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Atoka Dentist Honored with Volunteer Service Award

Dr. Mathew Hookom Presented Award for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy

ATOKA, April 26, 2018 - The Oklahoma Dental Association (ODA) is proud to award Dr. Mathew Hookom with the 2018 ODA President's Leadership Award. This award is chosen each year by the president and is presented to an individual who has exhibited exemplary leadership skills through service to the ODA, the membership, and his or her community. This award was given during the 2018 ODA President's Dinner on April 21 in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Hookom was awarded this honor for his volunteer work as chairperson of the 2018 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy that took place in Durant, February 2-3. "It was a pleasure to watch this event unfold and become the record-breaking success that it was," said the ODA Past President Dr. Juan Lopez. "The success of this year's Mission is largely due to Dr. Hookom's leadership and ability to unite a community. He worked tirelessly, securing donations and recruiting local volunteers." The volunteers at the 2018 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy treated 957 patients totaling more than \$1.1 million in donated dental care.

Dr. Hookom received his Doctoral of Dental Surgery degree from the Oklahoma University College of Dentistry and has been in private practice in Atoka since 2009. To learn more about the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, visit www.okmom.org.

About the Oklahoma Dental Association:

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 and to find a dentist, visit <https://findadentist.ada.org/>.

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Photos Attached

1. Dr. Mathew Hookom is presented the ODA President's Leadership Award by Dr. Juan Lopez, ODA Immediate Past President.
2. Headshot Dr. Hookom

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