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MINI-New Mexico Mission of Mercy
Coming to Clovis and Roswell
In an effort to reach out to those rural areas of New Mexico that are too small to handle a larger Mission of Mercy, the Dental Association Foundation Board has been developing a new plan to serve these areas. In April 2018, the Foundation will partner with Remote Area Medical (RAM) to provide a 20-chair dental, medical and vision clinic on two consecutive weekends.

Presented by Remote Area Medical with the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation serving as the Local Community Host, these 20 chair clinics will bring free basic dental treatment, optometry services, and general medical care to those who find it difficult to afford such care. RAM does clinics both nationally and internationally and has equipment sized appropriately for smaller areas. These 20 chair clinics make it possible to efficiently serve rural New Mexico. The first clinic will be held in Clovis April 7-8, 2018. The next clinic will be held in Roswell April 14-15, 2018.

One hundred fifty volunteers will be needed to bring each of these clinics to southeastern New Mexico. If you enjoy providing very basic dentistry—fillings, extractions and cleanings—to the underserved then these would be events for you! Register to volunteer on the RAM website at https://ramusa.org/volunteer. Additional information is also available at www.nmdentalfoundation.org.

These events will be a great way to give back in a smaller venue, providing basic services to adults and children on a Saturday and Sunday in April. It will be a different experience from our larger New Mexico Mission of Mercy events, offering small town intimacy, utilization of a school or smaller event center as the venue, oversight by Remote Area Medical, and a great opportunity to make a difference.

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Register TODAY to volunteer at www.ramusa.org

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NEW MEXICO’S DENTIST RELIEF FUND

In 2006 the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation became the administering entity of the Dentist Relief Fund at the request of the New Mexico Dental Association. The intent of this fund is to provide funding for dentists across the state who may be faced with practice threatening circumstances – medical emergencies, natural disasters, etc. In addition, funds have been shared with dentist colleagues across the country whose practices have been devastated by natural disasters.

Funds from the Dentist Relief Fund have been disbursed six times since 2006. Two of those disbursements went to New Mexico dentists. The other four disbursements have gone to colleagues during the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri; Superstorm Sandy victimized colleagues in New Jersey and New York; funding to enable three New Mexico dentists to help at the Louisiana Mission of Mercy after devastating flooding there left local dentists unable to assist; and most recently funding for colleagues in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Puerto Rico after the hurricanes this past summer.

New Mexico’s dentists are proud to support each other in times of need. If you find yourself in need due to medical crisis or natural disaster or a similar situation, please contact the Dental Foundation at lpaul@nmdaf.org to request an application for assistance.

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Solve the date – Tuesday, November 28th, 2017! #GIVINGTUESDAY TOGETHER we are helping to change lives, one smile at a time!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

CORRECTION

A huge thanks to the following dentists and hygienists who were not included in the article acknowledging those who participated in the September 2017 New Mexico Mission of Mercy event:

- Dr. Larry Luban
- Dr. Jeff Naggs
- Tammy Whitney, RDH

We regret our error.

PLANNED GIVING

Kenneth Leach, Attorney, has graciously advised the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation Board of Directors about planned giving options for foundations. Kenneth C. Leach and Associates has assisted families throughout New Mexico with estate planning, probate, real estate and business law since 1978.

If you would like to know more about uncomplicated ways to leave a gift for the New Mexico Dental Association Foundation, he would be happy to help you.

Contact Kenneth at 505.883.2702. Kenneth has offices in both Albuquerque and Farmington.

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Dr. Ken Merritt has given a contribution in memory of Dr. Gene Walker

Ronni Sims has given a contribution in memory of Alan Sims “in gratitude for the kind care given by Dr. Shelly Fritz and her outstanding staff.”