

The **Minnesota Dental Foundation** and the **Minnesota Dental Association** will be hosting the sixth-annual Mission of Mercy event in September, 2018.

The Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) is a dental outreach event focused on providing free dental services to patients facing insurmountable barriers to care.

In particular, the MnMOM program focuses on:

- 1. Providing free dental care, especially to patients with dental infections and/or pain.
- 2. Raising awareness of the barriers to dental care faced by low-income adults and children.
- 3. Challenging state policymakers and dental professionals to work together to improve the oral health of all Minnesota residents, particularly those low-income patients who have been promised care by the state.

Key Facts

- The event takes place on **September 7-8**, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1,000+ dental professionals and community volunteers are needed
 - Set up: Thursday, September 6
 - Patient treatment: Friday and Saturday, September 7-8
 - Tear down: Saturday, September 8 (evening)
- The goal is to serve **2,000 patients** during the two-day event.
- Patients will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis; hundreds of patients typically line up outside the night before.
- **Dental services provided** will include: cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals in selected teeth, stainless steel crowns for children, and limited lab work (treatment partials).
- **Dental services** <u>not</u> **provided** include: crowns or root canals on molars, implants, full dentures.
- Oral hygiene education will be provided during the event.
- Financial donations and in-kind contributions will fully fund the event; it is expected that the event costs will total \$300,000 (a complete list of donors can be found on the Mission of Mercy website at www.mnmom.org).
- Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation is the signature sponsor.