

Money Well Spent - CT Mission of Mercy Event (MOM)

Recently we had the opportunity to travel to New Haven to visit the Mission of Mercy's mobile dental clinic in action. We were greeted by Bill Blasing the EVP of MOM who led us on a tour of Day 2 of the event. Soon we were among hundreds of volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, clinicians, a variety of volunteers bustling around in a large, crowded, but highly organized gym. There were hundreds of people, hundreds of generous hearted individuals coming together to donate their personal time and expertise on a weekday to literally hundreds of patients; adults and children. We walked into something quite special, as the sight was nothing short of awe inspiring and heartwarming.



In this judgment free environment, uninsured individuals are welcome to receive the dental care they need, no questions asked. Some patients had not visited a dentist in years, while others were receiving their first dental appointment ever. The care many receive is life changing, as many had lost the freedom to smile or laugh without feeling self-conscious or embarrassed by their appearance. It is an immeasurable sense of joy and relief to regain the ability to smile confidently for the first time in years. Moreover, the volunteers believe they receive as much, if not more, from this experience than their patients, and they look forward to returning year after year.



A typical Mission of Mercy clinic, over a two-day span, provides care to 2,000 patients. All patients receive whatever care they need, being escorted from station to station (hygiene, x-ray, restoration, root canal etc.) and if there is any need for follow up care, the patient is encouraged to visit the dentist's office for follow up visits, free of charge.



Here is one of our own Hg5 Amalgam Separators... swirling around in background, capturing mercury & other metals from silver fillings. The containment of these solids will safeguard that this amalgam does not end up in our waste water, and potentially into our environment.

This year Solmetex donated over 90 collection containers for use at every MOM clinic in 2017. That's a donation valued over \$30,000. Money well spent.

Kristin, Ben, Bill, Michael



Lastly, this is the MOM golden retriever, their furriest volunteer. All of us at Solmetex, are pleased to be able to support such a great foundation, Mission of Mercy, hosted by The America's Care Foundation. It is our hope to continue to help in any way we can in the future for such an excellent cause.

