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Resource for Care Summit: Save the Date!

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation's Resource for Dental Care Summit will be held **Tuesday, Oct. 8**, in Oklahoma City. See page two for more information.



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 **DELTA DENTAL**

ODF, Delta Dental Join Forces to Advance Mobile Dentistry

MobileSmiles Oklahoma – formerly known as the ODF Mobile Dental Care Program – is now a partnership program of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation (ODF) and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation (DDOK-OHF).

ODF contributes its greatest resource – volunteer dental professionals, without whom the program would have only a fraction of its reach. DDOK-OHF creates stability by providing a bedrock of funding, adding almost \$1 million over the next four years to the \$940,000 it has already granted to the mobile program since its inception in 2006.

“The new partnership fortifies the program’s ability to eliminate barriers to oral health care in Oklahoma by combining the strengths and experience of our two foundations,” said Dr. Mitchell Kramer, DDOK-OHF chairman.

The staff and leadership of both organizations will work together to make MobileSmiles Oklahoma the premier volunteer-driven mobile dental program in the nation.

The partnership was announced at a special launch ceremony February 19 at Delta Dental of Oklahoma, at which the exterior wrap of the brand, new Mobile Unit #2 was unveiled.

Now, with two state-of-the-art mobile dental units, the program has tremendous capacity and potential to impact the oral health of Oklahomans and is in need of more volunteers. For details, please visit www.MobileSmilesOK.org.



ODF Board President Dr. Lee Beasley (left) and DDOK President/CEO John Gladden at the launch ceremony announcing the new MobileSmiles partnership program.



The new Mobile Unit wrap shows off the interior of the state-of-the-art dental clinic on wheels.

Delta Dental Contributes to OU College of Dentistry Legacy Project

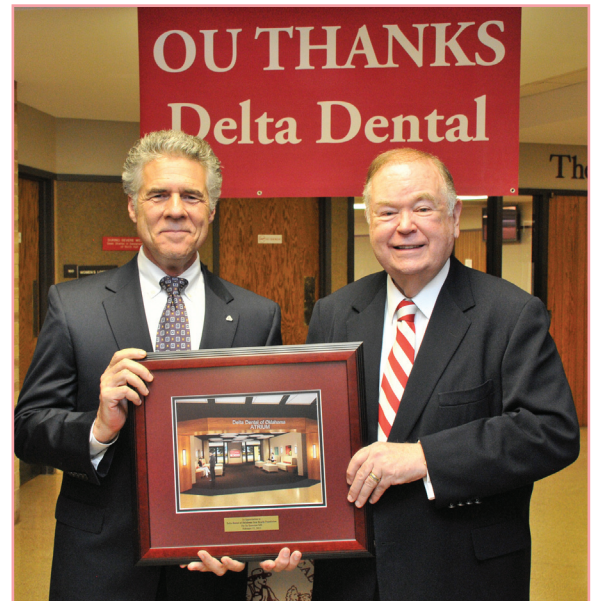
University of Oklahoma President David L. Boren announced recently that Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation has made the largest single gift ever to the OU College of Dentistry – a \$3.2 million lead gift toward the renovation of the college’s building.

“The entire University is deeply grateful for the exceptional gifts by Delta Dental of Oklahoma to the College of Dentistry,” said OU President David L. Boren. “It is truly a transformative gift which will help keep our college among the very best in the nation.”

The gift is part of the \$20 million Legacy Project capital campaign, the largest private fundraising effort in the college’s history, to create a state-of-the-art facility to train tomorrow’s dental professionals. The Delta Dental gift increases to \$9.6 million the funding raised to date toward the first phase of renovating the dentistry building.

“Delta Dental has proudly supported our state’s College of Dentistry for more than a decade,” said John Gladden, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. “This gift – which is the largest in our history and will be disbursed over a 10-year period – is both an endorsement of the quality of education provided by the OU College of Dentistry, as well as support of new technologies and the teamwork approach for better oral care in the future.”

The College of Dentistry Building on Stonewall Avenue in Oklahoma City, has been home to OU’s dentistry students, faculty and staff since 1976. During that time, only minor renovations and technology upgrades have been made to the facility. “These significant renovations will ensure the college remains competitive with other national dental schools in technology and contribute to further enhancing the overall quality of oral health care in this region,” said Stephen K. Young, DDS, dean of the OU College of Dentistry.



OU President David Boren (right) presented Delta Dental CEO John Gladden with an artist’s rendering of the new College of Dentistry Comprehensive Care Center as a token of appreciation during a ceremony at the College of Dentistry Feb. 15.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Serves Lawton

On Feb. 1 and 2, the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton was the site of the 2013 OkMOM two-day dental clinic. DDOK Oral Health Foundation is proud to again co-sponsor this event with Oklahoma Dental Association and Oklahoma Dental Foundation. The next OkMOM will be held Feb. 7 and 8 in Enid. Volunteer registration opens in October.

2013 Stats

Patients:
1,786

Value of Care:
\$1.1 million+

Volunteers:
1,800+



Resource for Dental Care Summit & OCCA Conference Combine Efforts

If your organization addresses the dental needs of Oklahoma’s vulnerable populations, mark your calendar for our Resource for Dental Care Summit luncheon, to be held **Tuesday, Oct. 8**, in Oklahoma City.

This biennial event is an opportunity for Oklahoma’s community of benevolent dentistry to come together, learn from one another’s experiences, and multiply the results of your efforts. We will also recognize our grantee organizations.

This year, we are conducting our Summit luncheon on the same day and in the same location as the **Oklahoma Charitable Clinic Association** state conference to maximize efficiency. We encourage you to consider attending both of these essential events.

For more information, visit www.okcharitableclinics.org.