



1 Eight MnMOM events have now been completed and statistics indicate that, throughout the years,  
 2 7,665 compassionate volunteers have completed 57,322 dental procedures in 11,331 patient  
 3 encounters, for a value of \$7,940,208. In total, patients from 83 of the 87 counties in Minnesota  
 4 have been treated.

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 6 **2024 MnMOM Cash Donations**

7 (some have donated more than once)  
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9 **Foundations/Corporations**

10 Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation – *Signature Sponsor*

11 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota

12 CareQuest Foundation

13 DentaQuest

14 Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation - Wirtanen Family Fund

15 International College of Dentists USA Section Foundation

16 Medica Foundation

17 Oral Health Foundation of Pierre Fauchard Academy

18 Park Dental Partners Foundation

19 Patterson Foundation

20 St. Luke's

21 United Healthcare Community Plan of Minnesota

22 Visit Duluth  
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24 **District Dental Societies**

25 Minneapolis District Dental Society

26 Northeastern District Dental Society

27 Northwestern District Dental Society

28 St. Paul District Dental Society

29 Southeastern District Dental Society

30 Southern District Dental Society  
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32 **Dental Organizations**

33 Minnesota Association of Endodontists  
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35 **Member Dentists/Dental Offices/Dental Clinics**

36 Lake Superior Dental Associates

37 Dr. Charles Salmen

38 Dr. Robert Schwegler  
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40 **Others**

41 Vicki Capistrant

42 Sharon Coombs in appreciation of Dr. Walter Coombs

43 Rochelle & Michael Galinson in honor of Dr. Steve Litton

44 Sandra Hayes

45 Lukas Lindquist

46 Cathy Seward & Tom Peichel

47 David & Phyllis Steimer

48 Crystal Yang  
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50 **2022 MnMOM In-Kind Donations**

- 1 Avalon BioMed
- 2 Benco Dental Supply
- 3 Benson Electric
- 4 Bisco, Inc.
- 5 Black Woods Group Catering
- 6 Brasseler Dental Instrumentation
- 7 Cat Ziegler
- 8 City Tooth, Ltd
- 9 Contract Tile & Carpet, LLC
- 10 Cre-Art Services
- 11 Delta Dental of Minnesota
- 12 Dental Health Products, Inc.
- 13 Dentsply/Sirona Endodontics
- 14 Duluth Curling Club
- 15 Enova Illumination
- 16 Ferguson Plumbing
- 17 GC America
- 18 Halyard Health
- 19 Henry Schein Dental Supply
- 20 Hunt Electric
- 21 Jamar Company
- 22 Just Kids Dental
- 23 Kerr Dental
- 24 Lakeville Dental
- 25 Language Line
- 26 Maguire Refining
- 27 Manta HealthTech
- 28 Metro Sales, Inc
- 29 Miner's, Inc. (Super One Foods)
- 30 Minnesota Department of Health – X-ray Unit
- 31 Palmero
- 32 Patterson Dental Supply
- 33 The Rainmaker
- 34 rsvpBOOK.com
- 35 Safco Dental Supply
- 36 Sammy's Pizza
- 37 Sam's Club
- 38 Seiler
- 39 Septodont
- 40 Solventum (3M Oral Care)
- 41 Star of the North
- 42 Tokuyama
- 43 Ultradent
- 44 Carl Zeiss Medite
- 45 Zirc Dental Products, Inc

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The Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation is the MnMOM's signature sponsor. The Foundation has contributed at least \$150,000.00 a year for the past eight events since its inception.

1 I would like to give a special thanks to Patterson Dental and Henry Schein Dental for their  
 2 continued support in terms of product and for sending their techs at the companies' expense to  
 3 help us set up, during the project, and tear down.

#### 4 Goals

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- 6 • To provide access to free dental care while placing a high priority on patients suffering from  
 7 dental pain or infection.
  - 8 • To raise awareness of the increasing difficulty low-income children and adults face in accessing  
 9 dental care.
  - 10 • To challenge patients, policymakers, and dental professionals to work together to improve the  
 11 oral health of those in need.
  - 12 • To change people's lives by relieving them of pain. When someone is free of pain, they can work  
 13 a full day again; they now have a front tooth and have the confidence they need to look for a job.  
 14 Kids can smile and laugh with other kids.
  - 15 • To capitalize on the local dentists' willingness to care for those most in need and to draw  
 16 attention further that if the state's public programs are not going to be changed for the better,  
 17 the dentists in this state are willing to help those in need.

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 19 A successful event puts a face on the problem that not everyone who needs access to a dentist can  
 20 receive it. Tabulation of the number of patient visits and the procedures completed throughout  
 21 the event will help determine the value of treatment provided, which will be determined using the  
 22 American Dental Association's 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of fees for our region. Patient interviews were  
 23 conducted to evaluate the event from the patient's perspective and to obtain basic demographics  
 24 about the people served. A post-event survey will be available to all volunteers to complete as  
 25 well.

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 27 Emergency and charity care is expensive, limited in effectiveness, and a treatment of last resort. A  
 28 Mission of Mercy is not intended to meet the needs of the underserved, but rather to raise  
 29 awareness of the issues facing those in need. This is not a solution, but it is the best that our  
 30 association can do at the moment. Oral health is critical to overall health and ensuring residents  
 31 have proper dental care is important to our state economically and socially.

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 33 The MDA will be able to use these events to work with lawmakers on viable, bipartisan "Healthy  
 34 Choices" for reducing barriers to dental care across our state, and to show that Minnesota's  
 35 dentists are committed to their communities. In the meantime, Mission of Mercy projects will  
 36 continue to provide needed dental care to the underserved.

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 38 Lastly, I have to say that working for the underserved in our state and helping volunteers find a  
 39 way to give back in our backyard has been and continues to be an experience that cannot be  
 40 compared with anything. Every single volunteer has truly done God's work.

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 42 Respectfully submitted by:

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