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OkMOM to Deliver Free Dental Care in Lawton

The fourth annual Oklahoma Mission of Mercy will be held at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton on February 1st & 2nd. This two-day clinic is designed to meet the critical needs of dental patients of all ages by providing free dental care to as many patients as time allows.

Please help by copying and distributing the enclosed OkMOM Patient Information Flyer to prospective patients.

The event is co-sponsored by Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Dental Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

Details can be found at:
www.DDOKFoundation.org/OkMOM.asp.



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Foundation News from Delta Dental of Oklahoma

The Best is Yet to Come in 2013!

This year marks Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation's 15th year of supporting dental health and education programs throughout the state. We have several major announcements coming soon, beginning with the initial list of 2013 grant recipients (see page two).

If you are not already following us on Facebook, please go to www.facebook.com/DDOKFoundation and "like" our page so you'll be among the first to receive the news!

Foundation Recognizes Oral Health Hero

The Foundation is pleased to name D. Michael Spradlin, DDS, of Tulsa as the recipient of its first Oral Health Hero Award, a new program to recognize the contributions of volunteer dentists across the state.

Spradlin was honored Dec. 17 at the Mother Teresa Dental Care Center of Catholic Charities of Tulsa where he volunteers. The Foundation's superhero, Captain Supertooth, was on hand with a spare cape to help honor his fellow oral health hero.



Dr. Michael Spradlin and DDOK's Captain Supertooth

After retiring from private practice, Spradlin began serving as a volunteer dentist and clinic administrator for Mother Teresa Dental Care Center. Since leading the effort to set up the clinic in 2009, he served nearly full-time administering the program, recruiting and scheduling other volunteer dentists and hygienists, and treating patients. He contributed more than 1,400 volunteer hours last year alone.

"Volunteer dentists are the lifeblood of charitable dentistry and our new Oral Health Hero Award is a small way for us to recognize and thank them," said John Gladden, DDOK president and CEO. "Dr. Spradlin serves as a shining example of the dedication and passion of the many volunteer dentists in Oklahoma."

When asked why he volunteers, Spradlin said, "This morning I delivered a set of dentures for a lady. After setting and adjusting the dentures, I handed her a mirror. And she looked at herself in the mirror and tears started coming down. She cried. Donations allow us to do such things as this that are so personally rewarding for both us and the patients. It's just worth it."

2013 grant recipients announced

The new year will bring many exciting announcements from the Foundation, beginning with this initial list of 2013 grant recipients! We congratulate these grantees and extend our sincere thanks to the volunteers and staff that make their important work possible and impact the lives of thousands of Oklahomans.

Free Dental Clinics and Care Facilitation Programs

- Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center, Tulsa: \$25,000 +\$11,500 challenge
- **NEW!** Christian Medical Clinic of Grand Lake, Grove: \$7,700
- City Rescue Mission Care Fund, Oklahoma City: \$30,000
- Crossings Community Clinic, Oklahoma City: \$50,000
- 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, Pryor: \$5,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic, Ardmore: \$60,000
- Good Shepherd Clinic, Oklahoma City: \$35,000
- Green Country Free Dental Clinic, Bartlesville: \$10,000
- King's Klinik, Oklahoma City: \$5,000
- **NEW!** MetroTech Dental Asst. Program Clinic, Oklahoma City: \$2,500
- Ministries of Jesus Clinic, Edmond: \$25,000
- Morton Midtown Family Health Center, Tulsa: \$10,000
- Neighbor for Neighbor, Tulsa: \$60,000
- Neighborhood Services Org. Transitional Program Care Fund, OKC: \$2,000
- Norman Regional Foundation "Give Kids a Smile" Day, Norman: \$1,200
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation Mobile Dental Care Program (statewide): \$240,000
- **NEW!** OU COD Dental Hygiene Dept. Geriatric Care Program, Oklahoma City: \$20,000
- 2013 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, Lawton: \$100,000 (awarded in 2012)
- 2014 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, Enid: \$100,000 (awarded in 2013)
- Tri-County Technology Center Volunteer Dental Clinic, Bartlesville: \$3,000
- Western Okla. Family Center, Elk City: \$15,000
- Western Technology Center/OU Dental Hygiene GKAS Sealant Program, Weatherford: \$3,500

Low-Cost Dental Clinics

- Health for Friends Dental Clinic, Norman: \$25,000
- Southern Okla. Tech Center OU Dental Hygiene Clinic, Ardmore: \$5,000
- NSO Dental Clinic, Oklahoma City: \$60,000
- OU College of Dentistry Student Clinic, Oklahoma City: \$100,000

Education and Other Initiatives

- DDOK-OHF Captain Supertooth Dental Education Program: \$47,000
- OU College of Dentistry Scholarships: \$60,000
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program: \$1,500
- NSO Dental Clinic Outreach Program, Oklahoma City: \$1,500

Right: (L to R) Dcn. David Hamel, Dr. Jennifer Cook, Dcn. Kevin Sartorius, and Dr. Michael Spradlin accept a symbolic check for the Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Dental Care Center in Tulsa. The amount includes a \$11,500 challenge grant that will match donations dollar for dollar in 2013.

Ninness Honored as CEO



Stacey Ninness, CEO of Neighborhood Services Organization, has been honored as one of Journal Record's **Most Admired CEOs** in the Nonprofit

Category. NSO Dental Clinic, a low-cost nonprofit clinic in Oklahoma City, has been a DDOK-OHF grant recipient since 2009, due in large part to Stacey's leadership.

Singleton Named to Top 25

Terrisa Singleton, manager of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, has been named to *Dental Product Report's* **Top 25 Women in Dentistry**. In addition



to her work at the Foundation, Terrisa serves as chair of the Children's Oral Health Coalition and treasurer of the Oklahoma Charitable Clinic Association.

