

RI Mission of Mercy

Free Dental Clinic September 28 & 29



On September 28 & 29, 2019 the Rhode Island Oral Health Foundation held its 7th Rhode Island Mission of Mercy (RIMOM) Free Dental Clinic at the Providence Community Health Centers (PCHC) in Providence RI.

More than 250 dental and medical volunteers joined together to provide free dental treatment at the clinic which includes basic restoration to complicated oral surgery.

A limited number of partial dentures and ceramic crowns were also provided.

Once again, we were shocked at the number of people in line to receive dental services.

Clearly the need for access to dental care has not diminished. We heard stories upon stories of people living with pain and infection: some not being able to eat a healthy diet due to the inability to chew; some not wanting to smile due to missing teeth in the cosmetic zone.

Many people relied on the hospital's Emergency Department as a fall back to receive needed antibiotics. As in most years at RIMOM, countless people shared that were having to choose between paying rent and feeding their families over paying for their oral health care. It was heartbreaking to say the least. Fortunately, for most patients receiving treatment at RIMOM, it meant being free of pain and infection, being able to eat a healthy diet, enjoying their healthy smile and of course, renewed confidence.

On all accounts, we again celebrate the undeniable success of RIMOM 2019!

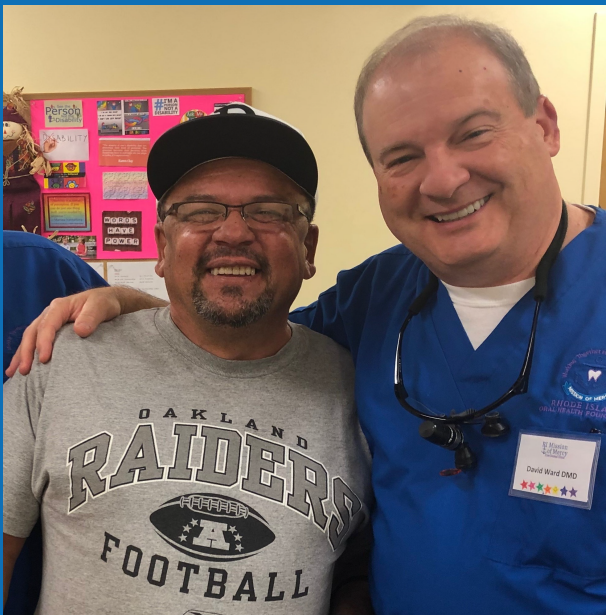
2019 Event Summary

Patient Fast Facts

485
Patients Served

Male 186
Female 299
Ages 3-76

152 Patients arrived in pain
Average time in pain 250 days
78% had no dental insurance
44% needed more dental work



Patients represented
58 cities, towns & villages
6 states

2,200+
Services Provided

Oral health screening
Oral cancer screening
Oral health instruction

X-rays

Fillings

Root canal treatment

(front teeth only)

Tooth extractions

Denture repairs

Partial dentures

(to replace missing front teeth)

Ceramic crowns

Pharmacy services

\$380,000+
Value of Donated
Services

Volunteer Fast Facts

260+
Dental and Medical Volunteers
200+
Community Volunteers

94 Dentists
41 Dental Hygienists
64 Dental Assistants
17 Dental Health Students
1 PA
3 R.Ph. (Pharmacist)
15 LPN/RN/RNP
8 RI MRC/RIDMAT
25 Additional Dental & Medical volunteers

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This dynamic group of volunteers from BCBSRI spent 4 hours tackling the daunting task of organizing both clinical and non-clinical supplies for the event.



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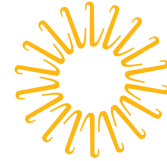
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