America’s Mission of Mercy Receive Delta Dental Donation

The Missouri Mission of Mercy, held in Springfield on September 23rd, served as an appropriate backdrop for the official presentation of a $162,000 donation made by Delta Dental to America’s Mission of Mercy (A-MOM). Organized by DDOK President & CEO John Gladden, the contribution is a collaboration of 18 Delta Dental member companies and includes funds donated in conjunction with a recent Facebook Causes Campaign that helped raise nationwide awareness about A-MOM. The donation covers the cost of 100 patient chairs, 100 portable delivery units and 18 Cavitron ultrasonic scalers.

“We are very proud to support the volunteer dental professionals who make Mission of Mercy clinics possible,” said Gladden. “This donation helps fulfill Delta Dental’s core not-for-profit mission, which is to improve the oral health of all Americans.”

The next Oklahoma Mission of Mercy will be held February 3-4 in McAlester. Delta Dental of Oklahoma is proud to again co-sponsor the event with the Oklahoma Dental Association and Oklahoma Dental Foundation.

Captain Supertooth Gets a New Look!

After traveling the state for more than 10 years, educating school children about the importance of good oral hygiene, Captain Supertooth has a brand, new look!

To celebrate the new costume and to spread the word about the Captain Supertooth educational website, we are conducting the Captain Supertooth Sweepstakes for kids ages 5 – 12. The official entry form and details can be found at www.CaptainSupertooth.com through November 10th. Five winners of a random drawing will receive a free electric toothbrush and digital timer.

Spread the word to the kids, parents and teachers you know!
Foundation Trustee Honored

The University of Central Oklahoma is naming its Forensic Science Institute in honor of Dr. W. Roger Webb, who recently retired after serving as the university’s president for 14 years. A series of etched glass murals featuring enlarged renderings of Webb’s thumbprint will appear on windows throughout the building.

Webb began his career in law enforcement working in the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety for 12 years and serving as the State Commissioner of Public Safety from 1974 to 1978. Webb has served on the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Board of Directors since 2000 and the DDOK Oral Health Foundation Board of Trustees since 2009. He was recently elected Vice-Chair of the Foundation Board.

OKC Dentist Honored at Beacon Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Justin Beasley and his staff for being honored as finalists in the Charitable Influence category of the 2011 Journal Record Beacon Awards. During 2010 alone, Dr. Beasley and his team contributed 224 hours of volunteer service through various programs including Oklahoma Mission of Mercy and the ODF Mobile Dental Care Program!

After winning the Journal Record Beacon Award for Philanthropic Impact in the Small Business category for two years, Delta Dental of Oklahoma and its Oral Health Foundation proudly sponsored the 2011 Beacon Awards along with First Fidelity Bank, McAfee & Taft, and Cox Business.

Foundation Grantees Among 2011 Champions of Health

We are proud to see the following DDOK Foundation grant recipients honored by the 2011 Champions of Health awards:

- D-DENT – Winner, Champion of the Uninsured
- OU College of Dentistry (Geriatric Dentistry Outreach Initiative) – Finalist, Champion of Senior Health
- Oklahoma Mission of Mercy – Finalist, Community Health Champion

Harris Named as “50 Making a Difference” Honoree

Shirley Harris, Executive Director of D-DENT (Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment) has been selected as one of the Journal Record’s 2011 50 Making a Difference for its Woman of the Year program. Shirley is being honored for her extensive work in charitable dentistry. Congratulations, Shirley!

Wanted: Fans for our New Foundation Facebook Page!

We are excited to announce the launch of our Foundation Facebook page! Just go to www.facebook.com/DDOKFoundation for news about Oklahoma’s benevolent dentistry community, oral health and wellness tips, and the latest adventures of Captain Supertooth. Please be sure to “like” our page and share it with your Facebook friends to help spread the word about oral health in Oklahoma!


Attention Teachers: To request a Captain Supertooth presentation for your K-3rd grade class or download oral health education curriculum and activities, just go to www.CaptainSupertooth.com!

Enter the Captain Supertooth SWEEPSTAKES for Kids ages 5-12!

Details at www.CaptainSupertooth.com
Contest ends Nov. 10, 2011.