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Southington, CT April 14, 2008—The Connecticut State Dental Association in partnership with the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Out Reach, coordinated its first Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM) on April 12th and 13th in Tolland, CT. The event was a huge success with over 700 hundred volunteers including 190 dentists and 90 hygienists providing free dental care to over 1,000 people. An estimated 500,000 in dental work was provided. The event took patients with no questions asked on a first come, first serve basis.

People were lining up as early as 3 a.m. before the clinic opened its doors at 5 a.m. People from all walks of life including elderly people with canes, veterans, parents with young children, and college students stood in line for hours in the dark to receive free care. Most had no dental insurance, were in pain, and could not afford dental care.

“This shows we have a broken system and have to find some way to correct it,” said Dr. Bob Schreiber, CTMOM co-chairman. Basic dental services were provided such as cleanings, extractions, and fillings. “The Connecticut Mission of Mercy was organized to meet a critical need at a critical time in this state,” stated Dr. Brian S. Duchan, CSDA president.

The next CTMOM is already in the works for New Haven, CT in June of 2009. The New Haven mission is expected to be a larger operation. The goal is hold this event around the state of Connecticut on a yearly basis. For questions about CTMOM, call the CSDA at 860) 378-1800, or visit the CTMOM site at www.csda.com.

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