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Mission of Mercy rolls into its 25th Anniversary year with new dental van

After years of planning and fundraising, Mission of Mercy's dedicated dental van is now fully operational and treating patients at all of our clinic sites.

The three-chair, state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic is allowing MOM's Dental Director Dr. Roz Kellum, Dental Coordinator Errol Kellum and five other volunteer dentists and dental assistants to double the number of patients they serve. Prior to having a dedicated mobile dental clinic, dentists and dental assistants would lose precious time setting up and breaking down their temporary dental equipment during Mission of Mercy's regular mobile medical clinic visits.

"Now we can begin serving patients as soon as the clinic opens," Dr. Kellum says. The \$1 million fundraising campaign included covering costs to fully outfit and equip the mobile dental clinic and two years of operations. "We were also able to purchase additional instruments and supplies because we now have a permanent place to store them. That is also helping us treat more patients. It's heaven," Dr. Kellum says.

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Dr. Michael Sullivan accepts the Jefferson Awards from Jason Bugg, Manager, Donegal Insurance Group and General Manager Bill Bradley of CBS Station 21 News.

Bravo, Dr. Sullivan!

Mission of Mercy's Medical Director Dr. Michael Sullivan has been recognized by the Jefferson Awards Foundation (JAF) for his public service and acts of goodwill that impact the lives of others.

Dr. Sullivan received his award in a special ceremony at the Harrisburg Country Club on March 20. The Jefferson Awards were sponsored by Donegal Insurance Group and CBS 21 of Harrisburg.

We congratulate Dr. Sullivan on this well-deserved honor!

Learn more about the Jefferson Awards Foundation at JeffersonAwards.org or on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook.

REFLECTIONS on 25 Years

It is hard to believe it has been 25 years since Mission of Mercy began on a rainy day in August 1994 with one used RV, a few volunteers and a handful of patients. We had no idea what lay ahead, but trusted that God was leading us in the right direction. Today we operate at six different locations, treating thousands of patients from diverse populations and cultures, all coming to Mission of Mercy to receive needed care and healing and to be treated with love and dignity.

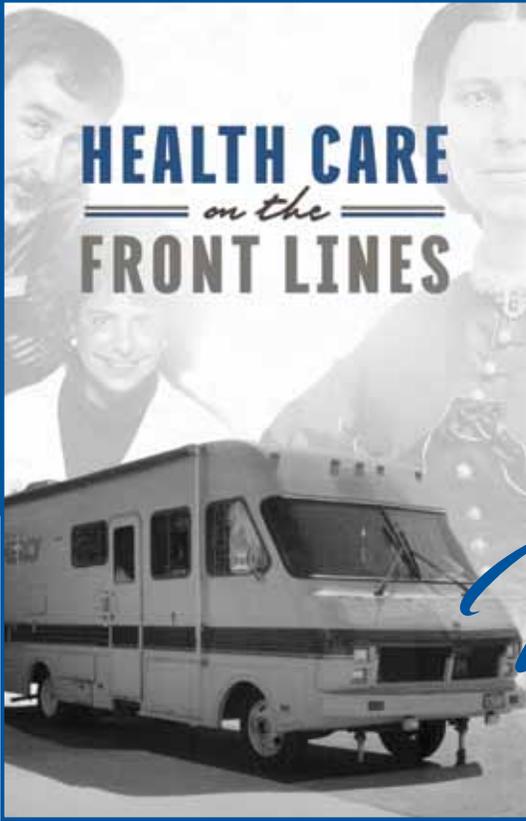
As I reflect on these 25 years I am filled with gratitude. I am grateful to:

- generous donors who fund our mission,
- hospitals who provide free lab and diagnostic imaging,
- community health partners who support our services and our patients,
- churches who host our mobile clinics,
- and most of all, to the loyal and dedicated volunteers and staff who work with us now, and those who have passed on.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve this mission, first as a volunteer, and for the last 10 years on staff as the Nursing Director. I have received more than I have given. Thank you to our patients for their love and kindness, and for allowing us to serve them. May God continue to grace us with all that we need to carry His Mission of Mercy into the future.



Maureen Liddle, RN
NURSING DIRECTOR MARYLAND/PENNSYLVANIA



A Must-See

DOCUMENTARY

“Healthcare on the Frontlines,” an initiative funded by the Delaplaine Foundation, has produced a moving 28-minute documentary that focuses on the power of individuals and communities to truly change the course of health care—regardless of the time or place.

Mission of Mercy is featured prominently in the video, which contrasts MOM’s work in the 21st century with the 19th century work of Clara Barton, the “angel of the battlefield” who demonstrated how one person could change the course of health care during the Civil War.

Featuring interviews with Mission of Mercy’s founders Gianna Talone Sullivan and Michael Sullivan, Executive Director Linda Ryan and several volunteers, the video offers a compelling and powerful look at the work of Mission of Mercy.

Those interviews are interlaced with stories told by David Price and Jake Wynn from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, who relate how Clara Barton and the people of Frederick came to the aid of the thousands of soldiers wounded at Antietam Battlefield in 1862.

This remarkable documentary is an excellent way to show the work of Mission of Mercy to others. Please share the link with your friends, family and church communities to spread the word about the work we do and to encourage people to support us with their time, talents and treasures. Visit www.amissionofmercy.org to view the video trailer.

Thank YOU

Our thanks to these organizations that supported Mission of Mercy in 2018 with Operating Grants:

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- Women’s Giving Circle of Frederick County

SCRAPBOOK

Over 25 years, Mission of Mercy has served thousands of patients and enjoyed the blessings of hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff. This is a page from our “scrapbook,” with photos and thoughts from our patients and those who share their time and talents to help them.

“If it were not for Mission of Mercy, I would not be able to see doctors because of not being able to pay them and I would not have the medicine I need to take care of my illness. I praise Mission of Mercy for they are a Blessing to All. Thank you Guys & God Bless.”

~Patient



“There have been times when I felt hopeless and after being here felt like things will get better!! I have been coming to Mission of Mercy for probably about 20 years. The staff is wonderful. I have had issues with UTI's (due to many kidney stones), thyroid problems, pain in my lower back from being a server for many years and depression. And they always help me. I appreciate this organization so much and pray God's blessing over you all!! I really don't know what I would have done without you all!!”

~Patient

“In 2005, the church ran an ad for a registration coordinator. I knew that was where the Lord wanted me. I have been blessed ever since.”

~Debbie McClain

BRUNSWICK REGISTRATION/SITE COORDINATOR

“I think the doctors and Mission of Mercy are wonderful. They take their time to get to know you. And they listen to anything you've got to say. Everything they do, it has been a miracle. I wouldn't want to see any other doctor.”

~Patient





"Mission of Mercy is a wonderful ministry and I am proud to use my nursing skills and be part of it."

~Mary Heibel
TANEYTOWN RN



"With no health insurance, Mission of Mercy has helped me very much, especially when I had bad pain in my arm and with my diabetes."

~Patient

"My life has many blessings so it is a privilege to serve those in need with my time and limited talent--a little treasure!"

~Sue Shebosky
HARRISBURG CLINIC INTERPRETER



"We read about Mission of Mercy and decided we wanted to help. Happy we did!"

~Bob McQuaid
GETTYSBURG FRONT DESK AND PHARMACY ORDERING AIDE

"I love helping people understand their illnesses and treatments, but especially I like to help them to understand the importance of prevention."

~ Isabel Ripoll
FREDERICK CLINIC INTERPRETER



"Mission of Mercy is a wonderful place to come. The doctors sit and listen to what you have going on and they help you."

~Patient

"I get pleasure and great joy in restoring patients' smiles because all smiles matter."

~Roslyn R. Kellum
DENTIST, ALL SITES

"It's my Christian calling. There is a special joy in helping others—love my neighbor."

~Kathy Moore
FREDERICK AND TANEYTOWN RN



"I would tell everyone that you would have great experiences with all the staff and that everyone does care and is willing to help. I love this place. Amen!"

~Patient



"After being terminated from my job, I lost insurance and never got a job with insurance after that. I knew about MOM because I used it as a resource working as an advocate for people with disabilities. Upon coming (to Mission of Mercy) my history was reviewed. I take routine meds and needed renewal. I was able to get meds free and I pay for one of my scrips. I'm now being given additional meds from MOM for nerve pain. I can get x-rays and bloodwork free and I have needed that as well as free meds which helps financially since I'm not working."

~Patient

"Everyone should have access to quality health care."

~Gary Schwartz, M.D.
BRUNSWICK AND FREDERICK CLINICS

A Patient Story

Clara King

As a senior citizen, Clara King is grateful that she has Medicare to help cover many of her medical costs. But Medicare does not cover dental care and she cannot afford dental insurance on her tight retiree's budget.

"Dental insurance is not cheap," she says. So when Clara saw something on Facebook about free dental care through Mission of Mercy, she decided to check it out. She has now been coming to Mission of Mercy's dental clinic in Frederick for several months to help her resolve tooth pain and decay. "My teeth are a mess," she admits.

"Clara had multiple decayed teeth that required extraction. Her gums were red, irritated and swollen," says Dr. Roz Kellum, Dental Director for Mission of Mercy. "Because of her inability to afford dental care, her mouth was in a poor condition. But since her multiple extractions, Clara is now pain free and her mouth is much healthier."



Like all those who see it, Clara is very impressed by Mission of Mercy's new dental van. "It's beautiful!" she says. With its modern equipment and multiple chairs, it feels like a traditional dental office—the only difference being that this one is on wheels.

"People are so impressed by the entire environment of the dental unit," Dr. Kellum says. "All of the interior finishes, from the lighting to the colors to the comfortable chairs, create a very serene and calming setting."

Clara agrees whole-heartedly. "I think it is wonderful," she says. But the setting is only one part of why she is now telling others who find themselves in situations similar to hers about Mission of Mercy. "They never make you feel like you are lesser of a person," Clara says. "Everyone is very kind and considerate. It has been a blessing to me."

DONORS

for the Mobile Dental Unit

As we celebrate the launch and entrance into service of our new dental van, we extend profound thanks to our corporate and foundation donors who led our \$1 million campaign to fund, equip and staff the vehicle.

Major Donors (\$100,000 +)

- Ausherman Family Foundation
- George L. Shields Foundation
- Kahlert Foundation
- Knott Foundation
- Stabler Foundation
- Weinberg Foundation

Other Contributors

- Adams County Community Foundation
- The Laughlin Fund
- St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis, MD
- Frederick Community Partnership

(On the Move, cont. from cover)

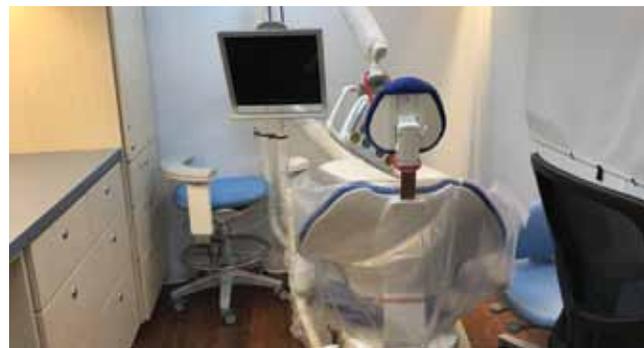
With two dentists working at most sites, the third chair is used by Mission of Mercy's volunteer dental assistants for patient prep, which is also helping to streamline operations so more patients can be seen during the clinic day.

In addition to the urgent dental care they provide, the dentists and registered nurses are also performing blood pressure screenings on dental patients so they can refer them to MOM's medical staff if they believe they should receive further evaluation and treatment.

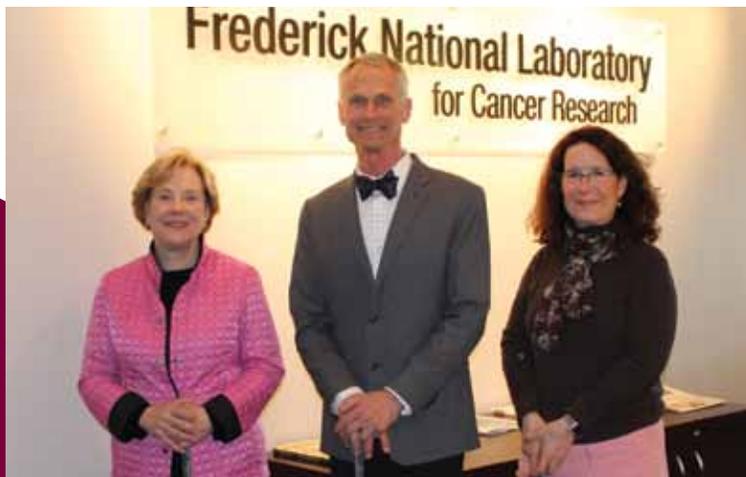
"This is an initiative of the Maryland Department of Health, which encourages dentists to participate in its 'Two Minutes with Your Dentist Can Save Your Life' campaign," Kellum says. Funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, the effort aims to help the public understand how hypertension is a common risk factor for heart disease, which kills more than 11,000 Marylanders each year.

Now with Mission of Mercy's dental and medical clinics parked side by side at each clinic site, Dr. Kellum and the other volunteer dentists can immediately refer patients with elevated blood pressure to the medical staff. "We are thrilled that we can provide this multi-disciplinary, one-stop approach to integrated care for our patients," says Linda Ryan, executive director of Mission of Mercy.

Dr. Kellum says many of the patients who come to MOM's dental clinic suffer from more than just achy teeth. "Sadly, a lot of our patients are not used to being treated with such dignity and respect," she says. "Many of them have told us how having this beautiful new facility makes them feel important, like they really matter. That is living proof of how Mission of Mercy restores healing and dignity through love."



Drive Time



Linda Ryan, Mission of Mercy Executive Director,
Frank Blanchard, Director of Public Affairs
and Communication for Leidos Biomedical and
Jennifer White, Mission of Mercy Development Director.

It's time to work on your drive and start practicing your putting! Mission of Mercy's popular Golf Classic will return to Holly Hills Country Club on Monday, June 10.

Enjoy a great day of food, fun and prizes on one of Frederick County's most beautiful golf courses.

Join us for a continental breakfast before the competition begins at 10:30 a.m. Over the course of the day, participants will enjoy an open beer and wine beverage cart, a casual lunch and gourmet dinner, complete with awards and a silent auction.

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Mark your calendars for May 18 and join us for the annual Highmark Walk at Harrisburg Area Community College. Enlist your friends and family to join you for a morning of fun and fellowship to support the work of Mission of Mercy.

For more details, including online registration information, visit the Events Page on the Mission of Mercy website (www.amissionofmercy.org/events).



Get a Behind-the-Scenes Look at MOM!

If you'd like to learn more about Mission of Mercy and see our beautiful new fully equipped mobile dental clinic, please make plans to join us for a Coffee with Mom tour at our location in Frederick at Church of the Brethren (201 Fairview Ave.) on the following dates:

May 20 | June 24 | July 8, July 15 | Aug. 8, Aug. 26

To RSVP or if you would like to tour our mobile medical and dental clinics at one of our other locations, please contact Rachel Smith at rsmith@amissionofmercy.org.

10th ANNUAL
MISSION OF MERCY

Gala

Annual Gala set for Oct. 4

Even though we are all celebrating spring's arrival, be sure to set aside Friday, Oct. 4 for Mission of Mercy's Annual Gala and Auction. We look forward to sharing with you a warm fall evening of great food, fun and entertainment to support MOM. More details will follow in the months ahead.