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Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Celebrates Record Breaking \$1.7 Million of Donated Dental Care in Oklahoma City

EIGHTH ANNUAL OKLAHOMA MISSION OF MERCY TO TAKE PLACE IN WOODWARD IN 2017

OKLAHOMA CITY (February 18, 2016) — Today the [Oklahoma Mission of Mercy](#) announced the results from last week's seventh annual event in Oklahoma City. The two-day free dental clinic for people of all ages set an Oklahoma Mission of Mercy record for total amount of donated dental care with \$1,716,687 surpassing last year's total of \$1.5 million. The event offered cleanings, fillings, extractions and anterior root canals at no cost to patients. 11,027 procedures were performed for 1,576 patients by more than 2,000 volunteer dental and general professionals.

"The number of patients we were able to treat at this year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event is astounding," said Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Chair, Dr. Shannon Griffin. "It is always a humbling experience to be able to provide dental care to Oklahomans in need at no cost to them year after year. Once again, the event's success hinged on the overwhelming support and enthusiasm from the dental community."

It took more than 2,000 volunteers from around the country to make this year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy a successful event. This event is the single largest free clinic in the state where dental professionals come together, for two days, and give their services for free.

"With about half of Oklahomans lacking dental insurance, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is essential to help provide access to quality dental care and education for so many in Oklahoma," said Delta Dental of Oklahoma President and CEO John Gladden. "The event is life-changing, some patients proclaiming they not only got their smile back, but also their confidence. That is invaluable and Delta Dental of Oklahoma is proud to be a part of it."

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is offered in a different city each year. Dr. Trent Yadon, of Woodward, will chair next year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event. Dr. Rieger Wood, of Tulsa, will co-chair.

“We are excited to announce that next year’s Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event will take place in Woodward, Okla., on February 3 and 4,” said Dr. Yadon. “We look forward to continuing the success of the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in Woodward and helping fellow Oklahomans in great need of dental care.”

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is produced by the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma’s Oral Health Foundation. Donations for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy dental clinic are accepted at www.okda.org.

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