

Mission of Mercy Clinic - Parkersburg, WV Information Sheet for Volunteers

Thursday, July 30th - Set up - We plan to set up on Thursday, July 30, beginning no later than 4 p.m.. earlier if possible. If you are available and would like to help, we would be grateful. It will take 3-4 hours to set up the 60 dental chairs we have available. Set up will be at West Virginia University - Parkersburg in Parkersburg, WV.

Thursday, July 30th - Orientation - At 6 p.m. on Thursday you are invited to attend a volunteer orientation and pizza dinner at the college. Direction to the facility are included in this packet.

Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st - We will begin work promptly at 6 a.m. both days. If you have volunteered to work a shift beginning at 6 a.m., plan to be at your work station ready to begin no later than 5:45 a.m. Plans are to work through until 6 p.m. each day.

Parking - Ample parking will be available at the school. A parking pass is included in this packet. Make sure you have it with you when you arrive on site.

Meals - Throughout the course of the clinic volunteers, local residents, restaurants, and organization in Parkersburg will be providing snacks, breakfast, and lunch items on site. Dinner will be provided on Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m.

Attire - All volunteers will be provided with a t-shirt to wear while working at the event. Jeans, scrubs, sweat pants and casual shoes are recommended.

Volunteer Sign-in - You will sign in and out at the volunteer staging area each day. You will pick up your name badge when you sign in the first time. Signing in and out is important as it will allow us to track our volunteer hours and assure we have ample coverage at each work station.

DENTAL PROFESSIONALS:

The facilities available to deliver dental care in these situations are not ideal. In order for you to feel as comfortable as possible, the following suggestions have been developed:

- Lighting is provided but if you are used to working with a headlight, please consider bringing one.
- Some doctors prefer to bring their own composite materials. In the past, some truly exquisite restorations were placed by doctors with their favorite composites.
- The same goes for any favorite instrumentation or burs. In general, every effort will be made to have the instruments available to do operative procedures.

- Scrubs or other casual attire and comfortable shoes will be appropriate to wear during the project. Each volunteer will receive a MOM t-shirt to wear during the clinic.
- As with any outreach project of this size we simply do not have the resources, time or manpower to do all that needs to be done. You will see immense needs in some of these patients. Our goal is to give something to as many as possible during these 2 days. Doctors, please identify the most pressing need and satisfy that need. The dental triage area will try to facilitate in this process by asking the question, "how may we best help you today?" They should identify that service for you and note it on the form provided. As much as we are trained, we are not able to do quadrant dentistry under these circumstances. Please be aware that there are several hundred people waiting for care. We hope to see 1200 patients during this time. Please note in the space provided the treatment rendered (legibly) just as you would do in your office. Please be as specific as possible (tooth #, surfaces, material). Do not try to work non-stop. We will have a break area -- take advantage of it. Please break in shifts to maintain flow.

Enclosed are maps and other pertinent information. If you still have questions feel free to email Martha Lamp at marthalamp@wvdhhr.org or Mary Beth Shea at marybethshea@wvdhhr.org .

Of course, all the planning in the world cannot replace a willingness to make the best of any situation. We think you will find all who are involved in the MOM Project bring with them an attitude of giving and serving. This, along with patient care is what makes the MOM project so rewarding and fulfilling. We are excited about your involvement in this project and look forward to seeing each of you. **Safe Travels!**