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Donated Dental Services Donations Surpass \$2 Million Mark

Donated Dental Services began in New Mexico in 2001. More than \$2 million worth of dentistry has now been donated by dentists throughout the state to low-income elderly and permanently disabled New Mexicans through the DDS program.

Currently participating in the program are 179 dentists who are joined by 78 dental laboratories. Since the inception of this program, 591 people are wearing new smiles and another 80 patients currently are receiving treatment by generous volunteer DDS dentists.

QUICK DDS FACTS

For Fiscal Year ending July 2009:

Dentists donated \$359,258 worth of dentistry

Labs donated \$19,991 worth of dental laboratory services

109 disabled or elderly New Mexicans completed treatment

“Dear Dr. M:

I want to thank you for having this wonderful program. Without your program, I would never have been able to fix my teeth and get new ones. It's people like you who make it a beautiful world helping people like me and others who can't afford it. I have been getting lots of compliments!”

2010 Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner Sponsorships Requested

The 2010 Albuquerque Mentor Dinner offering pre-dental students from throughout the state the opportunity to meet and visit with dentists is Friday night, Jan. 22, 2010, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The New Mexico Dental Foundation (a 501c3 organization) hosts this event as a fund-raiser.

If you would like to sponsor a table at this event, please send a check to the NM Dental Foundation today! *A flier to accompany your 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.

CALENDAR

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

IMAGINE!

Mission of Mercy Coming to New Mexico

Imagine a large venue where 95 dental chairs are assembled and 700 volunteer dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, and a myriad of other lay volunteers have come together to provide free acute dental treatment to 900 New Mexicans for two days. Imagine the new smiles that are created, the pain that is relieved and the lives that are changed. Imagine Mission of Mercy, an annual two-day dental outreach event that will be staged in New Mexico for the first time October 15-16, 2010, at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque.

Planning has been under way the past year by a task force comprised of New Mexico Dental Foundation and New Mexico Dental Association members. Delta Dental has committed significant funding for the project and additional funding sources are also being sought.

Dr. Larry Lubar has agreed to chair the first event, which is hoped to be the first of many Mission of Mercy events to take place throughout New Mexico.

DDS Volunteer Dentist Spotlight



Dr. Stephen Moran

“Donated Dental Services is a great way to show the public how dentists, dental laboratories and dental organizations can work together to reach out to low income patients,” said Dr. Stephen Moran. Dr. Moran has volunteered through the DDS Program in Roswell since 2002. He generally serves three patients annually. He and his staff most recently provided new smiles to an elderly couple from Eastern New Mexico who are now thrilled to be able to chew well and smile with confidence!

Dr. Moran grew up in Ohio, graduated from dental school at Creighton University and began his dental practice in Roswell 30 years ago. He chose dentistry because of the good experiences he had with his rural dentist and orthodontist growing up. He saw that dentistry would allow him to work one-on-one with patients, would be incredibly rewarding and would allow him the freedom to own his own business.

Dr. Moran and his wife Candy have been married for 33 years. They have two children, both of whom are married. His nine-month-old granddaughter is one of the delights of his life.

Another great source of enjoyment is the opportunity to utilize his private pilot’s license. He sings in his church choir and also mentors couples who are preparing to be married.

Asked what he would want others to know about him, Dr. Moran responded, “I try to enjoy every day to its fullest, looking forward to helping others. I also try to view others as individuals created in the image of God, realizing that everyone has potential.”

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

NMDF-The Heart of Dentistry