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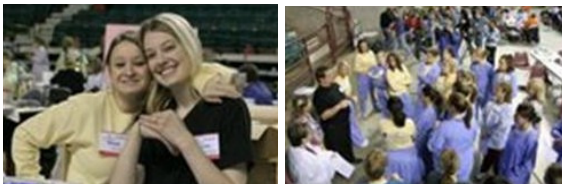
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The America's Dentists Care Foundation is a proud "Give Kids a Smile®" program Champion.

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America's Dentists Care Foundation Missions of Mercy

Helping States Provide Free Dental Care

Through Mission of Mercy events
more than 100,000 patients
have been helped and
nearly 50 million dollars worth
of free services have been provided
since 2000.

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Making a Difference

The America's Dentists Care Foundation (ADCF) was established in 2008 as a non-profit corporation and organized to provide the resources for state Mission of Mercy (MOM) events in at least the 48 contiguous states.

Representatives from each of the participating states joined for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining, and shipping the expensive dental equipment needed to host a state-run MOM event.

The long-term objective is at least 1 MOM event for every 2 million people—some populated areas having a greater need than others. Usually MOM events are rotated among different communities within a state to provide opportunity for as many as possible to attend—some potential recipients of the services may be regionally limited due to transportation issues.

Without the state MOM events and other programs like them, many will go without the dental care they desperately need.

As ADCF gained momentum in its efforts, a Colorado MOM event was featured on the July 23, 2008, CBS Evening News with Katie Couric in a report by correspondent Seth Doane. The report brought to the forefront how thousands seek help at free dental care clinics that are often overwhelmed with the high demand for their services. More focus was brought to this cause through a Newsweek® article that highlighted a Remote Area Medical (RAM) event in Wise, Virginia, and a second CBS Evening News feature: Children of the Recession (2009).



What it Takes

There must be a passion among local dental professionals.

Those professionals must be willing to volunteer at another state's MOM event under our "see one, do one, teach one" principle of growth.

Your state Dental Association must approve and support your effort.

Your organization must...

- Be willing to organize a team of several hundred volunteers up to a year in advance.
- Be able to enlist the services of up to 100 dental professionals to provide the services.
- Be capable of securing a facility of 25,000 to 40,000 sq. ft. to host the event.
- Be willing to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in private donations to fund the event.
- Work with local dental supply houses to acquire necessary supplies.
- Enter into an agreement with ADCF for the rental of dental equipment sufficient to support the size of your event.
- Become a member of the MOM family of states and a member of ADCF.

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the success of a MOM event. In addition to the many dentistry professionals, volunteers for parking, food service, set-up and tear-down, daycare, and a multitude of other activities are needed.

If you are interested in volunteering at a state MOM event—as either a dental professional or lay-volunteer, please visit our website for information.



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What is a MOM?

It is a gathering of dental professionals and lay-volunteers for two or three days for the purpose of treating those who come.

From the first event in Virginia to the most recent, state MOM events have continued to address and meet the needs of the underserved. ADCF MOM helps facilitate state efforts by making the required equipment and accessories available for these events.

Some states currently have active MOM programs and other states are in the process of organizing MOM programs.

States interested in organizing a MOM program don't have to go it alone. The Foundation is here to assist with support from experienced MOM organizers and volunteers.

ADCF offers technical assistance for organizing state MOM events that includes a comprehensive "how to" manual and the option of having a "MOM Squad" present. ADCF also provides a centralized resource of information via its website and a centralized data collection point of statistics relating to the services provided and the oral health needs of America's underserved.

Visit our website to get more information or contact us to help you get started making a difference!

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