

Mckinneydentist.com Gives Back To The Community

Annual Free Dental Care Day Helps Those In Need

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While most of us were at home in our warm, comfortable beds at 5:30 a.m. on the stormy morning of Saturday, February 16, 2008, Marvin Berlin was arriving at McKinney Dentist on Virginia Parkway. Marvin was there to prepare his practice for its annual Free Dental Care Day, provided to people in need. The doors were scheduled to open at 8:00 a.m. but, when Dr. Berlin pulled up...42 people were already in line, enduring the rain and ground-shaking thunder.

With so many to serve, Dr. Berlin rallied his staff and McKinney Dentist began seeing patients around 7:00 a.m.

Before the day was over, McKinney Dentist had helped approximately 125 people with dental care.



"The woman who was first in line had been waiting since 8:00 p.m. the evening before," said Dr. Berlin, senior dentist at McKinney Dentist. "We hear a lot about dentists and doctors who go on mission trips to foreign countries to help those who are less fortunate, but there are many people right here in our own community that are in need. We've been doing this for almost 25 years and it's a great feeling. We get big hugs, high-five's and even tears from the people we help.

Considered to be the heart and soul of the practice, Dr. Berlin said, "It's our way of



giving back to the community that supports us. I also want to say that my partners and I are blessed with an incredibly talented, loyal staff. Everyone is here voluntarily. Without their help, this day wouldn't be possible."

McKinney Dentist started planning its annual Free Dental Care Day last October. A great deal of organization is required in order to see as many needy patients as possible. Even the dentists are organized into "work teams" for the event. Dr. Marvin Berlin, Dr. Jeff Lynch and Dr. Bryan Moore primarily perform the oral surgeries including extractions. Dr. Matthew Markham and Dr. Britt Bostick handle amalgam-free, tooth-colored composite fillings. Dr. Rick Coker (visiting from Tyler, Texas) covers diagnoses and numbing.

By mid-morning, the day in full swing, the office was packed and the McKinney Dentist staff was bustling around to help ensure that people received treatment quickly and in an orderly manner. In every way, the event truly was a community affair. Volunteers from McKinney-based Grimes Construction were outside helping direct traffic in the parking lot. The large container of fresh, hot coffee from Starbucks (located on the SW corner of highways 75 and 380) that sat just inside the

office entrance was appreciated by all, and the busy staff was grateful for the delicious food provided by local orthodontist, Dr. Jennifer S. Buchanan. Jeff Ogea, formerly with Brookshire's pharmacy in McKinney and now with Brookshire's in Greenville, Texas, continued his tradition of donating antibiotics and pain medication. Dental supply company Sullivan-Shein once again generously donated dental materials that helped make the day possible.

There's no doubt McKinney Dentist is a rare and special kind of dental practice. The partners— Dr. Marvin Berlin, Dr. Jeff Lynch, Dr. Matthew Markham and Dr. Britt Bostick—share a genuine enthusiasm for their community, life, dentistry and their patients. Combine this with comprehensive family and cosmetic dentistry, the greatest staff around and dedication to excellence in dentistry, and you have a dental practice that truly stands out from the rest. You can find more information about them at www.mckinneydentist.com. 

