



From the desk of...

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During my first weeks here at the Foundation, I've traveled throughout Oklahoma meeting our various grant recipients and seeing the amazing work they accomplish in their communities. In some cases I was able to personally meet some of the individuals whose lives have been powerfully impacted by the dental care they had received through these programs. I heard the stories and saw photos of many others and I must admit I was moved to tears on more than one occasion.

Those on the front lines who are using what resources they have and donating their time to meet needs and change lives are more than inspirational. They are heroic. It's truly an honor to serve in this position and work with such extraordinary people.

Classified Giving

The following requests are from organizations Delta Dental partners with.

WANTED: Panoramic X-Ray Unit

Crossings Community Clinic is in need of a late-model film or digital x-ray unit. Please contact Steve Turner at 753-4070.

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.

Foundation triples funding for 2009

In 2008 the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation gave almost \$500,000 to a variety of dental health and education related programs throughout the state, making it the single largest contributor to the cause. This year the Foundation increased its funding to nearly \$1.5 million, an increase of 300 percent over the previous year. For details and a list of our 2009 grant recipients, see our Web site: www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation

2010 grant applications due August 31

The mission of our foundation is to advance dental care access and dental health education. If your organization has a program in line with this mission, we invite you to apply for a 2010 Foundation Grant. The grant application is available for download from our Web site.



Captain Supertooth inspires kids

Captain Supertooth visits schools and specials events, inspiring kids to be heroes to their teeth! This lively character uses giant props to engage kids and leave a lasting impression. See our Web site for booking information.

Spotlight: Crossings Community Clinic

When you walk in the front door of Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City, you'd never know it's a free clinic. With its bright open spaces, attractive décor, and roomy waiting area it could easily be mistaken for a private practice. And that's the goal, according to Steve Turner, the program's director.

"We want to give our patients a sense of dignity," says Turner. "Many of them are going through very tough times. That's why they're here. We want them to know someone cares."

The dental clinic has three well-equipped operatories and offers restorative and preventive care, extractions, and dentures. The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation has invested \$90,000 in the clinic to date. More dentists and other volunteers are needed.

Learn more about this and other Foundation grant recipients at our Web site: www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation



Crossings volunteer dentist Dr. Joe Wright and a very happy patient!