



IndianaMoM

Mission of Mercy
Free Dental Care

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Dental pain prevents people from being able to learn, work, eat or sleep, and poor oral health can also contribute to heart problems and diabetes. Problems ranging from cavities to oral cancer go untreated for people who cannot afford or do not have access to dental care. Unfortunately, the need for dental care for low-income people in central Indiana continues to grow.

In 2014, a concerned group of dentists and others, who recognized this need, started the IndianaMOM (Mission of Mercy) dental clinic event. As a program of the Indiana Dental Association Foundation, the first event in April 2015 enabled 1,211 patients to receive 6,860 dental procedures valued at \$896,000. An additional 1,542 volunteers helped to make the event a success. The second event was held in May 2017.

We learned a lot from our first two events, and so, the 2019 IndianaMOM goal is to provide \$1.2 million of free high-quality dental treatment to 2,000 low-income children and adults who cannot afford needed care. We will accomplish this goal in a two-day dental health clinic to be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 17-18, 2019. Volunteers will also handout oral care kits, provide medical screenings, and distribute resource guides for finding follow-up and continued dental care, and information about local nonprofit organizations that can help our low-income neighbors meet other crucial needs.

We work with nonprofits, schools and employers in central Indiana to let them know that students, clients, and employees who cannot afford dental care, will be able to access services at the event. The goals of the May 2019 IndianaMOM are to:

- Provide needed preventive, restorative, and urgent dental care to 2,000 low-income people
- Recruit 250 volunteer dentists, and 1,700 other general volunteers for service
- Show adult patients how to find follow-up and continued care
- Teach 2,000 people how to properly care for their teeth and those of their children
- Educate the public, policy makers, and legislators of the serious need for good oral health
- Advocate for long-term solutions that will provide quality dental care for all Hoosiers

The total anticipated budget of the IndianaMOM event is \$249,157. We respectfully request \$8,000 to achieve the goals of IndianaMOM 2019, and help those most in need.

THANK YOU for your consideration!

For more information please contact Karen Scharf at karen@indental.org or 800-562-5646.



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