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2014 Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2014 funding. Nonprofit organizations with dental-related health or education programs that serve Oklahomans are encouraged to apply.

Application deadline is September 3, 2013. For details, visit our website at www.DDOKFoundation.org/grantmaking.asp.



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Foundation News from Delta Dental of Oklahoma

Schmitt Receives 2013 Dental Assistant Service Award

Colleen Schmitt, of Newalla, was selected by the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association for the **2013 Delta Dental Distinguished Service Award** for a dental assistant.

Colleen works as a dental assistant at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center and volunteers extensively, including serving as Sterilization Co-Lead for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy. She was recognized for her extraordinary volunteer spirit and leadership.

In addition to a plaque, Colleen received 200 toothbrushes and a \$200 gift certificate to Practicon to purchase items for her volunteer work.



Colleen with Captain Supertooth at the 2013 OkMOM in Lawton.

Oklahoma Companies Honored by Beacon Awards

Each year, *The Journal Record's* Beacon Awards honor companies that contribute through corporate giving, as well as those that encourage a company culture of service.

At the sixth annual tribute, held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel July 12, the companies that received the 2013 overall Beacon Awards included Groendyke Transport Inc., Republic Bank & Trust, Retirement Investment Advisors Inc., Crescent Companies LLC, Cotton Electric Cooperative and Ark Wrecking Co. of Oklahoma. These companies led the way in showing their support of the nonprofit community.

"As a two-time past recipient of the Beacon Award for Philanthropic Impact, Delta Dental is proud to now sponsor this important annual event to recognize companies who are making a vital difference in their communities and in our state," said Delta Dental of Oklahoma President and CEO John Gladden. "We heartily congratulate this year's recipients and nominees."

The event was also sponsored by Sonic Corp., McAfee & Taft, and The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. See www.journalrecord.com for more details.



Delta Dental of Oklahoma President & CEO John Gladden, left, and Sonic Corp. President & CEO Cliff Hudson participate in the 2013 Beacon Awards presentation on July 12.

MobileSmiles Oklahoma Update



Bringing New Meaning to “Access” to Care

MobileSmiles Oklahoma – a partnership program of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation – travels throughout the state to deliver dental care and education wherever it is needed.

Providing “access to care” took on a broader meaning when the new mobile unit recently deployed its wheelchair lift for the first time! This exciting feature enables us to make dental care available to those unable to climb the steps of the mobile unit.

MobileSmiles Serves Burns Flat for the First Time

The Burns Flat Church of Christ served as the site partner to bring MobileSmiles to its rural western Oklahoma region. Thanks to our volunteers, the mobile program provided more than \$3,800 worth of dental services to the patients.

Volunteer dental hygienists **Kelly Pease, RDH**, and **Julie Nabors, RDH**, both of Weatherford, screened 35 area residents.

Volunteer dentist **Dr. Adam Cohlmia** of Oklahoma City provided treatment for 10 patients. “As far as the cities I’ve volunteered with in this program, it was definitely one in the most need,” said Cohlmia. “Patients, including children, had decayed teeth below the gum and some to the nerve.”



Dr. Adam Cohlmia

Partnering in Ponca

The mobile unit partnered with D-DENT to provide services to patients in Ponca City. The site was served by local volunteer dentist **Dr. Phillip Tyndall**, a true Ponca City hero.

To volunteer or to bring MobileSmiles to your community by serving as a site partner or site sponsor, go to www.MobileSmilesOK.org for details.



Left: Dr. Phillip Tyndall and assistant



One Day, Two Essential Events: Dental Care Summit & OCCA Conference

This year, the **Delta Dental Resource for Dental Care Summit** luncheon is being held in conjunction with the **Oklahoma Charitable Clinic Association Annual Conference** on Tuesday, October 8, in Oklahoma City. The events will be held at the First Baptist Church in downtown Oklahoma City and will include tours of the Good Shepherd Clinic next door.

Topics to be presented at the OCCA conference include *Clinic Obligations, Opportunities and Pitfalls in Health Care Implementation; Recruiting Providers and Volunteers; Fundraising for Free Clinics* and more. There will also be a *Funders Forum* panel discussion, featuring the leaders of Oklahoma’s largest charitable foundations answering your questions about grants and funding.

Delta Dental and the OCCA are dedicated to helping you fulfill your mission. If your organization provides medical, dental or pharmaceutical services to Oklahoma’s vulnerable populations, make plans now to attend these essential events and consider joining the OCCA as a clinic or associate member.

For more information, visit www.okcharitableclinics.org.