



**News Release**

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### **Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Celebrates Record Breaking \$1.5 Million of Donated Dental Care in Tulsa**

SEVENTH ANNUAL OKLAHOMA MISSION OF MERCY TO TAKE PLACE IN OKLAHOMA CITY IN 2016

TULSA (February 10, 2015) — Today the [Oklahoma Mission of Mercy](#) announced the results from last week's sixth annual event in Tulsa. 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 \$1,525,657 surpassing last year's total of \$1.3 million. The event offered a variety of services including cleanings, fillings, extractions and anterior root canals at no cost to patients. 12,766 procedures were performed for 1,609 patients by 1,900 volunteer dental and general professionals.

"We are beyond thrilled about the results of this year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event," said Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Chairman Dr. C. Rieger Wood, DDS. "It is truly an honor to provide dental care to Oklahomans in need at no cost to them year after year and this year was no exception. The success of the event would not have been possible without the incredible support from the Oklahoma dental community volunteering their time, money and services."

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event this year treated numerous patients with more serious needs that required costly procedures and took more time with each individual patient which aided in this year's record breaking figure.

"With more than 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. Shannon Griffin, DMD of Griffin Smiles, a comprehensive dental practice in Edmond, Oklahoma, will chair next year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event on February 5 and 6.

"We are excited to announce that next year's Oklahoma Mission of Mercy event will take place in Oklahoma City," said Dr. Griffin. "We look forward to continuing the success of the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in Oklahoma City 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.

