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EIGHTH ANNUAL OKLAHOMA MISSION OF MERCY EVENT ANNOUNCED

*Free two-day dental clinic for people of all ages offered February 3 and 4 at
the Woodward County Events Center*

WOODWARD (January 23, 2017) — The [Oklahoma Mission of Mercy](#) announced its eighth annual event, a two-day dental clinic for people of all ages. Woodward will host this year's event at the Woodward County Events Center on February 3 and 4. The event space will be transformed into a fully-functional dental facility with approximately 1,800 volunteer dental and general professionals offering a variety of services including cleanings, fillings, extractions and anterior root canals at no cost to patients.

“Oklahoma Mission of Mercy brings together industry and non-industry professionals to serve and provide dental care to the Woodward community at no cost,” said Oklahoma Mission of Mercy 2017 Chair Dr. Trent Yadon. “We are expecting to serve 1,500-2,000 people at this year's event in Woodward and look forward to bringing vital care to Oklahomans in need.”

About half of Oklahomans lack dental insurance. For many, the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is a life-changing event. Since 2010, Oklahoma Mission of Mercy has treated 12,175 patients, totaling \$8,742,959 in donated dental services. That is an average of \$718 per patient.

“Our goal is to provide immediate relief to those in need of dental care,” Delta Dental of Oklahoma President and CEO John Gladden said. “Tens of thousands of Oklahomans across our state do not have access to dental services; and while we know the tremendous impact Oklahoma Mission of Mercy has, we recognize the continued need for dental care in our communities.”

Patients are advised to arrive early as treatment will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no eligibility or income requirement to seek treatment. Courtesy indoor line formation opens at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 2 and again at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 3. The event begins at 5 a.m. both mornings.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy is presented by the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma's Oral Health Foundation.

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, visit www.okda.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.

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health 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.

Editor's Note: For high-res photos and video of previous events, contact katy@goodengroup.com. Reporters are invited to follow the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy on Twitter @OKDentalMission and Like the ODA on Facebook [@oklahomamissionofmercy](https://www.facebook.com/oklahomamissionofmercy).

