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California Dental Hygienists' Association

The Voice of Dental Hygiene

CA Dental Hygienists' Association to Provide Care to Thousands of Uninsured at Southland's Largest Free Public Health Clinic

Dental Care Is One of the Most Needed Services at LA Sports Arena Healthcare Event April 27-May 3

Glendale, Calif. (PRWEB) April 26, 2010 -- The California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA) (<http://www.cdha.org>) is mobilizing its members to provide free dental care beginning tomorrow to thousands of the Los Angeles area's indigent, uninsured and underserved at one of the city's largest public health clinics.

The eight-day free medical and dental health care event – under the auspices of a program known as Remote Access Medical (RAM) – will be open to the public beginning Tuesday, April 27 through May 3 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. For the uninsured, underinsured, all are welcome for no charge.

“In past years, dental care has been one of the most sought after services at the health clinic,” said Laurel Bleak, president of the Los Angeles Dental Hygienists Society (<http://www.ladhsociety.org>). “We have an epidemic in our state when it comes to oral disease and lack of care.”

Participating dental hygienists will not only be doing teeth cleanings, but will also conduct a wide range of public health services, including oral screening for cancer, malnutrition, diabetes and other diseases.

“This health clinic is a prime example of why our organization has fought so aggressively for the right to expand access to oral health care,” said CDHA president, Daphne Von Essen. “It breaks your heart to see how so many people are falling through the cracks because they don't have insurance or the means to care for their health. Our participation in this event is immensely gratifying because we are able to reach those who need our care the most.”

In addition to providing the actual dental hygiene services, CDHA members are actively participating with doctors, dentists, non-profit clinics, and dental suppliers to make such a massive community health clinic a reality.

“We have been actively organizing the dental hygiene services, recruiting hygienists, obtaining donated supplies and instruments, and coordinating dental hygiene schools participation,” said Bleak of the LA Dental Hygienists Society.

For more information about the event and the role of dental hygienists play in public health, please visit the following web sites. www.cdha.org; www.ladhsociety.org ; www.Ramfreeclinic.org; and www.ramusa.org

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The California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA) is the authoritative voice of the state's dental hygiene profession. The organization was established 20 years ago when two regional associations merged to form a unified professional group. CDHA represents thousands of dental hygienists throughout the state and is dedicated to expanding opportunities for the profession and access to care for all Californians. For more information, visit www.cdha.org