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Knox County Health Department Adult Dental Day Provides 141 Patients With \$37,298 In Free Care

Knox County, IL - The Knox County Health Departments first ever Adult Dental Day provided 141 adults with more than \$37,298 in free dental care Friday, April 29, 2011 at Carl Sandburg College School of Dental Hygiene.

Patients ranged in age from 19 years of age to 77. They traveled from 20 cities and towns in Illinois and Iowa covering 11 different counties to obtain care at this large-scale event.

Clinic doors opened at 8 a.m. with care concluding by 6:00 p.m. A total of 325 dental procedures were performed, including 100 fillings and 225 teeth extracted.

A team of 130 volunteers provided the free care. Among the volunteers were 12 local dentists from Galesburg Monmouth, and one from Peoria.

Three elected officials, Senator Darin M. LaHood (R) 37th District, Representative Donald Moffitt (R) 74th District, and Galesburg Mayor Salvador Garza, along with Lori Sunberg, Carl Sandburg College President, Carl Nixon, Galesburg Community Foundation Board President, and Jeanne Harland, Knox County Health Department Board of Health President, toured the one-day event.

“This experience reinforced how many people are in need of dental care in our community, but it is also clear these events are not the solution to the problem. Dental care needs to be part of comprehensive health care and we must make sure people are receiving these essential services,” states Heidi Britton, Public Health Administrator at the Knox County Health Department. “I commend the Knox County Health Department, dentists, and volunteers on a successful event.”

"This was a fantastic event and an incredible effort by everyone involved. The concern and care exhibited by these dentists and other volunteers could only be matched by the gratitude of those receiving treatment," commented Britton.

Adult Dental Day partners include the Knox County Health Department, Galesburg Community Foundation, Carl Sandburg College, Patterson Dental Supply, and Henry Schein Dental. Other contributors include Office Specialists, Midwest Technical Institute of Peoria, American Red Cross, OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Kelly Medical Supply, Version Wireless, G&M Distributers, Hardees, Hy-Vee, Galesburg/Knox County Emergency



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Management Agency, Galesburg Police Department, Galesburg Hospital Ambulance Service, and all our volunteers.

For more information regarding the Adult Dental Day please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309.344.2224.

