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## RE: 2018 Minnesota Mission of Mercy

Thank you for volunteering for the 2018 Minnesota Mission of Mercy event in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Volunteers are the heart of every MOM event – your commitment to travel from outside of Minnesota to treat our patients makes it our privilege to welcome you.

The patients you will be serving are those facing insurmountable barriers to care. Access to dental care is a complex problem for families who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, live in remote areas, face cultural and language barriers, or have difficulties navigating government programs. Treatment at MnMOM is <u>not</u> contingent upon the patient providing insurance, financial, or "dental home" information. The Minnesota Mission of Mercy cannot solve the barriers to care issues in Minnesota; however, we can provide access to free dental care and relieve patients of dental pain and infection.

Thank you again for the generous contribution of your time and talents. You will be rewarded ten-fold with the smiles from those whose lives you have touched.

Sincerely,

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