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Oklahoma Mission of Mercy

February 1-2, 2013
Lawton, OK

Volunteer Registration
Opens October 15th
at www.okmom.org

Please help spread the word to prospective patients by copying and distributing the enclosed **Patient Information Flyer!**

RAM Oklahoma Delivers Care and Smiles

Starting junior high is tough. When you have a chipped front tooth, it's even tougher. Twelve-year-old Alexis knows just how that feels. And now, thanks to volunteer dental professionals, she has a beautiful, restored smile!

Alexis is one of more than 1,500 Oklahomans who received free dental, vision and medical services at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Oklahoma event held at the state



RAM volunteers Dr. Julie Storm and pre-dental student Dustin Perry helped restore Alexis' smile.

fairgrounds August 25th and 26th. Volunteer dental professionals served 1,016 dental patients with 1,325 extractions, 243 fillings and 153 cleanings.

Prior to the event, Delta Dental of Oklahoma employees assembled 1,500 brush kits for RAM patients. At the clinic, DDOK employees teamed up with dental hygiene and assisting students to provide the patients with important education and resources for future care.

"Delta Dental is proud to be a title sponsor of the RAM Oklahoma event," said John Gladden, DDOK president and CEO. "Supporting the efforts of volunteer dental professionals who are on the front lines providing care to those in need is at the very heart of our Foundation's mission."

Learn more about the event at our website, www.DDOKFoundation.org.



Above: Just a few of the dozens of DDOK employees who assembled 1,500 brush kits for RAM Oklahoma patients.

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DDOK volunteers prepare for RAM patients. L to R: Christina Short, Ciara Elgin, Josh Daniels, Natasha McCartney and Stephanie Casey.



DDOK's Greg Gottlieb and Deb Rathbun provide referral counseling and resources to RAM patients.

OkMOM Named 2012 Community Health Champion

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) has been named the “Community Health Champion” in the Champions of Health awards. The Champions of Health program celebrates people and organizations that are making a positive impact on the health of our state through innovative programs.

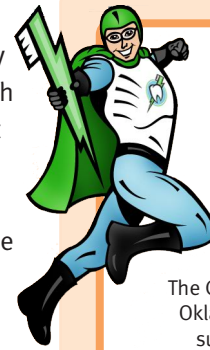
OkMOM, a free dental clinic that aims to meet the patient’s immediate dental needs, focuses on improving not only oral health but overall health. Since 2010, Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation has co-sponsored the event with Oklahoma Dental Association and Oklahoma Dental Foundation by providing \$350,000 in funding. Each year, dozens of DDOK employees look forward to helping plan the event and volunteering during the clinic.

To date, the three OkMOM clinics have treated 5,739 patients, resulting in over \$3 million worth of donated dental services!

“The secret to the ongoing success of OkMOM is the willingness of

Oklahoma’s dental professionals to volunteer to provide the dental care itself, even when that means traveling across the state,” said John Gladden, DDOK president and CEO. “Nothing happens without them.”

The next OkMOM will be held February 1-2, 2013, in Lawton. Volunteer registration opens October 15th at www.okmom.org.



Captain Supertooth

Dental Education Program
for K-3rd Grades

The Captain visits schools across Oklahoma, teaching kids to be superheroes to their teeth!

To schedule a free visit for your school, go to
www.CaptainSupertooth.com

Foundation Announces Mid-Year Grants

The OU College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Department has been awarded a \$10,000 mid-year grant for their Geriatric Dentistry Initiative. The program provides dental care and dentures for qualifying low-income senior adults in public housing.

Good Shepherd Ministries of Oklahoma received a \$20,000 mid-year grant for the Good Shepherd Free Dental Clinic in Oklahoma City.

Children’s Oral Health Coalition Elects Officers

The Children’s Oral Health Coalition has elected new officers. Terrisa Singleton, Foundation Manager for Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, will serve as chair; Susan Potter, Dental Program Manager for the State Dept. of Health Dental Health Service, as vice-chair; and Barbara Lopez, Assistant Executive Director of D-DENT, as secretary.

Coalition membership and meetings are open to all organizations and individuals with an interest in improving the oral health of Oklahoma’s children.

For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/ChildrensOralHealth.

Cook Receives Delta Dental Distinguished Service Award

Angie Cook, RDH, of Broken Arrow, has received the first Delta Dental Distinguished Service award for a dental hygienist. Cook has been in the dental hygiene field for 15 years and works in the Tulsa office of Dr. Ray Beddoe. She volunteered for the Neighbor to Neighbor free dental clinic for ten years and is now the co-volunteer coordinator for the Catholic Charities dental clinic. She has also volunteered for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, ODF Mobile Dental Care Program, and various health fairs.

“My motto to recruit other RDH volunteers is, ‘No one else can do what we do!’” said Cook. “We have a specific, amazing skill that helps improve the health of those in need.”

Foundation manager Terrisa Singleton presented the award to Cook at the Oklahoma Dental Hygienists Association annual meeting in September. Cook received a prize package of items to help facilitate her volunteer work including a \$200 gift certificate to Practicon, 200 toothbrushes and a fuchsia “Smile Specialist” tote!



Angie Cook, RDH, was honored at the Oklahoma Dental Hygienists Association annual meeting with the Delta Dental Distinguished Service Award.