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Foundation Grantees Deliver Millions in Free Care

In 2011, Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation provided grants to over 20 clinics and programs that deliver **free dental care** to those unable to access or afford it on their own.

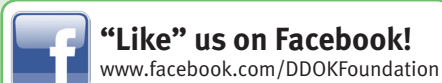
According to grant reports filed by these organizations, the aggregate value of the services they delivered last year exceeded \$7 million!

Our thanks goes out to the volunteer dental professionals, general volunteers, and staff who made this possible.



Volunteers Needed for RAM Oklahoma Free Clinic Event

Remote Area Medical will provide free medical, vision and dental care at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds August 25 and 26. Volunteer dental professionals and others are needed. For details, go to www.ramok.org.



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Foundation News from Delta Dental of Oklahoma

McAlester Welcomes Mission of Mercy with Open Arms

In addition to serving 1,733 patients with free dental care valued at more than \$1.1 million, this year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy will be remembered for the warm hospitality and amazing home cooking provided by the local McAlester volunteers!

McAlester truly rolled out the red carpet for the first OkMOM event to be held in a rural area. The two-day, volunteer clinic was held February 3 and 4 at the Southeast Expo Center in McAlester. It was co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, which provided \$100,000 in funding for the event. Additionally, several businesses and local organizations provided donations and discounts.



ODA President Doug Auld of McAlester and Delta Dental of Oklahoma CEO John Gladden survey the 100-operator clinic.

"We are grateful to the 1,700 general and dental professional volunteers, many of whom traveled to McAlester from throughout the state, who donated their time and skills to make Oklahoma's first rural Mission of Mercy a great success," said John Gladden, CEO and president of Delta Dental of Oklahoma.

"Supporting the efforts of volunteer dental professionals and meeting the needs of the underserved are at the very heart of our Oral Health Foundation's mission."

Mark your calendars for the next OkMOM, scheduled for February 1 and 2, 2013, in Lawton!



Healing Hands: OkMOM volunteer Misty Chaser of Oklahoma City comforts a young patient.

Sweepstakes Winners Meet Captain Supertooth

Captain Supertooth Sweepstakes winners got a big surprise when the Captain delivered their prizes in person last month! **Ivan Mercado, Paytin McEwen, and Joey Rubio** (pictured left to right) are first-graders in Oklahoma City. Each received an Oral-B electric toothbrush kit.

Next month, the Captain will deliver prizes to two more winners.



Delta Dental Companies Team Up Again for Missions of Mercy

A group of 20 Delta Dental member companies is donating \$515,000 to the America's Dentists Care Foundation (ADCF), the organization that provides the portable dental equipment used for Missions of Mercy throughout the U.S., including OkMOM held recently in McAlester. The Delta Dental donation will purchase a new semi-trailer load of equipment, enough to equip an entire 100-operatory MOM event.

This is the second group donation organized by Delta Dental. "Last year we learned that Delta Dental member companies throughout the country shared DDOK's vision for partnering with Missions of Mercy when we collectively contributed funds to purchase the dental chairs, portable delivery units and Cavitron scalers for a MOM trailer," said John Gladden, CEO and president of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. "That inspired us to expand our vision and cover the costs of an entire trailer load this year. Wherever there are volunteer dental professionals willing to donate their time and skills, we want to ensure there is the necessary equipment to support their efforts."

Bruce Bergstrom is the Executive Director of ADCF and sees the number of MOM events nearly doubling soon. "Last year, Missions of Mercy were held in 16 states

and we expect as many as 14 new states to begin conducting MOM events over the next two years," Bergstrom said. "We're grateful to Delta Dental for helping us support that number of events through this generous donation."

Mission of Mercy events have helped over 100,000 patients and provided nearly \$50 million in free dental services since 2000.



L to R: America's Dentists Care Foundation (ADCF) Operations Manager Reggie Monson, Delta Dental of Oklahoma CEO John Gladden, ADCF Executive Director Bruce Bergstrom and ADCF Advance Coordinator Jill Shook

NSO temporarily relocates

Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) has temporarily relocated its administrative office and low-cost dental clinic to 8101 S. Walker Ave., Suite C.

The move is required due to the rapidly deteriorating condition of NSO's 97-year-old building, originally constructed as a Methodist church.

NSO is in the early stages of a \$2.5 million capital campaign for constructing a new facility where the former church currently stands. The modern, one-story structure will expand NSO's dental clinic, which serves approximately 1,800 clients a year.

For more information about NSO's relocation or the ongoing capital campaign, call 405-236-0452.



Temporary facility for NSO Dental Clinic

Association for Free Clinics Schedules Conference

The **Oklahoma Charitable Clinic Association** will conduct their second annual Spring Conference on Friday, April 27th, at Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City.

The conference is ideal for charitable clinic board members, staff and volunteers as well as representatives from businesses and organizations that support such clinics.

For details and to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/occa2012.