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**CT Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic Donates
Their Entire Stock of Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) to the Covid-19 Fight**

PHOTOS: [Download Donation Photos from Google Drive.](#)

Southington, CT – March 25, 2020 The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach (CFDO) has donated 25,000 surgical/procedure masks, 40 cases of gloves, 23 cases of surface disinfectant wipes, 15 cases of disposable gowns, 80 (2 liter) bottles of hand sanitizer, all meant for the [Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic](#) (CTMOM) to the State of Connecticut, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other healthcare agencies to aid the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual 2-day clinic, which serves nearly 2,000 individuals who are in need of dental care and can't afford the cost of services, planned for March 20-21, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

“While we are devastated that we were not able to provide those in need of dental services this year, the medical supplies that were donated and purchased for the CTMOM Free Dental Clinic are needed elsewhere right now,” said Josephine Bicknell, Executive Director of the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach, the non-profit that runs CTMOM. “Seeing the reports of the shortage of these supplies made the decision to donate easy. We hope anyone – businesses and individuals – who have these supplies, will donate them to those on the front lines of this pandemic. We may not have had a CTMOM Free Dental Clinic this past weekend however, a Mission of Mercy took place. It was an honor to help our Community during this crisis.”

The CFDO had hoped to reschedule the dental clinic for later in the year, but Bicknell anticipates that they will not be able to replace the supplies in time. The CFDO will instead plan the free dental clinic for 2021.

The CFDO is accepting monetary donations that will be used to help support the 2021 CTMOM Free Dental Clinic. To donate, please visit cfdo.org/contribute.

About the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic

Established in 2008, the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic has treated 20,345 patients and provided over \$13 million in free dental services to patients. Past clinics were held

in Tolland (2008), New Haven (2009), Middletown (2010), Waterbury (2011), Danbury (2012), Bridgeport (2013), Hartford (2014), Danbury (2015), Hartford (2016), New Haven (2017), Torrington (2018), and Willimantic (2019).

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