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about the NMDAF!

The New Mexico Dental Association Foundation
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CALENDAR of Events

NMDAF Board of Directors Meeting

September 16, 2016, 9:00AM - 3:00PM, 10701 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite F, Albuquerque, NM

Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner

November 4, 2016, 6:00 – 9:30PM, Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

NMDAF Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2017 9:00AM - 3:00PM, NMDA Office Conference Room

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April 7, 2017, 9:00AM - 3:00PM, NMDA Office Conference Room

New Mexico Mission of Mercy,

September 22-23, 2017, Albuquerque Convention Center

The mission of the *New Mexico Dental Association Foundation*
is to inspire benevolent dental outreach and to promote
dental health in New Mexico



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Passion, Leadership, Experience...

MEET THE EVENT CO-CHAIRS FOR NEW MEXICO MISSION OF MERCY'S 2017 EVENT



Dr. Greg LoPour

"I have had the great privilege of volunteering at every NM Mission of Mercy since its inception. I am blessed to go to work every day doing something I love and I want to share my skills to help make positive changes in the lives of others. NM MOM gives me this opportunity. I am excited and honored to help co-chair the NM MOM 2017 event."

Dr. Greg LoPour, a native New Mexican from Lovington, New Mexico, is a general dentist in private practice for over 20 years in Albuquerque. Dr. LoPour attended Abilene Christian College for his undergrad studies and Baylor College of Dentistry for his dental training.

Dr. LoPour is passionate about serving the needs of his patients, his staff and the surrounding community. He is a past President of the NM Dental Association and has participated in organized dentistry in New Mexico for many years.

When not treating patients, Dr. LoPour enjoys racing motorcycles, playing golf and spending time exploring New Mexico with his wife, Paige, and Sarah who is now in her final year of high school.



Dr. Michael Brown

Dr. Michael Brown retired from the practice of dentistry several years ago but still continues to give back in a large and philanthropic way to his lifelong field and community. He participated in four past NM Mission of Mercy events. For the 2017

event he has generously volunteered to co-chair the event. "I have practiced in virtually all aspects of dentistry from military to cosmetic dentistry to nursing home dentistry over the last 39 years. There is not much that I don't have some familiarity with within the field of general dentistry." Dr. Brown's vast experience will be a huge asset in his NM MOM leadership role.

Dr. Brown grew up in Albuquerque and at-

tended both the University of New Mexico and the University of Missouri, Kansas City for his dental education. As a dental assistant at West Point, NY while serving in the Army his interest in dentistry was awakened leading to further education and a long career as a general dentist.

Dr. Brown has served in various roles within organized dentistry. His most recent role was as the Treasurer for the NM Dental Association. In his retirement Dr. Brown pursues photography, traveling, gardening and hiking.



Dr. Michael Sparks

"I see the large impact that New Mexico Mission of Mercy makes for needy people in our state and I am incredibly inspired by the generosity of my colleagues." For this reason and after having participated in four NM MOM events, Dr. Michael

Sparks, a periodontist in private practice in Albuquerque, has chosen to help lead the planning efforts for the next NM MOM event.

Dr. Sparks grew up in Odessa, Texas, and attended Texas Tech University and Baylor College of Dentistry. In addition he completed a residency in periodontics, oral medicine, and dental implantology at Baylor and is one of only a few dentists in New Mexico with the distinction of being board certified in periodontics.

Dr. Sparks enjoys exercising, reading, travel and golf outside of his dental career. He and his wife, Garen, enjoy New Mexico's laid back southwestern atmosphere and the hiking, skiing and close proximity to parks.

CORRECTION

Dr. Jessica Brewster's name was mistakenly not included in the last newsletter as being a generous participant in the NM MOM event in Santa Fe in April 2016. Thank you, Dr. Brewster, for volunteering for this successful event!



Community Partnerships Fostered by The New Mexico Dental Association Foundation

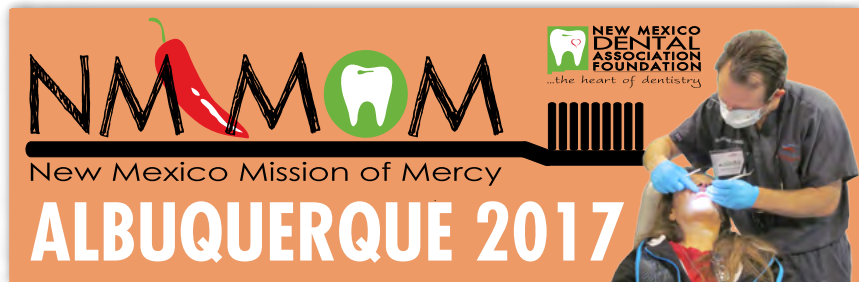


New Mexico Mission of Mercy events have provided awareness to communities across the state that the NMDAF has the resources and is eager to partner with them in other local oral health education endeavors as well. Given that awareness, the Foundation was recently approached by the International Folk Arts Festival in Santa Fe requesting help with an outreach they were conducting. The Foundation was able to connect the Arts Festival chairmen with Santa Fe Community College's dental assisting program to provide oral health education.

Artists from around the world, including many third world countries, come to Santa Fe each July to show at the Folk Arts Festival. The Festival chairmen chose to host a Resource Fair for the exhibitors the day after the Fair closed.

"The Artist Resource Fair at the International Folk Arts Festival 2016 went well" said Dr. Aamna Nayyar, Director of the SFCC Dental Department. "We enjoyed providing dental education to the great artists from around the world. Because most of the questions were about gum issues, we reinforced flossing habits."

Not only was the Foundation able to connect SFCC with the Festival Chairman, but NMDAF also secured dental supply donations to provide to those attending the Resource Fair.



SAVE THE DATE!
NM MISSION OF MERCY
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2017
For more information go to www.nmdentalfoundation.org
Be a part of the largest charity event in New Mexico!



NMDAF welcomes

AN ENCORE FELLOW TO IT'S STAFF

Beginning October 3, 2016 the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation will be bringing aboard a recently retired Intel employee, Myra Simons, to serve the Foundation for one year. Myra will be serving the Foundation through the Encore Program. Encore is a program that strives to match retirees with non-profits who could benefit from capacity building projects. Intel will pay her half time wages for the entire year she is with the NMDAF.



"This is such a win/win for both Myra and for the Foundation," said Dr. James Cole, the President of the NM Dental Association Foundation. Myra is able to plug into the community to give back, thanks to Intel's participation, and the Foundation will have the opportunity to receive the services of a former Intel employee who is anxious to help the Foundation's two major programs, New Mexico Mission of Mercy and Donated Dental Services.

Myra is a native New Mexican whose first job training was as a dental assistant! She worked for Dr. James Twohig as a young dental assistant. Myra eventually earned a bachelors degree in education from the University of New Mexico and began her career at Intel 15 years ago.

Her wide breadth of training will help her to provide analysis of NM MOM processes and procedures, document procedures that are not currently documented, and help implement those procedures at the 2017 NM MOM event and during the planning process. She will also be asked to write a manual for the current Donated Dental Services database that is presently used as well as write a training manual for DDS Case Managers.

"I volunteered at the recent NM Mission of Mercy event. When I learned about this opportunity to give back to a New Mexico non-profit through the Encore Program, my first thought was how incredible it would be to work with the NM Dental Association Foundation! I so enjoyed the NM MOM event and thought it was amazing! I am thrilled to be a part of this Foundation for the next year!"

Dentists are invited to attend
New Mexico Dental Association Foundation's

13TH Annual New Mexico
Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner

Friday, November 4, 2016 6:00 – 9:30PM

The Embassy Suites Hotel • 1000 Woodward Place NE • Albuquerque, NM

This is a great opportunity for you to assist aspiring pre-dental students as they seek your guidance, mentorship and expertise. With your attendance, these young people from New Mexico win for an entire career. As a fundraiser, the NM Dental Association Foundation wins financially. Please consider attending this event!

RSVP by faxing or mailing the portion below by October 20th to:

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No charge for dentists and their guests

Questions? Please call Linda Paul (505) 298-7206 ext 200 or e-mail lpaul@nmdaf.org

I/we will be attending the 2016 Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Please indicate choice for each attendee:

____ Vegetarian meal ____ Meat plated meal ____ Fish plated meal

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SPONSOR THIS EVENT?

_____ I would like to be a CORPORATE GOLD LEVEL sponsor and have enclosed a check for \$500 to the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation

_____ I would like to be a SILVER LEVEL sponsor and have enclosed a check for \$350 to the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation

_____ Enclosed please find my check written for \$_____ to help sponsor at the BRONZE LEVEL the Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner on November 4, 2016

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