

The **Minnesota Dental Foundation** and the **Minnesota Dental Association** will be partnering with the **North Dakota Dental Foundation** and the **North Dakota Dental Association** to host the fifth-annual Mission of Mercy event in July, 2016.

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 July 22-23, 2016, at Concordia College Memorial Auditorium, 901 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN.
- 1,000+ dental professionals and community volunteers are needed
 - Set up: July 21
 - Patient treatment: July 22-23
 - Tear down: July 23 (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 \$215,000 (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.