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“NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED”

THE UNITED STATES HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF DENTAL CARE IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER, MANY AMERICANS HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING DENTAL CARE AND ARE LEFT UNTREATED.

FOUNDED IN 1974, THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED IS STILL A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR DISABLED PERSONS WHO NEED DENTAL WORK. MANY ELDERLY AND DISABLED PEOPLE DO NOT RECEIVE DENTAL TREATMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE DENTIST'S OFFICE OR LIVE ON LIMITED INCOMES.

THE FOUNDATION OPERATES THE DONATED DENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM IN 32 STATES. SINCE THIS PROGRAM BEGAN ALMOST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, 42,000 DISABLED AMERICANS HAVE RECEIVED CLOSE TO \$50 MILLION IN DENTAL SERVICES.

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, GO TO THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED'S WEBSITE AT WWW.NFDH.ORG.

FOR THE ADA DENTAL MINUTE, I'M DR. MARIA LOPEZ HOWELL.

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