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New Mexico Mission of Mercy Update

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The first New Mexico Mission of Mercy project continues to gain momentum in both the dental and non-dental communities all over New Mexico. This is due in large part to those of you who have signed up to volunteer. Many of you signed up at the NMDA Annual Session in June. Thank you!

Those who have volunteered for this event have been enthusiastically supported by many companies both within and outside of the dental community. These companies have stepped forward to donate both monetary funds as well as in kind services. Both Delta Dental and a large family Foundation have donated \$100,000 each to Mission of Mercy. In addition, Henry Schein, Patterson Dental and Trinity Construction are three of the major commercial dental partners working tirelessly to support the needs of MOM.

If you have not signed up to volunteer for NM MOM, this incredible event which will help improve the lives of so many living in our community, NOW is the time to do so! We need your help. As of June 15th a total of 425 volunteers have registered. That includes 90 dentists, 67 dental hygienists, 94 dental assistants and 174 lay volunteers. We still have a long way to go if we want to provide acute dental care to 1500 patients on October 15th and 16th.

I invite you to go online, explore the many volunteer opportunities, and

register. You can access the NM MOM website from either www.nmdentalfoundation.org or www.nmdental.org. For those traveling from out of town, the website contains hotel information. In addition you'll find registration information, video footage of an actual event, and all the details about the New Mexico MOM.

For additional information please contact our Event Chairman, Dr. Larry B. Lubar, at 505. 884.9793 or larrylubardds@qwestoffice.net; or NM MOM Coordinator, Karen Knauf, at 505.681.2188 or kknauf@nmdental.org

First Scholarship Funds To Be Dispersed To Dental Hygiene Students

In June 2009 the NMDA House of Delegates transferred the remaining funds donated by NMDA members for Hygiene programs to the Dental Foundation to be dispersed as scholarships to Hygiene students throughout the state. A committee was formed within the Foundation to establish guidelines for these scholarships. It has been determined that in the Fall of 2010 and 2011 The New Mexico Dental Foundation will award two recipients at each of the four Dental Hygiene programs \$1,250. Utilizing a blind process, eligible applicants will be selected by each school's Scholarship Committee. Dona Ana Community College, San Juan College, the University of New Mexico and Eastern New Mexico University at Roswell are the four Dental Hygiene programs that will be receiving the scholarship assistance from the Dental Foundation.

CALENDAR of Events

Board of Directors Meeting
NMDA office
9201 Montgomery Blvd. NE
Suite 601
Albuquerque, NM
Friday, September 17, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Mission of Mercy
State Fairgrounds in
Albuquerque, NM
October 15 – 16th, 2010

**Albuquerque Pre-Dent
Mentor Dinner**
Embassy Suites Hotel
Friday, November 5, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**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.**



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benevolent dental
outreach and to
promote dental health
in New Mexico.**

ALBUQUERQUE PRE-DENTAL MENTOR DINNER SET FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2010

Save the date!! November 5, 2010 will be the date of the next Albuquerque Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner to be held from 6 – 9:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. This dinner is sponsored by the New Mexico Dental Foundation. Although the dinner has historically been held in January, the date was moved forward in hopes that some legislators might also choose to come if the dinner was held at a time that didn't conflict with the Legislative Session. It's important for legislators to be aware of all that organized dentistry is doing to encourage the next generation of New Mexico's dentists and the Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner is a fine example.

The Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner is a great opportunity for dentists and students from around the state to come together to network. Dentists have the opportunity to offer guidance, expertise and encouragement to these aspiring pre-dental students. Students are given an opportunity to meet dentists and open doors to mentoring opportunities.

Please plan to attend the Mentor Dinner on Friday, October 5th and consider sponsoring the event as well. **A flyer to accompany your sponsorship check appears separately in the Journal.** Gold Level Corporate Sponsorship is \$500. The Silver Level is \$350. Sponsorship of any other amount is welcome also at the Bronze Level. Your sponsorship is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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