



VDAF's Mission of Mercy Recognized by Virginia House of Delegates

RICHMOND, VA – On Tuesday, February 19, the Virginia House of Delegates passed a resolution commending the work of the Virginia Dental Association Foundation's (VDAF) Mission of Mercy program.

The Mission of Mercy (MOM) program provides dental care to an average of 3,000 individuals annually, primarily uninsured adults, through multiple mobile dental clinics held in strategic locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The program provides preventative, restorative, and surgical dental treatments to thousands of Virginians who lack dental insurance or access to proper dental care. The model, which was created in Virginia in 2000 by Dr. Terry Dickinson (Executive Director of the Virginia Dental Association from 1999-2018), has now completed 102 clinics in Virginia and been replicated in 31 other states. MOM has served more than 67,000 patients and provided over \$46 million in free dental care since its inception.

"We are honored to be recognized in this way by the Virginia House of Delegates and fortunate to partner with the Commonwealth in helping to bring desperately-needed dental care to the thousands of Virginians still in need. It is by coming together to pool our talents, resources, and compassion that we hope to one day eliminate the pain, economic hardship, and personal distress that poor oral health brings", says Tara Quinn, Executive Director of the Virginia Dental Association Foundation.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (VDAF)

Founded in 1996 as the charitable and outreach arm of the Virginia Dental Association, the VDAF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide access to dental care for underserved and underinsured Virginians. The organization provides funding for and coordination of the Mission of Mercy Program.

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