wherever there are volunteer dental professionals willing to donate their time and skills, we want to ensure there is the necessary equipment to support their efforts."

Bruce Bergstrom is the executive director of ADCF and sees the number of MOM events nearly doubling soon. "Last year, Missions of Mercy were held in 16 states and we expect as many as 14 new states to begin conducting MOM events over the next two years," Bergstrom said. "We're grateful to Delta Dental for helping us support that number of events through this generous donation."

Mission of Mercy events have helped more than 100,000 patients and provided nearly \$50 million in free dental services since 2000.

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Foundation Spotlight

Foundation Awards 2012 Grants



Dr. Alan McDonald serves a patient at NSO Low-cost Dental Clinic in Oklahoma City.

This year, Delta Dental of Oklahoma will again donate 50 percent of its net contribution to reserves to its Oral Health Foundation for the support of oral health and education programs throughout Oklahoma.

We are proud to collaborate with the following 2012 grant recipients and sincerely thank the volunteer dental professionals, general volunteers, and staff who make these programs possible.

Free Dental Clinics and Care Facilitation

- America's Dentists Care Foundation: **\$27,000**
- NEW!** Calvary Baptist Church Dental Clinic, Lawton: **\$9,500**
- Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center, Tulsa: **\$25,000**
- City Rescue Mission Indigent Care Fund, Oklahoma City: **\$15,000**
- Crossings Community Clinic, Oklahoma City: **\$39,000**
- D-DENT Dental Care Facilitation Program (statewide): **\$90,000**
- Eastern Okla. Donated Dental Services (918/539 Area Codes): **\$90,000**
- Free Clinic of Mayes County, Pryor: **\$5,000**
- Good Shepherd Clinic, Ardmore: **\$30,000**
- Good Shepherd Clinic, Oklahoma City: **\$20,000**
- King's Clinic, Oklahoma City: **\$5,000**
- Ministries of Jesus Clinic, Edmond: **\$25,000**
- Morton Midtown Family Health Center, Tulsa: **\$10,000**
- Neighbor for Neighbor, Tulsa: **\$60,000**
- Neighborhood Services Org. Transitional Program Indigent Care Fund, Oklahoma City: **\$3,000**
- Norman Regional Foundation "Give Kids a Smile" Day, Norman: **\$500**
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care Program (statewide): **\$225,000**
- 2012 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, McAlester: **\$100,000** (awarded in 2011)
- 2013 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, Lawton: **\$100,000** (awarded in 2012)
- 2012 RAM Oklahoma City Medical/Dental Clinic Event: **\$7,000** (cash and in-kind)
- Tri-County Technology Center Volunteer Dental Clinic, Bartlesville: **\$3,000**
- Western Okla. Family Care Center, Elk City: **\$20,000**
- Western Tech Center/OU Dental Hygiene GKAS Sealant Program, Weatherford: **\$7,000**

Low-Cost Dental Clinics

- Health for Friends Dental Clinic, Norman: **\$20,000**
- NSO Dental Clinic, Oklahoma City: **\$45,000** plus **\$5,000** challenge grant
- Southern Okla. Tech Center OU Dental Hygiene Clinic, Ardmore: **\$5,000**
- OU College of Dentistry Student Clinic, Oklahoma City: **\$100,000**

Education and Other Initiatives

- DDOK-OHF Captain Supertooth Dental Education Program: **\$57,000**
- NEW!** Kiamichi Medical Center Community Education, Bhattiest: **\$9,000** (cash and in-kind)
- OU College of Dentistry Scholarships: **\$60,000**
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program: **\$1,500**
- NSO Dental Clinic Outreach Program, Oklahoma City: **\$1,070**



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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer Opportunity: ODF Mobile Dental Care Program

Our Oral Health Foundation is proud to have supported the ODF Mobile Dental Care Program from its inception, and to provide major funding for the pilot program that has effectively doubled the mobile unit's reach and services statewide over the past two years. The mobile unit exemplifies "access to care" as it literally *delivers* services to populations in need. The features of the fully equipped, state-of-the-art mobile dental van include digital x-ray, fiber optic high speeds, and nitrous oxide. Volunteer dental professionals are needed across the state. **To view the current schedule and to volunteer, visit www.okdf.org.**