



## SAN JUAN COUNTY PARTNERS WITH NEW MEXICO MISSION OF MERCY

Thanks to San Juan County for their support as the primary sponsor of New Mexico Mission of Mercy in San Juan County (NM MOM). The County has generously provided both financial and in-kind support in the way of facilities at McGee Park, security, and staff that have generously offered to volunteer and assist the NM MOM event.



From left to right: Scott Eckstein, Chairman; Jack Fortner, Vice-Chairman; Margaret McDaniel, Commissioner; GloJean Todacheene, Commissioner; Keith Johns, Commissioner

“San Juan County and its Commissioners have graciously stepped up in support of NM MOM in San Juan County,” explains co-chairman Dr. John McNeill. “We are continuing to make major strides in planning for the NM MOM in San Juan County event, and with this major contribution from San Juan County an average of 1,500 adults and children will receive free dental treatment.”

“Every once in a while a project comes along that really makes an impression,” says Dr. Kim Carpenter, CEO, San Juan County. “NM MOM in San Juan County was one of those projects and we are pleased to serve as the primary sponsor. We believe this mission

will fill a very necessary void within the community.”

NM MOM in San Juan County is headed up by Dr. Chuck Schumacher and Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Farmington dentists; Dr. Julius Manz, San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program Director; and

Dr. John McNeill, retired oral surgeon.

Local and statewide dental professionals, including dentists, hygienists, technicians and dental assistants, will provide free dental services to area adults and children who cannot afford dental care as part of NM MOM in San Juan County. General volunteers will supplement these dental professionals. It is anticipated that 1300 volunteers will help bring this event to fruition in San Juan County.

“NM MOM will play a major role in helping the underserved in San Juan County,” says Scott Eckstein, Chairman of San Juan County Commission. “We are proud to serve as the primary sponsor for this mission, ensuring that hundreds of people will get the dental care they need.”

**Join 120 of your dentist colleagues in San Juan County on September 13-14, 2013!**

Although online registration is closed,

**WE WOULD STILL WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION**

(and your dental assistants)

**AT MISSION OF MERCY IN SAN JUAN COUNTY**

If you would like to participate, please e-mail us at [NMMOM2@NMDENTAL.ORG](mailto:NMMOM2@NMDENTAL.ORG).

All dental professionals will receive up to 8 hours of CE credit for volunteering!!

## CALENDAR of Events

**NM Mission of Mercy**  
San Juan County  
September 12 – 15, 2013

**NMDF Board of Director's Meeting**  
Friday, September 27, 2013  
9:00AM - 3:00PM  
NMDA office in Albuquerque

**Annual NMDF Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner**  
Friday, November 8, 2013 - 6:00 – 9:30PM  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque

**Molina/Watson Dental Technologies, Inc.**  
**Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament**  
*benefiting the New Mexico Dental Foundation*  
Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 8:00AM,  
Sandia Golf Resort.  
Registration form at  
[www.nmdentalfoundation.com](http://www.nmdentalfoundation.com)



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## NMDF Board of Directors Spotlight: Dr. Doug Sheram

Dr. Doug Sheram, Albuquerque District representative on the New Mexico Dental Foundation Board of Directors, is the kind of person who gets things done. For instance, when he was in Mexico on a mission trip and saw a specific need for dental care, he decided to be the one to set about trying to remedy it.

An orphanage in the Juarez area was the key patient base Dr. Sheram was interested in serving. Culturally, orphanages in Mexico are viewed differently and are run differently than in the United States. Poverty-stricken parents can place their children in an orphanage at any time, and then when their personal economics improve, they can retrieve their children. In the meantime, the "orphans" can obtain some services they might not otherwise have any access to. Dr. Sheram would like to be able to serve those children while they are in the care of the orphanages.

During his travels and through his connections with his church, Dr. Sheram learned of a health care clinic in Juarez that had available space right next door. Dr. Sheram enjoys home construction projects and along with a construction-savvy friend, was able to use his building skills in remodeling the new clinic space. The renovation took them over two years to complete.

The space was one thing. Filling it with dental equipment was another. Dr. Sheram heard of a dental office in Albuquerque that was closing, and he purchased the equipment with his own funds. "It was the right thing to do," he explains. He also was able to obtain some donated equipment, including a pano machine, in Roswell. Henry Schein donated the transportation to bring it to Albuquerque, and Dr. Sheram loaded it along with the other dental equipment and drove it all to the clinic in Juarez. The clinic has been operational for a few months now. Efforts are underway to recruit dentists to provide the care at the clinic.

Dr. Sheram's philanthropic bent for dentistry extends from building a dental clinic in Mexico and serving on the NMDF Board of Directors, to now also Co-Chairing the 2014 New Mexico Mission of Mercy with Dr. John Crisler. His passion for providing for the underserved is clearly evident in all that he does.

Dr. Sheram and his wife, Sharon, have two grown daughters. They are expecting their first grandchild in September. In addition to home construction projects,

he enjoys rebuilding old trucks including a 1956 and a 1959 Chevy as well as working on a 1959 aluminum boat that belonged to his father. In his wife's words, "The leadership and compassion Doug puts forth in all he does, including his past coordination of the "Rebuilding Together" program through our church, clearly summarizes his life's work on behalf of those he sees as needing a bit of extra help and love."



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## A NEW SMILE... A Changed Life

"I feel so much better about myself now and I smile wherever I go," exclaimed Frederick McKenna as he returned to his dentist's office for a recheck after receiving his new set of dentures! Frederick is the first veteran to complete treatment through the newly expanded Donated Dental Services Program to intentionally serve veterans.

Dr. Valerie Wroblewski donated the dental treatment to Frederick that he so desperately needed. Ideal Dental Laboratory partnered with Dr. Wroblewski to fabricate his new dentures. Dr. Wroblewski has been participating in the DDS Program for 10 years but recently asked to serve one additional patient in 2013 as a part of the veterans program. Her smile as she was receiving Frederick's



thanks expressed the reason that she so generously continues to give back to the community through Donated Dental Services!

Frederick, like so many veterans, suffered from decayed and painful teeth for over 10 years and could not find an affordable way to receive dental treatment. The Veterans Administration was unable to provide assistance despite his years of honorable service in the Marine Corps during the VietNam era.

"I am able to eat so much more now and I am thrilled!" he said as he shook Dr. Wroblewski's hand with a beautiful new smile! At age sixty six Frederick's life has been greatly impacted by Dr. Wroblewski's generosity!

## NOVEMBER 8, 2013 *Save the Date!*

The 10th annual NMDF Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner will be November 8, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. Your attendance is so important to these Pre-Dent students. Please consider attending and/or sponsoring this event. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

*Thank you for your support of this special evening.*



**MOLINA/WATSON  
DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

**Save The Date!**

**Molina/Watson Dental Technologies, Inc. is pleased to announce our  
3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting New Mexico Dental Foundation!**

Registration forms can be found online at [www.nmdentalfoundation.org](http://www.nmdentalfoundation.org) or you may call us at (505) 994-3832. For more information or to see how you can participate please don't hesitate to contact us! Early registration NOW through January 31, 2014! All early registrations will be entered in a drawing for a PRIZE!

**April 26, 2014**