

Volunteer Opportunity Bethesda Mission, Harrisburg, PA

Approximately two years ago The Bethesda Mission started a dental clinic for the guests at the mission from the concept of Dr. David Russell. Our objective at the clinic is to meet the dental health needs of the population served by the Bethesda Mission. This population includes the men's shelter, women's and children's shelter, youth ministries, and transitional living. The clinic has also seen patients from social services and others that are approved through the Mission for dental care. The primary goal of the dental clinic is to evaluate and treat active and debilitating dental disease.

Additionally the need to address the dental health disparities among these under served populations can be addressed through our clinic. We are fortunate to have updated and appropriate equipment which has allowed for efficient and effective detection of disease. We have in the clinic Digital radiography, ultrasonic scalers, surgical hand pieces, and new efficient sterilizers which has advanced the efficiency of treatment for our guests. Operationally we run close to a normal dental office by scheduling appointments and to date have conducted the following services: x-rays, examinations, dental hygiene services, extractions/surgical, fillings and root canals. Our appointments are usually on four Fridays per month from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, unless it is a holiday weekend and this summer we would like to expand to every other Wednesday from 9:00-1:00 pm. We have some dentists that volunteer but are in need of dental assistant and hygienists that are certified in x-rays and dental assistants to help the dentist with filings and extractions. If you are interested please contact Debbie King, Volunteer Coordinator, 717-257-4442, x 222, dking@bethesdamission.org or Cheryl McCall, Medical/Dental Coordinator at 717-257-4440 x 331, cmccall@bethesdamission.org.