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The economy is taking its toll on Oklahomans and creating more demand than ever for free and low-cost dental care. It is inspiring to see the many dental professionals and other volunteers who continue to rise to the occasion and make care available to those in need.

In Oklahoma City, the **Good Shepherd Dental Clinic** has expanded to provide denture services. In Tulsa, the Catholic Charities will open the new **Mother Teresa Dental Care Center** in December. In February, hundreds of volunteers from across the state will converge on the Tulsa Convention Center for **OkMOM** to provide two days of free dental care for adults and children in need. These are just a few examples of the many clinics and organizations making a difference in the lives of Oklahomans every day.

At the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation, it's our privilege to support these organizations and their volunteers. We thank those of you who are already volunteering and encourage others to experience the enrichment that giving back can bring.

**Volunteers needed for Oklahoma "Mission of Mercy"**

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation (DDOKCF) and the Oklahoma Dental Association are co-sponsoring the first **Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM)** February 5-6 at the Tulsa Convention Center. The two-day clinic will provide free dental care to nearly 2,000 adults and children who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise cannot access the dental care they need.



The success of this amazing event depends on hundreds of volunteers for all types of roles – dental, medical, pharmaceutical, support, administration, translation, and more. Visit the OkMOM Web site at [www.okmom.org](http://www.okmom.org) for details.

**Mid-year grants awarded**

Congratulations to the following mid-year grant recipients:

- **Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center (Tulsa)** – Equipment for new clinic opening in December 2009.
- **Health for Friends (Norman)** – For supplies and equipment.
- **Neighborhood Services Organization** – To provide dental care to participants in their transitional living program for the homeless.
- **Perry 1st Baptist Church Free Dental Clinic** – For supplies and equipment.
- **Good Shepherd Clinic (OKC)** – Supplemental grant to complete denture clinic.
- **Okla. State Dept. of Health** – To send dental educators to the National Smokeless Tobacco Summit to gain new knowledge for the fight against the use of smokeless and spit tobacco – a cause of gum recession, tooth decay, and oral cancer.
- **American College of Dentists** – For establishment of a national ethics resource clearinghouse for dental schools and organizations.

**Foundation funds ODF mobile unit expansion project**

DDOKCF has committed to fund a two-year pilot project designed to almost triple the reach of the **Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care program**. This is exciting news to the many site partners across the state of Oklahoma who depend on this important program.

Even with the new funding, the success of the mobile unit depends on a variety of volunteer dental professionals and others. The ODF now has an online program that makes it easier than ever to sign up and track your volunteer hours. Visit their Web site at [www.okdf.org](http://www.okdf.org) to learn about becoming a site partner or volunteer.

Keep an eye out for the fun and colorful new RV "wrap" when the Mobile Dental Care Unit comes to your town!



## Classified Giving

### WANTED: Track Lighting

Desperately need two used ceiling-mount track lights. Good Shepherd Ministries of Oklahoma, Inc.; a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contact Dr. Frank Lipsinic. H: 405-842-8303; W: 405-271-5346.

### DENTISTS NEEDED

The OU/Southern Oklahoma Technology Center in Ardmore needs volunteer dentists for their Dental Hygiene Clinic. There is also an opening for a part-time Supervisory Dentist. Contact Christy McCullers at 580-223-2070 ext. 268 for details.

### CITY RESCUE MISSION DENTAL CLINIC

is in need of a replacement x-ray process unit and x-ray processing chemicals. They also need volunteer dentists, assistants, and hygienists. Contact Rev. Debbi McCulloch MS, ARNP at 405-517-3114.

### VHS TO DVD CONVERTER

Dental educators need to transfer their old VHS tapes to DVD for use by schools. If you can donate a converter or any dental education resources please contact Kristi Love, RDH, at 580-338-8544 or kristil@health.ok.gov.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers of all kinds are needed for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy coming up Feb. 5-6 in Tulsa. Learn how your dental office, school group, church, or community organization can get involved at [www.okmom.org](http://www.okmom.org).

*Do you have dental equipment or supplies to donate? To list them in our Classified Giving column call Terrisa at 405-607-4771 or E-mail [foundation@DeltaDentalOK.org](mailto:foundation@DeltaDentalOK.org).*

## Governor's task force on children's oral health concludes

In 2007, Gov. Brad Henry created a special task force to extensively study the issue of children's oral health in Oklahoma. In September the task force completed its work and presented the final report to the governor. DDOKCF is very pleased to have our complete **Resource for Dental Care** Guide included as a reference document in the report. As soon as it is released to the public, a link to the final report will be available on our Web site at [www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation](http://www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation).

## Resource Spotlight: Good Shepherd Denture Clinic (OKC)

For many years, the Good Shepherd Dental Clinic at 222 N.W. 12th Street in Oklahoma City has provided a free extraction clinic for adults and a free restorative clinic for children. The clinic depends on volunteer students and faculty from the OU College of Dentistry, as well as volunteer dental professionals from the community.

With help from DDOKCF grants, the clinic will be expanding to become the state's first free *denture clinic* in the near future. The clinic plans to partner with D-DENT and others to help Oklahomans unable to afford the dentures they need. This new facility is the vision of Dr. Frank Lipsinic, Good Shepherd's dedicated Dental Director. We congratulate Dr. Lipsinic and look forward to seeing what great things will be accomplished for those in need.



## Oklahoma volunteerism tops national average

Volunteers are absolutely critical for most of the clinics and programs supported by DDOKCF. One volunteer can literally extend a nonprofit's service by thousands of dollars. And when it comes to volunteering, Oklahomans beat the national average!

Though we top the U.S. average, even more can be accomplished with more volunteers – dental professionals and non-professionals alike. To find a rewarding volunteer opportunity in your area, call the Foundation at 405-607-4771.

According to this year's *Volunteering in America Report*, 29.1 percent of Oklahomans volunteered compared with the national average of 26.2 percent. In a comparison of 51 large cities, Oklahoma City was ranked 7th in number of volunteers and 2nd in annual service hours per resident. Among 75 mid-size cities, Tulsa ranked 27th in number of volunteers and 36th in hours per resident.

The report is based on surveys collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is released by the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more details visit their Web site at [www.volunteeringinamerica.gov](http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov).

Volunteering in America Report – Oklahoma's Rankings		
	Average volunteer rate (rank)	Annual service hrs / resident (rank)
<b>Oklahoma</b> Compared to 50 states	29.1 percent (24th)	40.7 hours / resident (17th)
<b>Oklahoma City</b> Compared to 51 large cities	33 percent (7th)	53 hours / resident (2nd)
<b>Tulsa</b> Compared to 75 mid-size cities	32 percent (27th)	38 hours / resident (36th)