

Saline Area Dentists' Day of Caring

Last year Woodland Family Dentistry in Saline dedicated the morning of November 8 to serving Hope patients in their office. Patients who had been pre-screened at Hope, ready with a complete treatment plan, visited Woodland to have their treatment completed. The Woodland staff found the experience so rewarding that they wanted to volunteer their services again and ask other dental practices in Saline to consider joining them. As Woodland Office Manager Debby Schneider said, "As long as we have patients coming out to Saline, we might as well invite others."

This year's Saline Day of Caring was planned for Friday, July 25, and Debby



Dr. James Olsen cares for Hope patient Kathleen

Cass Radecki. Hope staff and volunteers, particularly Hope Chaplain William Simmons, helped drive patients to Saline.

At the office of Drs. Powell and Udrys, Dr. Jacqueline Coleman was thankful to have the opportunity to help. Her patient would have lost teeth if he hadn't received fillings at the Day of Caring. "We feel like we're really making a difference," said Dr. Coleman.

The front desk staff at Dr. James Olsen's office were similarly enthusiastic. They spoke of the great reception from the patients they served and how glad they were to be able to help. Kay Franzel, a hygienist at Pear Tree Dental, said "We feel good about doing this. We just think it's wonderful that Hope and our



Hope patient Rick gets his teeth filled by Dr. Jennifer McFinton, assisted by Liz

helped Hope Dental Clinic Coordinator Becky Lewis coordinate the details. A letter went out from Woodland Family Dentistry to other dental practices in the Saline area. Four other practices and one oral surgeon joined Woodland in donating their time, skills, and offices and providing over \$35,000 in free services to 41 patients on the Day of Caring. Among the services provided were cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals, periodontal therapy, and a full-mouth extraction provided by oral surgeon Dr.

office are doing this and giving back to the community."

The Saline Day of Caring also represented an expansion of services. Becky Lewis noted, "The Day of Caring provided treatment options that have never been provided to Hope patients before." Ms. Lewis was referring to the multi-stage procedure of a root canal followed by a post and core and then a crown that Dr. James Olsen provided for one Hope patient and will be providing for another.

Ms. Lewis is thrilled by the warm response shown by everyone who participated in this year's Saline Day of Caring. Many of the dental professionals she worked with expressed their interest in making this an annual event. "We are so grateful to everyone who made the Saline Day of Caring such a success," said Ms. Lewis. "The dentists, hygienists, assistants, and office staff all were wonderful."

Many thanks to the following providers who took part in this year's Saline Day of Caring:

- Dr. Jean Lesch
- Dr. James Olsen
- Pear Tree Dental:
 - Dr. Tom Poirier
- Powell & Udrys, DDS, PC:
 - Dr. Jacqueline Coleman
 - Dr. Lisa Powell
 - Dr. Gytis Udrys
- Dr. Cass Radecki
- Woodland Family Dentistry:
 - Dr. Jill Bell
 - Dr. Jennifer McFinton

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- Nellmar Labs, Ann Arbor
- Dental Services Group, Sylvania, Ohio



Dr. Gytis Udrys and Hope Dental Clinic Coordinator Becky Lewis