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# Epicenter

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## Welcome to Epicenter!

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation endeavors to be the **epicenter** of benevolent dentistry in Oklahoma, connecting oral health resources to one another and to those in need of their services.

Each issue of **Epicenter** will bring you news about the Foundation and how our grantee organizations are meeting the dental care and education needs of Oklahomans throughout the state.

## New name better reflects Foundation's mission

To better communicate our mission, we have changed our name from the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation to the Delta Dental of Oklahoma *Oral Health* Foundation (DDOK-OHF).

"Our charitable foundation is solely focused on oral health," said John Gladden, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. "We only provide grants for dental related endeavors. Expanding the Foundation's name to include 'oral health' helps potential grantees identify our mission and clarifies to the community what we are all about."

Our new logo, a tooth within a heart, accompanies the new name. The logo represents how oral health is at the heart of everything we do.



*Volunteer dental professionals served more than 1,800 patients at the 2010 OkMOM in Tulsa.*

## OkMOM coming up Feb. 4-5 in OKC

About 2,000 Oklahomans in need of dental care they cannot afford will be served at the second annual **Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM)** free dental clinic event, being held Feb. 4-5 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. The event is organized by the Oklahoma Dental Association and funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

It's all made possible by hundreds of volunteer dental professionals and general volunteers.

Help spread the word by distributing the enclosed **OkMOM Patient Flyer**. For more information, visit [www.okmom.org](http://www.okmom.org).

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## New online address for resource guide

Each quarter we publish the **Resource for Dental Care** guide, a directory of free and low-cost dental care resources throughout the state. This is a valuable tool for individuals in need of dental care they cannot afford as well as the many organizations that serve as referral sources. The guide is now available at **[www.ResourceForDentalCare.org](http://www.ResourceForDentalCare.org)**. Those without Internet access can still request a printed copy by calling 405-607-4725.

## 2011 grant recipients announced

At a time when economic hardship is impacting thousands of Oklahomans, Delta Dental of Oklahoma is contributing more than \$1.2 million to its Oral Health Foundation to support dental care and education programs and initiatives in 2011.

We congratulate the following grantees and express our sincere gratitude to the volunteer dental professionals, general volunteers, and staff who make these programs possible.

### Free Dental Clinics and Care Facilitation Programs

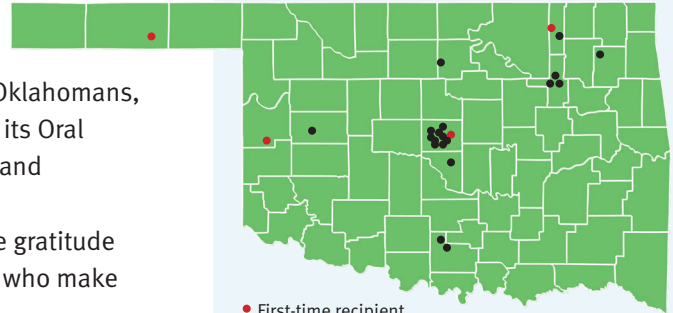
- Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center in Tulsa: \$15,000
- City Rescue Mission Indigent Care Fund in Oklahoma City: \$20,000
- Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$5,000 (Plus \$20,000 year-end 2010)
- D-DENT Dental Care Facilitation Program (statewide): \$90,000
- Eastern Okla. Donated Dental Services (918 Area Code): \$70,000
- Free Clinic of Mayes County in Pryor: \$5,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Ardmore: \$20,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$20,000 (Plus \$16,200 year-end 2010)
- **NEW!** Green Country Free Dental Clinic in Bartlesville: \$15,000
- Heart and Hand Ministries Indigent Care Fund in Oklahoma City: \$3,000
- King's Klinik in Oklahoma City: \$5,000
- Ministries of Jesus Clinic in Edmond: \$25,000
- Morton Midtown Family Health Center in Tulsa: \$10,000
- Neighbor for Neighbor in Tulsa: \$50,000
- Neighborhood Services Org. Transitional Program Indigent Care Fund: \$3,000
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care Unit Program (statewide): \$298,000
- 2012 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (McAlester): \$50,000 challenge grant
- 2011 RAM Oklahoma City Medical/Dental Clinic Event : \$7,000 (cash and in-kind)
- **NEW!** Rose State College Dental Hygiene Children's Clinic in MWC: \$5,000
- Tri-County Technology Center Volunteer Dental Clinic in Bartlesville: \$5,000
- **NEW!** Varnish Oklahoma in Northwest Oklahoma: \$10,000
- **NEW!** Western Okla. Family Center in Elk City: \$5,000 challenge (Plus \$15,000 year-end 2010)

### Low-Cost Dental Clinics

- Health for Friends Dental Clinic in Norman: \$15,000 plus \$5,000 challenge grant
- NSO Dental Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$45,000 plus \$5,000 challenge grant
- Southern Okla. Tech Center OU Dental Hygiene Clinic in Ardmore: \$5,000
- OU College of Dentistry Student Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$100,000

### Education and Other Initiatives

- DDOK-OHF Captain Supertooth Dental Education Program: \$57,000
- OU College of Dentistry Scholarships (\$50,000) and Software (\$125,000)
- Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association Dental Library, Tulsa: \$2,000
- Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association "Give Kids a Smile" Day: \$2,000
- Norman Regional Foundation "Give Kids a Smile" Day, Norman: \$600
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program: \$1,500
- Western Okla. Tech Center GKAS/Sealant Program, Weatherford: \$2,677
- NSO Dental Clinic Outreach Program, Oklahoma City: \$1,070



• First-time recipient

## First-time grantees

The Foundation is proud to partner for the first time with four grant recipients.

The **Green Country Free Dental Clinic** in Bartlesville and the **Western Oklahoma Family Care Center Free Dental Clinic** in Elk City will open in early 2011 to serve their rural regions.

**"Varnish Oklahoma"** is a brand new program sponsored by the Guymon Community Enrichment Foundation and organized by Kristi Love, RDH, and will provide fluoride varnish treatments to the underserved and at-risk children in northwest Oklahoma.

The **Rose State College Dental Hygiene Children's Clinic** offers free services for low-income families while providing supervised hands-on training for the program's dental hygiene students.

*Below: Volunteer dental professionals provide screenings and care at the Norman Regional Foundation's "Give Kids a Smile" day*





# TWO DAYS OF FREE DENTAL CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

## FEB. 4-5, 2011

### COX CONVENTION CENTER

100 MYRIAD GARDENS, DOWNTOWN OKC

Co-sponsored by



- No appointments – First come, first served
- Approx. 1,000 people each day will be served
- Doors open at 5AM each day
- Fillings, extractions, cleanings, root canals (anterior only)
- Dentures/partials are not available
- No eligibility or income requirements
- Adults and children

## 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 1,000 people (approx.)* will be served.

**How early should I arrive at OkMOM?** The doors will open at 5AM. From our previous experience we expect people to begin lining up much earlier than 5AM. Please keep the following in mind:

- Patients *will not* be allowed in the building before 5AM. No exceptions will be made.
- Line will form in a covered parking garage. If you decide to stand in line, it will be very cold. DRESS APPROPRIATELY.
- Collapsible chairs, blankets, and sleeping bags will be allowed. However, you will 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.
- OkMOM is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**What time will the clinic doors close?** We will treat approximately 1,000 patients per day. Once 1,000 people enter, we will close the doors to any new patients for that day.

**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 inside 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. (*Dentures/partials are not available.*)

**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.). **Bring these items with you in line; do not leave them in your car.** Once you enter the building, you cannot leave to go to your car.

**Where do I park?** Patients receiving treatment will be given a parking voucher AFTER treatment for the Santa Fe Parking Garage and the Century Center Parking Garage **ONLY**. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you do not receive treatment (or if you park in a parking garage other than Santa Fe or Century) you must pay for parking. Be sure to obey all posted signs to avoid fines or impoundment.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.okmom.org](http://www.okmom.org)**