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ALBUQUERQUE PRE-DENT MENTOR DINNER TO BE HELD JANUARY 22, 2010

The Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque will again be the venue for the 2010 Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner. This dinner will give pre-dent students the opportunity to receive encouragement, mentoring, and guidance from dentists across the state. The cost of the dinner is covered by sponsorship so dentists, students and their guests attend at no charge. Reservations are required, but it is still possible to reserve a spot to attend the dinner by calling Linda Paul at 298-7206.

Three Grants Received To Help Expand Donated Dental Services

Three Foundations have generously granted the Donated Dental Services program additional funding for 2010. Since its inception in 2001, Donated Dental Services has been primarily funded by money appropriated by the State of New Mexico. Given the current economy and therefore the State's inability to increase that funding, the only way to expand services through Donated Dental has been to turn to outside grantors.

Con Alma Health Foundation, New Mexico's largest health foundation, has provided a grant to help pay for laboratory work that is not donated for DDS clients receiving dental treatment. Albuquerque Community Foundation has granted DDS funds to assist with case management and laboratory costs for Albuquerque DDS clients. The Pierre Fauchard Foundation, the charitable arm of the Fauchard Academy, has granted funds to help cover statewide laboratory costs that aren't donated. These grants, totaling \$25,000, will enable the Donated Dental Services Program to serve more low income and disabled individuals than ever before.

"Care Day" **Enables Many to Receive Free Dental Care**



On December 24th many people in Albuquerque received free dental care from the staffs at two Comfort Dental offices. This half day of free care began in New Mexico in 2005 and has become a tradition in these two offices. One procedure is provided at no cost to each patient who waits to be served. There are no income requirements to participate in the program and children and adults alike have taken part the past few years. Like Mission of Mercy and Donated Dental Services, this event helps meet the need of those who are underserved here in New Mexico.

Those dentists participating in this past Care Day included Drs. Sean and Cynthia Phelan, Dr. Josh Smith, Dr. Nathan Horton, Dr. Levine, and Dr. Pacheco.

CALENDAR of Events

Albuquerque Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner

Embassy Suites Hotel
Friday, January 22, 2009
6:00 – 9:00

Board of Directors Meeting

NMDA Office
9201 Montgomery Blvd NE,
Ste 601
Albuquerque, N.M.
Friday, April 9, 2010
10 a.m.

Mission of Mercy
State Fairgrounds in
Albuquerque, N.M.
Oct. 15-16, 2010

**The Friends of the
Foundation Committee
would like to invite community
volunteers to join us in
promoting fund-raising
activities for the Foundation.
Please contact Linda Paul at
(505) 298-7206
for further information.**



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

MISSION OF MERCY UPDATE

I am happy to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Karen Knauf, Program Coordinator for the New Mexico Mission of Mercy project. I am very excited to be a member of the New Mexico Mission of Mercy team.

Since the last newsletter, much has taken place. Most notably, we received \$100,000 from Delta Dental of New Mexico. This initial funding and generous sponsorship enables us to complete our planning and begin the necessary project implementation. We are already developing the NM MOM website and are finalizing our contract with Expo New Mexico. Expo New Mexico is the location for the October 15-16, 2010 event. Our hope is that the website will be available to you by mid January. It can be accessed by going to www.nmdentalfoundation.org.

This project's cornerstone is a great group of volunteer leaders and together we are confident that we will be able to make this dental outreach event a success and provide significant and meaningful benefit to our underserved population. The members of the NM MOM Organizing Committee are:

- Dr. Larry LubarEvent Chair
- Karen Knauf.....Program Coordinator
- Robert LehmFacility Chair
- Dr. Wendy Churchill Asst. Facility Chair
- Dr. Keigm Crook..... Fundraising Chair
- Dr. Scott Miltenberger..... Comptroller
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- Tara Dearholt Hospitality Chair
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- Mark Moores..... NMDA Executive Director
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- Dr. Gaylina Reachi..... Asst. Dental Chair
- Dr. Robert Gherardi Pharmacy Chair
- Dr. Linda Nichols..... Volunteer Chair
- Mary Muller-Griego.....Dental Hygiene Chair
- Georgia Blanchard Data Entry Lead
- Dr. Charles Schumacher..... NM MOM Task Force Chair
- Cindy Hernandez-Wall..... Public Relations Chair



In the coming months we will continue our ambitious schedule as we work to expand our sponsorship base, recruit volunteers, and solicit "in-kind" services and supplies. I look forward to working with you on this noteworthy and charitable project and invite you to please contact me at kknauf@nmdental.org or (505) 681-2188 with any questions or to volunteer to help with this project.