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**First Oklahoma Mission of Mercy a huge success!**

At 5 a.m. on February 5th, 2010 there was a long line at Tulsa's Convention Center. It wasn't for a concert, conference, or tournament – but for a much needed trip to the dentist.

More than 1,400 people lined up on day one of the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) event. Organized by the Oklahoma Dental Association, OkMOM was funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Delta Dental Charitable Foundation.



“Our charitable foundation continually seeks ways to support dental professionals willing to provide their specialized talents. OkMOM was a perfect marriage of resources and ability and we are very grateful to the dentists, dental assistants and hygienists for donating their skills to such a great cause,” said John Gladden, CEO and president of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. The event was also made possible by the support of hundreds of general volunteers and donations of food and supplies from numerous businesses.

The clinic was available on a first-come, first-served basis for those in need of quality dental care they simply couldn't afford. Many arrived two days in advance and braved the cold to make sure they received help.



The goal was to treat 1,600 people on that Friday and Saturday. But with everyone pulling together, they actually treated 1,805 patients and performed almost 7,000 procedures valued at \$859,463.

Go to [www.OkMOM.org](http://www.OkMOM.org) to view photos of the 2010 event. Information about **OkMOM 2011** in Oklahoma City will soon be posted.

**Remote Access Medical® clinic event scheduled for July**

About 2,000 people are expected to receive free dental, vision and general medical care at Remote Area Medical's first Oklahoma expedition July 9th-11th at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Remote Area Medical® (RAM) is a volunteer medical care organization that conducts clinic events which utilize volunteer health professionals to provide free health care on a first-come, first-served basis to those in need.

RAM needs volunteer physicians, physician's assistants, dentists, hygienists, optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, nurses, EMTs, medical students and general volunteers.

For detail visit their Web site at [www.ramok.org](http://www.ramok.org).



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**2010 OkMOM STATS**

Total Patients Treated: 1,805  
Total Procedures Performed: 6,997  
Total Value of Donated Services: \$859,463

*Delta Dental and the ODA extend our appreciation to the amazing OkMOM volunteers and sponsors. None of this would have been possible without them.*

**VOLUNTEERS**

- 247 Dentists
- 148 Hygienists
- 239 Assistants
- 50 Dental Students
- 628 General Volunteers

**SPONSORS**

- Bama Pie
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- Rib Crib Barbecue
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- Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Unit
- Stillwater National Bank
- Tulsa Reserve Police Officers
- Ultradent

## Foundation committee chair visits Tulsa clinic grantees

Dr. Michael McLeod, foundation committee chairperson, visited our Tulsa grant recipient clinics in March. "I grew up in Tulsa," said Dr. McLeod. "It was great to revisit my old stomping grounds and see what our grantee clinics are doing to meet needs and change lives there."

**Morton Midtown Clinic**, located at the Salvation Army in downtown Tulsa, provides free care for the homeless and recently received its first grant from the Foundation. **Mother Teresa Dental Care Center** opened in January and is located on the new Catholic Charities campus near Harvard and Apache. **Neighbor for Neighbor Dental Clinic** has provided free dental care for those in need since 1974 and has been supported by the Foundation for eight years.

No list of benevolent dentistry in Tulsa would be complete without mentioning **Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS)**. More than 220 Tulsa area dentists volunteer their services through EODDS to provide care in their private offices for the elderly, disabled, and less fortunate residing in the 918 area code. DDOK Foundation grants help cover the lab costs associated with this vital care.

Details on these and other benevolent dental organizations across the state can be found in our *Resource for Dental Care*, a guide to free and low-cost dental care, at [www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation](http://www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation).



Dr. McLeod at Morton's homeless dental clinic pictured (left to right) with Dental Manager Nicole Singleton, Dental Assistant Rozaletta Oliver and Front Office Clerk Patricia Clifton.



Dr. McLeod reviews an x-ray with Leah Robles Sommer, Dental Coordinator for the Catholic Charities' Mother Teresa Dental Care Center.



Dr. McLeod met Cheryl Brewer (left), a former Neighbor for Neighbor clinic patient and current dental assistant, as well as Marina Folz, an NFN dental assistant.

## A new home for Ardmore's Good Shepherd

The **Good Shepherd Medical and Dental Clinic in Ardmore** celebrated their new facility with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony March 25. Mercy Memorial Health Center donated the 5,000 sq. ft. modular medical office building to the clinic and the Southern Oklahoma Memorial Foundation paid to move and remodel it.

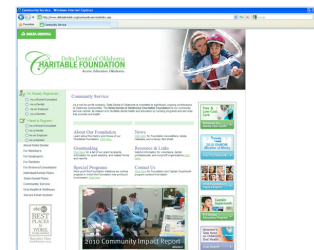
Formerly housed in a 1,800 sq. ft. facility, the volunteers and staff are enjoying a bit more elbow room as they provide free dental, medical, and prescription services to low-income, uninsured adults in the five surrounding counties. Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation has provided funding for the dental clinic since 2008.



Good Shepherd Executive Director Vanesa Ramsey (center) is joined by staff and volunteers and the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce for the March 25 ribbon cutting event.

## Great new resources on our website

Please take a moment to visit our Foundation Web site located at [www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation](http://www.DeltaDentalOK.org/foundation) to see the great new resources available. In the new "Grantmaking" section you'll find a list of our current grant recipients and information about applying for a grant. The "Resources & Links" section has links to very valuable resources for the general public, educators, dental professionals, and nonprofits.



## Classified Giving

One used **Adec dental chair** in good condition and other miscellaneous dental equipment available for donation to charitable, nonprofit or educational dental organizations. For details, contact: Dr. George Safely (Moore, OK) at 405-794-6066.

*Have dental equipment or supplies to donate?  
 Contact Terrisa at 405-607-4771.*