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7TH ANNUAL CT MISSION OF MERCY FREE DENTAL CLINIC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS FOR HARTFORD CLINIC

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HARTFORD – Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – The 7th Annual [Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic](#) (CTMOM) continues to seek more volunteers and additional donations for the two-day free dental clinic, scheduled to be held Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at the XL Center in Hartford. The clinic is expected to treat more than 2,200 patients over the course of the two days.

To date, more than 1,300 people have signed up to volunteer for the CTMOM Free Dental Clinic. CTMOM officials are encouraging additional people and businesses to register volunteers at www.cfdo.org. Volunteer registration is scheduled to close on March 23, and roughly 1,500 volunteers are needed. The clinic will open its doors at the XL Center in Hartford on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at 6 a.m. both days.

To date, \$176,000 in donations have been made. CTMOM's goal for this year's clinic is \$384,400. To make a contribution please visit our website or call (860) 863-5940.

In addition to dentists and assistants, volunteers are needed for non-medical tasks as well, including traffic/crowd monitors, foreign language interpreters (all languages needed, especially Spanish), sign language interpreters, patient escorts, as well as tear down of the clinic. Descriptions of these jobs can be found at www.cfdo.org.

“We encourage not only individuals to sign-up to volunteer for this critical outreach effort, but also area businesses to consider having employees give some of their time to help us at this year's CTMOM Free Dental Clinic. It is a very rewarding endeavor that will help thousands of people in need,” said Dr. Bruce Tandy, CTMOM Co-Chair. “We are immensely grateful for the more than 1,300 people who have registered to volunteer so far and the more than \$176,000

donated to support this year's clinic. With CTMOM now six weeks away, we hope to keep that momentum going and continue to receive both monetary and in-kind donations from businesses, especially in the Hartford area."

The CTMOM Free Dental Clinic provides a full range of dental services for people of all ages. Everything is done for free and on a first-come, first-served basis, including cleanings, fillings, extractions, x-rays, oral surgery, root canal treatment on front teeth, partial prosthetics and general health screenings. Also this year, for the first time, CTMOM will have a special section of the clinic devoted to pregnant women, where they can receive vital pre-natal dental care and education.

To date, major donors to the CTMOM Free Dental Clinic include the following:

Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	\$45,000
Connecticut Health Foundation	\$30,000
The Robert G. and Marguerite M. Derx Foundation	\$25,000
The James McManus Fund of the Hartford Dental Society, Inc.	\$15,000
Webster Bank	\$10,000
Fortress Insurance Company	\$10,000
Connecticut State Dental Foundation	\$10,000
Samuel Roskin Trust at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	\$5,000
People's United Bank	\$5,000
Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation	\$5,000
S.A. Johnson Family Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	\$2,000
Barrett Family Foundation	\$2,000

For a list of other donors please visit, www.cfdo.org.

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