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## **TENTH ANNUAL OKLAHOMA MISSION OF MERCY EVENT ANNOUNCED**

*Free two-day dental clinic for all ages offered February 1 and 2 in the Oklahoma Expo Hall at the State Fair Park in Oklahoma City*

OKLAHOMA CITY (January 18, 2019) — The [Oklahoma Mission of Mercy](#) announced its tenth annual event, a free two-day dental clinic for people of all ages. Oklahoma City will host this year's event in the Oklahoma Expo Hall at State Fair Park on February 1 and 2. The event space will be transformed into a fully-functional dental facility with more than 1,500 volunteer dental and general professionals offering a variety of services including cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals on front teeth and limited ways to improve the smile line at no cost to patients.

“This year we are celebrating ten years of hosting the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, an event that impacts Oklahomans all over the state,” said 2019 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy chair Dr. Chris Fagan. “There’s a great need for accessible, affordable dental care, and one way we address that need is by bringing together dedicated dental professionals and volunteers who can make a real difference for those who need care the most.”

Nearly half of all Oklahomans lack dental insurance. For many, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is a life-changing event. Dentists and other volunteers treat an average of 1,600 patients per event, and since 2010, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy has treated 14,454 patients, totaling more than \$11 million in donated dental services.

“Tens of thousands of Oklahomans lack access to dental services for various reasons,” said Delta Dental of Oklahoma President and CEO John Gladden. “For many, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is a life-changing event because it provides relief for those in our community who are in pain and need immediate care.”

Patients are advised to arrive early as treatment will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no eligibility, income or photo ID requirement to seek treatment. Courtesy indoor line

formation opens at 10 p.m. on Thursday, January 31 and again at 10 p.m. on Friday, February 1. Treatment begins at 5 a.m. on February 1 and 2.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is produced by the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation. The event is endorsed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

**The Oklahoma Dental Association**, founded in 1907, has a membership of more than 1,600 dentists. The Association was established to help foster an awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of the dental profession to society, to help advance the art and science of dentistry, and to promote public health and health services in the State of Oklahoma. For more information about the ODA, visit [www.okda.org](http://www.okda.org) and to find a dentist, visit <https://findadentist.ada.org/>.

**The Oklahoma Dental Foundation** improves the oral health of Oklahomans by funding scientific research, supporting dental education, and increasing patient access to care. For more information, visit [www.okdf.org](http://www.okdf.org).

**The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation** is the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and is the state's single largest contributor to dental health and education-related projects and initiatives. For more information, visit [www.ddokfoundation.org](http://www.ddokfoundation.org).

**Editor's Note:** For high-res photos and video of previous events, contact [Katy@goodengroup.com](mailto:Katy@goodengroup.com) or [click here for video and photos of the 2018 OKMOM event](#). Reporters are invited to follow the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy on Twitter [@OkDentalMission](https://twitter.com/OkDentalMission) and Like the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy on Facebook [@oklahomamissionofmercy](https://www.facebook.com/oklahomamissionofmercy) for the latest news.

