

Our Mission

Mission of Mercy's mobile medical clinics seek to restore dignity to the sick, poor, and homeless by providing free basic healthcare and "healing through Love." This mission is accomplished primarily through a team of volunteer healthcare, administrative and hospitality workers.

Our History

Founded in 1994, Mission of Mercy is an independent, 501(c)(3), nonsectarian, community-based organization. Services provided include medical care for both acute and chronic conditions, oral health care, and pharmaceuticals. All services are provided regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or religion. All services are free. The entire funding for Mission of Mercy services is derived from private donations, including individuals, community groups, churches and foundations. In 12 years, Mission of Mercy has treated over 56,600 patients at 190,800 visits, and provided over 345,300 free prescription medications and 38,100 free dental procedures, in three states.

MD/PA Clinic Locations & Schedules

Mission of Mercy serves patients at regularly scheduled clinic locations in Brunswick, Frederick, Mt Airy, Reisterstown, Taneytown, Thurmont, and Westminster, MD; and in Gettysburg and Harrisburg, PA. To access the clinic calendar and appointment numbers, visit www.aMissionofMercy.org and click "Locate a Clinic Near You," or call (301) 682-5683 or (717) 642-9062.

Inspiration from Within

Carrying Bryan's Cross

Glenda Fuller, has volunteered, for nine years, as a bi-lingual medical assistant for Mission of Mercy. On a blustery day in late December, she had no idea that she was going to be called to go beyond herself and her regular duties.

This was not a normal Mission of Mercy clinic day. This was the day of the annual Toy Drive, when BB&T Bank transforms the adjoining church reception area into Santa's workshop. Toys of all shapes and sizes, all colors and creations, delighted on-lookers, young and old.

It was the thought that Santa had "something special" for one of our 11-year-old patients that enticed him to come to the clinic with his parents. Say nothing of the fact that he had been feeling very ill lately, wasn't able to go skate boarding with his buddies, and wanted to sleep all the time.

In the midst of Santa's mingling among the many scheduled and walk-in patients who filled the waiting areas, Glenda's eye was caught by this older child, Bryan, a patient she had seen a few months earlier for an upper respiratory infection. As she looked closely at him she realized that something was clearly wrong with him. Glenda thought this boy was "really sick." He was pale, and very unsteady. She took his vital signs and then she immediately carried the boy in her arms, parents anxiously scurrying behind her, to the Mission of Mercy mobile clinic, where Dr. William Swann, a volunteer physician quickly examined the young patient and determined that he needed to be transported immediately to Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

The parents didn't know the way to the hospital, nor did they speak English. With tears in her eyes and her voice cracking, Glenda recalls that she did "what she would have wanted someone to do for her two girls." Without thinking about how tired she was from working all night before coming to Mission of Mercy that morning, she put the family in her own car and began the hour-long journey from Frederick to Washington. Not knowing the correct route herself, she relied on directions, which of course, flew out the window! "I didn't know what to do then, but God put an ambulance right in front of me. I followed it and it arrived safely, at the hospital that was right next door to Children's Hospital. So I just had to go into the other entrance and there we were.



Glenda Fuller, Nurse Volunteer

Inspiration from Within

Dr. Swann had called ahead to inform the hospital of our patient and his serious condition. A bed had been reserved for Bryan and the doctors immediately came to his attention. She stayed with the family well into the night, interpreting, consoling, and praying with and for them. The next day she returned to the hospital with Bryan's father so he would know how to find the hospital. Glenda was also with the family when the diagnosis was shared –Aplastic Anemia, a rare and serious condition in which the bone marrow stops producing new blood cells.

Through its government funding, Children's Hospital was able to absorb Bryan's bills. He was also referred to a special research program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the medical research agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Fortunately, Bryan is doing well in the program and a perfect "donor match" has been identified in the event that he needs a bone marrow transplant. He is home schooled and his future is very hopeful.

One of our other dedicated volunteers described Glenda as having done a "yeoman's job" that blustery, winter day. Glenda smiles and says, "I did what I was taught to do. My parents always said that if you have only one loaf of bread left you need to share it." She said the "staff at Mission of Mercy gave me a lunch to go, so I shared this too with the family in the car."

The Mission of Mercy Love Petition Prayer, which is said daily throughout our organization, states "You have invited me to pick up my own cross and to come and follow You. Now you invite me to help them to carry their crosses." Thank you, Glenda, for picking up Bryan's cross and walking with his family. You personify our mission and we are so fortunate to have you as a part of our Mission of Mercy family.

Holding a family together

About 8 years ago, Joyce* received bad news from her sister in Alabama. Her sister had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and would die in the next few months. When her sister's husband heard the news, he abandoned the family, including five children ages 6 to 14. Feeling she had no choice, Joyce brought her sister and the children to live with her in Maryland. Eight months later,

her sister died and Joyce took over the job of raising her children. "Living in Alabama, they didn't even know me," said Joyce. "Except for cards and letters around the holidays, I was a stranger to them. The kids were a handful."

The financial pressure of raising her sister's children, along with some serious health problems, brought Joyce to Mission of Mercy. She was in terrible pain. "I have nerve damage," she said, "and I have to take pills every day to control the pain. Sometimes, it is hard for me to function." The medical care she receives at Mission of Mercy has helped her physically and mentally. "They care about people," Joyce said, "and they made me feel like family."

Now in her fifties, her health problems have gotten worse. Joyce has limited use of one arm, suffers from high blood pressure and arthritis. Her medications are provided by Mission of Mercy. "I take eight different pills a day," she said. "The high blood pressure medicine by itself would cost \$145.00 a month. I couldn't afford it and take care of the children too."

Mission of Mercy helps Joyce get assistance from other agencies. "They have referred me to the hospital three different times, including once for a bad case of the shingles and another time to check out a cyst."

Her voice lights up when she talks about Dr. Michael Sullivan, Medical Director. "That's a man that has faith," she said. "He is doing God's work on earth. He takes time, asks questions, knows my name. He stops and talks to me, asks about the children. He always says, 'God bless you.' He is fantastic and he is always there for you. Dr. Mike is quiet and gentle. He makes me feel better just talking to him."

Five children have a home and are being cared for by a loving aunt, who depends on Mission of Mercy to help her through very difficult times and to keep her family together. Joyce appreciates everything that Mission of Mercy does for her and makes a small contribution whenever she can.

** For this article, Joyce requested that we would not use her last name. Some of her sister's children are still in school and she wanted to protect their identity.*

Harrisburg supports Mission of Mercy

A key component of Mission of Mercy's ability to provide free healthcare and "healing through Love" is community partnerships. In Fall 2002, Mission of Mercy began seeing medical patients in Harrisburg and in Spring 2005, the dental clinic opened at that location. To date, Mission of Mercy has treated over 1,500 medical patients at 5,550 free visits, provided over 14,400 free prescriptions, and 1,050 free dental procedures in Harrisburg. We are grateful for the financial support of the community, including financial partners: Hershey Foods, C&S Grocers, the Jeffrey J. & Mary E. Burdge Charitable Trust, Delta Dental, the Ashland Foundation, the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, the Lawrence L. & Julia Z. Hoverter Charitable Foundation, United Way of the Capital Region, Highmark Blue Shield, the Donald B. & Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, the Alexander Stewart, M.D. Foundation, the Frank H. & Ruth Wells Foundation and others. Their partnership, and belief in our program, has made the Harrisburg clinic of Mission of Mercy possible.

BB&T Executive joins Board of Directors

Mr. Michael L. Oster, of Westminster, MD, was recently elected to the Mission of Mercy Board of Directors. The Maryland Group President for **Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T)**, Mr. Oster has extensive volunteer and non-profit leadership experience, including St. John Catholic



Mr. Michael L. Oster

Church, Carroll Hospital Center, Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow, United Way of Central Maryland, Maryland Bankers Association, McDaniel College, Greater Westminster Development Corporation, and more. "In addition to a strong faith and commitment to Mission of Mercy, Mike brings considerable management, organizational development, and leadership skills to the Board. We are thrilled to have him join us," says Foundress and Chairman of the Board, Gianna Talone-Sullivan, Pharm D.

Mt. Airy Community Pitches In to Feed Mission of Mercy Volunteers



Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy

For almost five years, volunteers and staff have been rolling into Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy, along with Mission of Mercy's Mobile Medical Clinic. And for just as long, Carole Van Gosen has been feeding them.

A parishioner at the church, Van Gosen coordinates with area community groups to arrange about 20 lunches each day Mission of Mercy visits Mt. Airy. Groups that have donated lunch include: Montgomery United Methodist Church, Full Gospel Church, St. Michael's Catholic Church, St James Episcopal Church, Taylorsville Methodist Church, Prospect Methodist Church, Locust Grove Brethren Church, Boy Scouts, and the Owl's and Sunday School groups at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Between 50 and 70 patients are seen at the Mt. Airy clinic each day. A communal lunch, with prayer, serves as the spiritual center of the day, as well as a brief respite for volunteers and staff. Mission of Mercy would like to offer our gratitude to Carole Van Gosen and the Mt. Airy community for providing this support for the Mobile Clinic and our volunteers.

With Heartfelt Thanks

Almost 200 guests came out to dance, dine and enjoy the exciting live and silent auctions at Mission of Mercy's 7th Annual Gala, held November 11, 2006 at the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. With assistance from Diamond Sponsor **BB&T Bank**, the event raised over



Gala Chair Mrs. Debbie Lobo with Auctioneer Fred Rager.

\$120,000 to support Mission of Mercy's Mobile Medical and Dental Program in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Live music for the evening was provided by "Swinging on a Star" and the silent auction featured over 115 high quality items, including jewelry, trips, and exquisite, themed gift baskets.

Congratulations to Mrs. Debbie Lobo, 2006 Gala Chair, and the Gala Committee on a spectacular and rewarding evening. Just a few of the complements from guests: "The auction items were unbelievable." "The country club was beautiful and the tables were gorgeous!" "The program was very moving and all three auctions were incredible!" On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and especially the patients of Mission of Mercy, a "heartfelt thanks" to all who contributed to the success of the 2006 Gala.



Gala guests, Bob and Jean Nichols

The HEALING POWER of Prayer

It was through prayer, thirteen years ago, that Dr. Gianna Sullivan was inspired to create an organization that would “restore dignity and healing through Love.” After much thought, her divine inspiration had a name – **“Mission of Mercy.”**

As an organization, Mission of Mercy has always been focused on prayer, the healing power of God’s Love, and the methods in which our medical professionals and volunteers incorporate spirituality into the delivery of our healthcare services. These messages are translated in a variety of ways: through the medical and dental care that we provide, the free prescription medications that we share, a kind look, a gentle touch, a sincere smile, a compassionate tone of voice, an attentive ear and through **PRAYER**.

According to KidsHealth.com, spirituality and prayer play a key role in health and recovery from illness:

- ◆ Spiritual individuals indulge in fewer self-destructive activities, such as substance abuse, smoking, poor diet, suicide and others.
- ◆ Individuals with a strong faith, experience less stress and greater satisfaction with their life.
- ◆ Religious beliefs are critical to how people deal with hardship, including serious illness.
- ◆ When facing a health problem, spirituality can alleviate a feeling of helplessness, and restore a sense of control and order.
- ◆ Faith assists individuals and families suffering from serious illness by offering social supports, a sense that all things have a purpose, and the coping skills of prayer.

The power of positive thought, resulting from prayer, plays a key role in illness recovery and the self-management of chronic illness. Prayer is the conduit of hope. In traditional medicine, statistics lead patients and doctors to assume the worst (as in, only ONE in a hundred will survive). But we believe that God’s will may be that you are the ONE who will be healed through His mercy. At Mission of Mercy, our physicians and nurses strive to give hope to our patients by assuring them that God loves them and that their problems are not too big for Him. We strive to give hope, through prayer, when it is needed the most.

Rabbi Blesses AZ Mobile Clinic



In Arizona, Mission of Mercy had its new mobile medical clinic blessed by Rabbi Steven Kahn from Temple Beth Israel on March 7. A Mezzuzah, which is a small case containing a blessing, was attached to the door post of the mobile clinic. It was custom made in Jerusalem, containing a health symbol and a blessing for all of the doctors and nurses at Mission of Mercy.

We also strongly believe that the power of prayer supports the work of the clinic and inspires the commitment of our volunteers. Many, who generously give of their time to serve their neighbors in need at Mission of Mercy, have discovered and thirst for intimacy with God through their own individual prayer life. While volunteers are of many different faiths, Mission of Mercy fosters prayer, during clinic lunch times and while traveling to and from clinic sites. By serving those who are in need of physical and spiritual healing, our volunteers and staff reap the rewards, peace and joy that only God can provide. God’s mercy flows in a bi-directional way between patient, staff and volunteer to restore dignity and “healing through Love” for everyone.

We are so grateful for the prayers and financial support of our benefactors, who join in Mission of Mercy’s commitment to sharing God’s healing Love with those we serve. We gratefully acknowledge the **Foundation for Spirituality and Medicine** for its generous gifts and leadership. God Bless You.

For more information about the importance of spirituality in healthcare delivery, please visit the publications section of our website at http://www.amissionofmercy.org/news_publications/.

Computer Grant Received from Community Foundation of Frederick County



A grant was received in early February from the Community Foundation of Frederick County’s Unrestricted Funds to purchase computers for the new Frederick office. Shown are Linda M. Ryan, M.S., Executive Director, and Christina Anders, Administrative Assistant, with equipment purchased through the grant. “We are very grateful for the support of this leading community organization, as we strive to provide free healthcare to the needy at our four clinics in Frederick County,” said Ryan.

Mission of Mercy Recognizes 2006 Circle Donors

"Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege."

- John D. Rockefeller Jr.

It is with humility and awe, that Mission of Mercy gratefully receives the help and kindness of our generous donors.

Mission of Mercy would like to especially thank individuals who have given at leadership levels to further our mission of restoring dignity to the sick, poor and homeless in 2006. Special thanks are also extended to our workplace giving and in-kind donors. We are very grateful for your support. Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of this list; however, if your name is incorrect, or not listed, please let us know and we will be happy to make corrections. We will also be happy to list your gift anonymously in the future, if you so designate. For any changes, please contact Christina Anders at (301) 682-5683 or canders@AMissionofMercy.org.

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► News from Mission of Mercy ARIZONA



Mission of Mercy Foundress, Gianna Talone-Sullivan, Pharm D., and AZ Medical Director, Dr. Brad Smith, at the Third Annual Great Maine

Lobster Bake. Hosted at the home of Jim and Susan French, the event raised nearly \$17,000 for the AZ Medical Program.



Margaret Nelson, Mission of Mercy's Associate Director Arizona, recently received an \$18,000 grant from Catholic Healthcare West. Shown with Nelson, on left,

Pablo Bravo, Director of Community Investments, and on right, Marisue Garganta, Director of Community Health Integration.

Our Volunteers - United in Prayer, Love, and Mercy



Volunteer Dean Baldwin.

Volunteers with a variety of skills are a vital part of Mission of Mercy. We are so grateful for the many committed individuals, who come day in and day out, and year after year, to serve at our clinics and assist with administration and fundraising for the program. Their dedication, and Love for their less fortunate neighbors, is truly inspiring.

As one long-time volunteer, Karen Lyons, stated, "God has called us to help his children through this Mission and we've answered the call. Like going to work, we may not feel like getting out of bed and going. But look at the payoff. The benefits of volunteering for God are truly the ultimate retirement benefits."

If you are willing to help those in need, please join MOM's Family today and become involved in one or more of its three missions: Prayer, Service, or Financial Support. In addition to reaping the rewards that only God can provide, volunteering at Mission of Mercy is an opportunity to experience personal fulfillment, feel a sense of accomplishment, meet new people, improve health, strengthen families, develop new skills, feel needed, change someone's life, and express gratitude for help you may have received in the past.

Please volunteer by contacting Jennifer White at jwhite@AMissionofMercy.org or 301-682-5683, ext. 204.

Mission of Mercy Events

M.O.M.'s 5K Run & 3K Family Fun Walk- Saturday, May 12, 2007, Frederick, MD. Bring the family out for a morning of fun and fitness at Mission of Mercy's signature Frederick fundraiser presented by title sponsors, **BB&T Bank and SAIC-Frederick**. Features food, prizes and a gift bag for all participants. **NEW THIS YEAR** – collect pledges to support Mission of Mercy or our Special Collaborative Sponsor, **Care Net Pregnancy Center**. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Baker Park Gazebo. The 5K Race starts at 8:30, followed by the Fun Walk at 8:45. For more information or to register, please visit www.aMissionofMercy.org/events/5Krun.



Girl Scouts volunteering at the 2006 M.O.M.'s 5K Run included Anne Marie Sullivan (center), daughter of Drs. Gianna and Michael Sullivan.

Charity Day – Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Frederick, MD. Enjoy a wonderful meal at **Brewer's Alley** at 124 North Market Street in Historic Downtown Frederick and 20% of all lunch and dinner sales will be donated to Mission of Mercy. Thank you to **Phil Bowers and Fountain Rock Management Group** for their continued support. For menus, directions and hours of operation, please visit www.brewers-alley.com.

Legacy Gift Corner

Estate Planning and Joint Ownership

By Joe Cimino, Director of Planned Giving

In addition to commenting on legacy gift ideas in this space, occasionally I will also offer information regarding estate planning matters. This article is dedicated to the topic of joint ownership and how it impacts your financial and estate planning.

"Tenants by the entireties" is the most common form of joint ownership. It is a special form of joint ownership set aside for married couples and the assets owned between them. The law presumes that each spouse owns 100% of the same asset. In the event of a personal liability incurred by only one of the spouses, "tenants by the entireties" assets are not available to that spouse's creditors.

The second most common joint ownership is "joint ownership with right of survivorship." With this form of ownership the full value of property passes immediately to the surviving owner upon the death of a co-owner, no matter how much each contributed to the value of the property.

Since assets held jointly, with right of survivorship, pass directly to the surviving owner at death, they cannot be passed through one's Will, no matter what the Will may say with respect to such assets.

Jointly held assets passing to a survivor are not subject to probate, however, they are subject to State inheritance tax. This is particularly troublesome when a parent names a child (or other individual) as a co-owner to an asset. If the child predeceases the parent, one-half the value will be deemed as owned by the child and subject to inheritance tax upon their death.

Some other potential un-intended consequences of joint ownership:

◆ **Re-married parent disinheriting children from first marriage** – This can occur when a re-married parent adds the new spouse as co-owner to an asset and then predeceases the new spouse. Such assets will pass directly to the new spouse and not to the children of the first marriage.

◆ **Parent losing assets because of child's financial problems** – This can occur when a parent adds a child (or other individual) as co-owner to an asset and the child runs into financial difficulty sufficient enough for a creditor to seize their assets. One-half of those co-owned assets will be subject to the child's creditors, even if they contributed nothing to that value.

◆ **Unnecessary Federal Estate Taxes for a married couple** – This can occur when a married couple using by-pass trusts in their planning continue to hold all their assets in joint ownership form. Each must hold assets in their individual names sufficient enough to make the trusts work. Jointly held assets pass outside the Will, so they cannot be used to fund the trusts, thereby losing the opportunity to save Federal estate taxes.

For questions or comments on this subject, or to make a Legacy Gift to Mission of Mercy, please contact me at jcimino@AMissionofMercy.org or 410-857-4811.

Mission of Mercy Events continued

Highmark Blue Shield - Walk for a Healthy Community - Saturday, June 23, 2007, Harrisburg, PA. Walk for Mission of Mercy in this family-oriented event to be held rain or shine, at City Island. Register online at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org. The 5K Walk begins at 9 a.m. and the One-Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 a.m. The Mission of Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic will be on hand for tours and there will be food, entertainment and fun activities for children. For more information, contact Karen McClain at (301) 682-5683, ext. 203.

Westminster Fallfest - Thursday, September 27 – Sunday, September 30, 2007, Westminster, MD. Mission of Mercy will be one of the beneficiaries of this charitable event, voted the best festival in Carroll County. Activities include entertainment, amusement rides, demonstrations, a karaoke contest, bingo, scarecrow making, a pie eating contest and kid's court with a moon bounce, face painting and much, much more. For all the details, please visit www.westminsterfallfest.com.



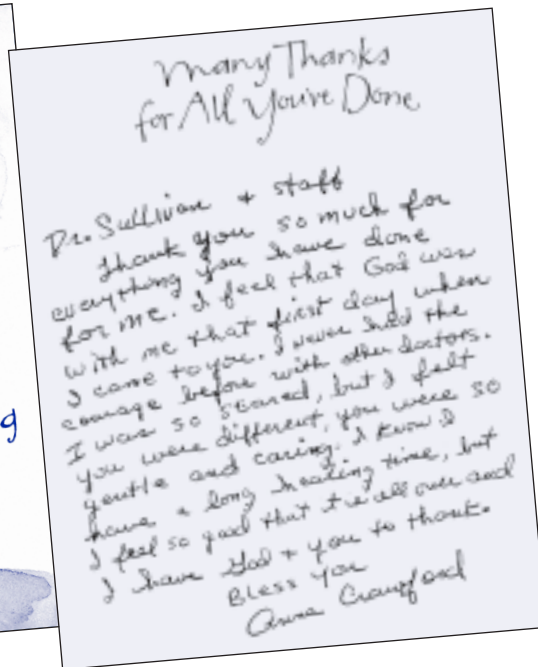
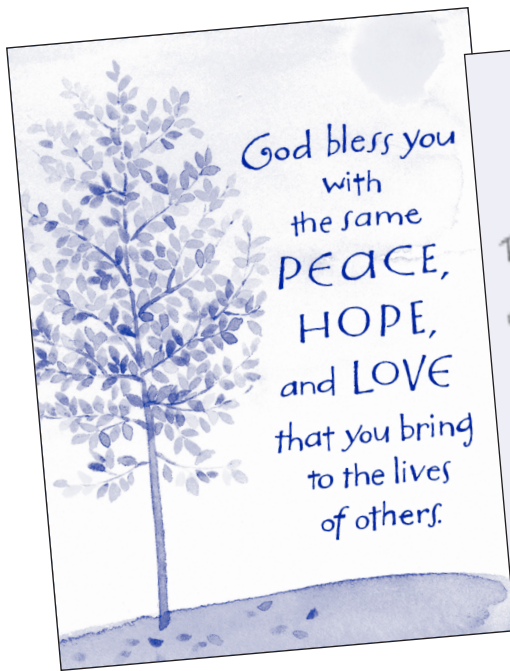
Joe Cimino, Director of Planned Giving for Mission of Mercy, participates in the Fallfest pie eating contest.

Mission of Mercy's 12th Annual Golf Tournament – Saturday, September 29, 2007, Gettysburg, PA. Shot Gun Start at 8:30 a.m., at Meadow Brook Golf Course. Cash prizes, random prize drawings and lunch included. A special thank you to **Wayne Warthen and family**, for once again creating this fun, fundraising event, and to our title sponsor, **BB&T Bank**.



Golfers at the 11th Annual Tournament.

Mission of Mercy's 8th Annual Gala Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction – Saturday, November 10, 2007, Ellicott City, MD. Mission of Mercy is honored to have Mrs. Debbie Lobo again Chair our Gala, which will feature an exciting new band and be held from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at Turf Valley Resort. For sponsorship opportunities or to donate auction items, please contact Debbie at loboslair@comcast.net or Jennifer White at (301) 682-5683, ext. 204.



Pat Sajak Renews Support of Mission of Mercy



Pat Sajak

Pat Sajak, TV Personality and Emmy award winning host of "Wheel of Fortune," recently filmed a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) for the Mobile Medical Program. Mission of Mercy gratefully acknowledges Sajak's contributions to our outreach efforts, which included over 850 TV showings of his PSA in the MD/PA region last year. View the new PSA on our website, www.aMissionofMercy.org.

United Concordia Donates To Dental Program

United Concordia of Harrisburg, PA recently donated 500 toothbrushes, 500 boxes of dental floss, and oral healthcare brochures to Mission of Mercy's Dental Program. Karen Lyons, Dental Coordinator, said, "Patients love receiving a toothbrush and floss at the end of their visit. They are really grateful." Thank you to United Concordia for your support.



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