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OkMOM serves McAlester February 3rd & 4th

About 2,000 Oklahomans in need of dental care they cannot afford will be served at the third annual **Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM)** free dental clinic event, being held Feb. 3-4 at the Southeast Expo Center in McAlester. The event is co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Dental Association, Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, and Oklahoma Dental 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 or to volunteer, visit www.okmom.org.



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Foundation News from Delta Dental of Oklahoma

2012 grants awarded

This year, Delta Dental of Oklahoma will again donate 50 percent of its net contribution to reserves to its Oral Health Foundation for the support of oral health and education programs throughout Oklahoma.

We are proud to partner with the following 2012 grant recipients and sincerely thank the volunteer dental professionals, general volunteers, and staff who make these programs possible.



Dr. Alan McDonald and a patient at NSO Low-cost Dental Clinic in OKC.

Free Dental Clinics and Care Facilitation

- America's Dentists Care Foundation: \$27,000
- **NEW!** Calvary Baptist Church Dental Clinic in Lawton: \$9,500
- Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center in Tulsa: \$25,000
- City Rescue Mission Indigent Care Fund in Oklahoma City: \$15,000
- Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$39,000
- D-DENT Dental Care Facilitation Program (statewide): \$90,000
- Eastern Okla. Donated Dental Services (918/539 Area Codes): \$90,000
- Free Clinic of Mayes County in Pryor: \$5,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Ardmore: \$30,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City: \$20,000
- 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: \$60,000
- Neighborhood Services Org. Transitional Program Indigent Care Fund: \$3,000
- Norman Regional Foundation "Give Kids a Smile" Day, Norman: \$500
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care Unit Program (statewide): \$225,000
- 2012 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (McAlester): \$100,000 (awarded in 2011)
- 2013 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (Lawton): \$100,000 (awarded in 2012)
- 2012 RAM Oklahoma City Medical/Dental Clinic Event : \$7,000 (cash and in-kind)
- Tri-County Technology Center Volunteer Dental Clinic in Bartlesville: \$3,000
- Western Okla. Family Center in Elk City: \$20,000
- Western Okla. Tech Center/OU Dental Hygiene GKAS Sealant Program, Weatherford: \$7,000

Low-Cost Dental Clinics

- Health for Friends Dental Clinic in Norman: \$20,000
- 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
- **NEW!** Kiamichi Medical Center Community Education (Battiest): \$9,000 cash and in-kind
- OU College of Dentistry Scholarships: \$60,000
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program: \$1,500
- NSO Dental Clinic Outreach Program, Oklahoma City: \$1,070



TWO DAYS OF FREE DENTAL CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

FEB. 3-4, 2012

McALESTER, OK

SOUTHEAST EXPO CENTER: 3 Miles West of McAlester City Limits on Highway 270

- No appointments – First-come, first-served – Doors open at 5AM each day
- Fillings, extractions, cleanings, **limited** root canals – Dentures not available

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) PATIENTS' FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age groups will be treated? All ages will be seen. However, dentures/partials **will not** be available.

If I am under 18, do I need a parent or guardian present? Yes.

My entire family needs to be seen. Is that possible? Yes, but all children under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

How do I qualify? There are no qualification criteria. We will treat as many patients as we can based on the number of volunteers we have. Our goal is to treat the **first 1,000 people (approx.) each day.**

Is there anything that 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.

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 I pre-register/set an appointment? No. All OkMOM services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 into the clinic building before 5AM.
- Line will form in a separate building. If you decide to stand in line, it may 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. **No tents.**
- Security and restrooms/portable toilets will be available.
- OkMOM is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

What time will the clinic doors close? Once 1,000 people have entered, we will close the doors to any new patients for that day.

How long will it take? Be prepared to stay all day. There is no possible way to predetermine how long it will take for an individual patient to complete the waiting and treatment process. **Please note:** Once you have entered the building for treatment **you will not be allowed to leave and re-enter for any reason**, including smoking or retrieving medication or other items from your car.

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.**

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 **AFTER** your treatment.

Will breakfast/lunch be provided? We will serve free breakfast and lunch to all patients inside the clinic waiting for treatment. Food and drinks will not be allowed on the clinic floor.

Will there be translators? Spanish 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. When you enter our clinic, one of our volunteer dentists will meet with you and determine your treatment plan. *Our first priority will be to treat your critical dental needs at the discretion of your dentist that day. (Dentures/partials not available. Root canals available for anterior teeth only and on a limited basis. Wisdom teeth extraction available on a limited basis.)*

Where do I park? There will be ample free parking designated.

How do I get there? The Southeast Expo Center is located on Highway 270, three (3) miles west of McAlester city limits and one (1) mile east of the Indian Nations Turnpike. The address is 4500 West Highway 270 but **be aware that most online maps and GPS units are not accurate** for the exact location. See map below.



**Please copy and distribute this flyer to those in need of dental care they cannot afford.
To volunteer or for more information, go to: www.okmom.org**