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Captain Supertooth Partners with MobileSmiles Oklahoma



Captain Supertooth and Edgemere Elementary kids strike a pose in front of the mobile unit.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy

February 6-7, 2015
Tulsa, OK

Volunteer Registration
Opens
October 15, 2014
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Captain Supertooth, Delta Dental's oral health superhero, and the MobileSmiles Oklahoma dental care unit visited five schools across the state to participate in and raise awareness for the Oklahoma Dental Association's (ODA) "Back to School with a Healthy Smile" week.

Back to School with a Healthy Smile is a program created by the ODA to provide elementary school children with the opportunity to receive free dental screenings from participating volunteer dentists one week each September.

In addition to the many dentists who opened their offices to provide free screenings to the children in their communities, volunteer dentists onboard MobileSmiles provided screenings at schools in Lawton, Chickasha, Norman, Oklahoma City and Stillwater.

Delta Dental's Captain Supertooth joined MobileSmiles for the back-to-school tour to get kids excited about taking care of their teeth.

MobileSmiles Oklahoma is a partnership program of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation that utilizes two RV-style dental units to deliver dental care and education statewide to those who otherwise cannot access the services they need. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.MobileSmilesOK.org.

Captain Supertooth is a costumed superhero that travels throughout Oklahoma to conduct live presentations inspiring kids to be superheroes of their own oral wellness. Funded entirely by the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, the program is offered free of charge to all Oklahoma elementary schools. For details, visit www.CaptainSupertooth.com.

Oral Health Foundation Receives Award



The Oklahoma Public Health Association has awarded its 2014 Special Business Award of Excellence in Public Health to the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation for significant achievement in the initiative and advancement of public health. The Foundation was recognized for its part in making possible the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, an annual two-day free dental clinic event it produces along with the Oklahoma Dental Association and Oklahoma Dental Foundation.

Foundation Director Terrisa Singleton accepted the public health award from Oklahoma Commissioner of Health Terry Cline at the OPHA annual conference in May.

Roberts Honored for Distinguished Service



Mary Maine Roberts of Tulsa was selected by the Oklahoma Dental Hygienist Association to receive the 2014 Delta Dental Distinguished Service Award for a Dental Hygienist.

Roberts, a hygienist for more than 30 years, has a long-standing relationship with Catholic Charities, where she volunteers once a month and assists in recruiting other volunteer hygienists. She also volunteers at local preschools to provide oral health education. Her past volunteerism includes serving at Neighbor for Neighbor, every Oklahoma Mission of Mercy and much more.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Returns to Tulsa

In 2010, the very first Oklahoma Mission of Mercy served patients in Tulsa. In 2015, OkMOM will return to the city where it all began February 6 and 7.

Volunteer registration will open on October 15, 2014 at www.okmom.org. There is a limited number of room available at a special OkMOM rate at The DoubleTree in Tulsa, so reserve your hotel room as soon as possible.



Volunteer dental professionals serving patients at OkMOM Tulsa in 2010.

Good Shepherd Clinic Celebrates Expansion

Good Shepherd Medical and Dental Clinic located at 222 NW 12th Street in downtown Oklahoma City celebrated the renovation and expansion of its facility with an Open House on September 25th.

With the help of a major grant from the Butterfield Foundation, the dental clinic has been completely renovated and is staffed with the equivalence of one full-time dentist, two dental assistants, and one hygienist. Their services are multiplied through the work of volunteer dentists, dental students, and hygiene students.

Delta Dental of Oklahoma's support of Good Shepherd extends back to 2002, when it became the very first free clinic to receive a grant from the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

Jeanie Bath, DDS, became the dental director for Good Shepherd earlier this year.

