



Oklahoma Mission of Mercy volunteer deadline Jan. 11

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation 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 1,600 adults and children who are uninsured, underinsured or otherwise cannot access the dental care they need.

You can help in two vital ways:

1. Volunteer: The success of this amazing event depends on hundreds of volunteers for all types of roles – dental, medical, pharmaceutical, support, administration, translation, and more. This is an ideal group volunteer opportunity for churches, schools, and civic/nonprofit organizations as well as dental offices. Volunteer registration is open until **Jan. 11**. Get details and register today at www.okmom.org.

2. Spread the Word: Copy the flyer on the next page and distribute it throughout your community.



Tulsa dentist and ODA President Rieger Wood providing care at the Kansas Mission of Mercy held last year.

Foundation announces initial grants for 2010

Delta Dental of Oklahoma will contribute over \$1.4 million to its Charitable Foundation for the support of dental care and education related programs and initiatives in 2010. About \$1 million in funding has been awarded to 26 initial grant recipients. Recipients were chosen through a board-reviewed application process; the balance of the funds will be awarded throughout the year. Congratulations to the following 2010 grant recipients!

Free Dental Clinics and Care Facilitation Programs

- Bristow Free Clinic in Bristow
- Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center in Tulsa
- City Rescue Mission Indigent Care Fund in Oklahoma City
- Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City
- D-DENT Dental Care Facilitation Program (statewide)
- Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (918 Area Code)
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Ardmore
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City
- Heart and Hand Ministries Indigent Care Fund in Oklahoma City
- Ministries of Jesus Clinic in Edmond
- Neighbor for Neighbor in Tulsa
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care Program (statewide)
- 2011 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic Event in Oklahoma City
- Perry First Baptist Church Dental Clinic in Perry
- 2010 RAM Oklahoma City Medical/Dental Clinic Event (in-kind)
- Tri-County Technology Center Free Clinic in Bartlesville
- Southern Oklahoma Technology Center Dental Hygiene Clinic in Ardmore

Low-Cost Dental Clinics

- Health for Friends Dental Clinic in Norman
- Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) Dental Clinic in Oklahoma City

Educational Support

- Delta Dental of Oklahoma's Captain Supertooth education program (statewide)
- University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

Other Initiatives

- Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association "Give Kids a Smile" Day in Tulsa
- Norman Regional Foundation's "Give Kids a Smile" Day in Norman
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program (statewide)
- Western Oklahoma Tech Center's Sealant Program in Weatherford

2009 year-end funding awarded

Morton Midtown Family Health Center, 102 N. Denver in Tulsa, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to support its free dental services for the homeless. This is Morton's first grant from the Foundation. Other year-end funding was awarded to **Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS)**, **D-DENT**, **Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City**, and **Good Shepherd Clinic in Ardmore**.



TWO DAYS OF FREE DENTAL CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

FEB. 5-6, 2010

**TULSA CONVENTION CENTER
100 CIVIC CENTER, DOWNTOWN TULSA**

- No appointments – First come, first served.
- Approx. 800 people each day will be served.
- Doors open at 5AM each day.
- Fillings, extractions, cleanings, root canals.
- No eligibility or income requirements.
- Adults and children.

To volunteer or for more information go to: www.okmom.org

(Volunteer registration deadline: Jan. 11)



Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) PATIENTS' FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age groups will be treated? All ages will be seen. However, dentures will not be available.

If I am under 18, do I need a parent or guardian present? Yes.

Is there anything which would disqualify me from treatment?

Each patient will undergo a simple medical exam at the start of your OkMOM experience. Some things that could prevent you from being treated include: having a fever at the time of treatment; uncontrollable, abnormally high blood pressure; or excessive bleeding in the past.

Can I pre-register/set an appointment? No. All OkMOM services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. No pre-registration is allowed or required.

How do I qualify? There are no qualification criteria. The *first 800 people (approx.)* will be served.

How early should I arrive at OkMOM? The doors will open at 5AM. From our experiences in other states, we expect people to begin lining up much earlier than 5AM. Regardless of when you plan to arrive, please keep the following in mind:

- Patients **will not** be allowed in the building before 5AM. No exceptions will be made.
- If you decide to stand in line, it will be very cold outside. DRESS APPROPRIATELY.
- Collapsible chairs, blankets, and sleeping bags will be allowed. However, you may not have a chance to return them to your car and will need to carry them with you throughout the day.
- Tents will not be allowed. No exceptions.
- Security and portable toilets will be available.

What time will the clinic doors close? It depends. We will treat approximately 800 patients per day. Once we reach our quota, we will close the doors to any new patients for that day. If 800 people are in line at 5AM, we will not open the doors for new patients that day. If 200 people are in line when the doors open, we will continue accepting patients until we reach our capacity.

Do I need insurance/payment? No. This is a completely free event. Because of the generosity of our volunteer dental professionals, we will not be filing insurance or charging patients for services performed.

Can someone come with me while I am being treated? You are welcome to bring a friend or family member with you to OkMOM. They can stay with you while you are outside in line but we will require them to go the **family/friends waiting area** as soon as you enter the building. You will be able to meet them once you are finished with treatment.

My entire family needs to be seen. Is that possible? Yes. However, we will only allow one parent/guardian to go with children under 18 into the treatment area.

Will breakfast/lunch be provided? Yes. We will serve free breakfast and lunch to all patients waiting to enter the clinic. Food and drinks will not be allowed on the clinic floor.

Will there be translators? Spanish and Vietnamese translators; signers for the hearing impaired.

Is there a limit as to how much treatment I can receive? Due to limited supplies, time and volunteers, we are limited to the amount of treatment we can provide each individual. Our first priority will be to treat your critical dental needs. When you enter our clinic, one of our volunteer dentists will meet with you and determine your treatment plan.

What should I bring to OkMOM? We recommend the following: List of current medications; One day supply of medications; Baby supplies for a full day (diapers, formula, etc.).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.okmom.org