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7TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT MISSION OF MERCY FREE DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES TO EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Good dental care and oral health awareness is imperative for women who are pregnant as well as their babies.

HARTFORD – Thursday, February 27, 2014 – The 7th Annual Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic (CTMOM) is adding a new outreach initiative to this year's two-day clinic, one specifically designed to provide oral health care and education to pregnant women. The free dental clinic is being held on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at the XL Center in Hartford, beginning at 6am on both days.

In addition to this new initiative, CTMOM will continue to offer its full range of free dental services to those in need of dental care. Services include: cleanings, fillings, extractions, partial prosthetics and general health screenings. The clinic is held on a first-come, first-served basis and expects to treat more than 2,200 patients over a two-day period.

Dr. Robert Schreibman, President of the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach, which organizes CTMOM, explains that dental care for pregnant women is critical to both the health of the mother and the child. This outreach effort is made possible by funding provided by the Connecticut Health Foundation.

“Oral health care is an essential component of overall health. Therefore, it is important to maintain good oral health during pregnancy,” said Dr. Schreibman. “Dental care is safe for pregnant patients and can help prevent long term health problems for both mother and child.”

According to Dr. Schreibman, low birth-weight babies and pre-term pregnancies are more likely if expectant mothers fail to practice good oral health.

“Setting aside a special section of the CTMOM clinic to care for expectant mothers will help us spread the word about the importance of oral health care to

all,” said Dr. Schreiber. “We are grateful for our friends at the Connecticut Health Foundation for helping us to offer this essential program at this year’s CTMOM.”

Yolanda Caldera-Durant, Senior Program Officer with the Connecticut Health Foundation said, “We are pleased to provide funding to CTMOM to treat pregnant women at this year’s clinic. Many pregnant women don’t get the dental care they need and our hope is that this clinic will treat pregnant women who would not otherwise receive dental care, as well as start a conversation.”

CTMOM is seeking volunteers of all types to help. This clinic cannot happen without the help of our volunteers. To learn more about how you can help or register to volunteer visit, www.cfdo.org – registration is open through March 23.

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