

## Building Smiles...One Child at a Time!



Two nonprofit organizations have come together to provide dental care to kids who need it most! The Ronald McDonald Caremobile® travels to schools and other community locations to provide dental care to kids who might otherwise go without. The Caremobile® visits school sites to ensure the most convenient dental care. Children, already at school, have access to dental care without their parents needing to take time off from work.

“The need is overwhelming. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and an estimated 52 percent of children ages 6 to 8 have decay. Children miss more than 51 million hours of school each year because of dental-related diseases,” said OneWorld Dental Director Regan Mackintosh, DDS.

Since the program’s inception in 2006, OneWorld Community Health Centers and Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha are making dental care accessible for kids. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® serves over 1,200 children each year by providing dental cleanings, sealants, restorations, fillings, and most importantly oral health education.

The Caremobile®, which is equipped with a wheelchair lift, contains two patient examination rooms and a reception area. The vehicle has heating and cooling systems to enable year-round care. A full-service dental clinic on wheels, the van is 40-feet long, nearly nine-feet wide and 13-feet high. The vehicle is staffed by a full-time dentist from OneWorld, a full-time dental assistant and a team of wonderful drivers whom are retired.

Ronald McDonald Caremobiles® are built specifically for the delivery of dental care for children, age 0 to 21. This program reduces reliance on expensive and inappropriate health resources, such as hospital emergency rooms. But we cannot stop now! Join us in our expansion of our dental services. With your help we will be able to assist more children in our community. Your donation, no matter the amount, will assist us in providing care for all. **Together we can make a difference!**

### Wish List

- \$10.00** fluoride varnish for one child
- \$30.00** a child’s dental exam
- \$35.00** full series of bitewings x-rays
- \$50.00** will fill a child’s cavity
- \$60.00** dental exam for one child



## Countdown to Cinco de Mayo

Join us as we celebrate our second “Countdown to Cinco de Mayo” on Thursday, May 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Livestock Exchange Building, 4920 S. 30th Street

(30th and L Streets) north parking lot. Enjoy an evening of festive music and appetizers as well as tour the South Omaha historic photo exhibit in OneWorld’s main clinic supported by the City of Omaha. Proceeds from the event

benefit OneWorld’s prenatal program. Tickets can be purchased by calling the development office at (402) 502-8855. Individual tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available along with corporate partnerships. *We hope you can join us!*

### Want to receive the newsletter via email?

Email OneWorld Development Specialist Haley Armstrong @ [harmstrong@oneworldomaha.org](mailto:harmstrong@oneworldomaha.org)

## Mission Moment



"Eight years ago, I came to this beautiful city, disappointed in the doctors that I was seeing in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I had already suffered with my health for years.

I had four heart attacks, four veins replaced all in one operation that lasted 6 hours. I also had epilepsy and diabetes. I had my right knee replaced with a Titanium one, because of an accident at work. I was a Correction Officer in an Oklahoma Jail. I also worked as a Detective, Bodyguard to very important individuals from my same race that had good positions in Oklahoma. I was also a Security Officer in several Latin stores where I used my god given abilities. I also worked as a Tulsa Police Officer and as a Sheriff of several counties of Oklahoma.

My health deteriorated day by day until I got orders to stop working. So I lost my jobs that I performed for a lot of years. I lost my house and I couldn't find work anywhere. I spoke with my wife's brother who has lived in Omaha for many years. So I came looking for new horizons. My sickness forced me to seek help from this clinic, OneWorld. There I met a man that changed my life, Dr. Dethlefs. He

helped me with medicine and exercise. His dedication and the help of this institution gave me back my life and made me a different person.

I already served as a volunteer in several places in Oklahoma, but as I see the dedication of the doctors, nurses, health assistants and the personnel of the

different departments in this organization, made me think of the day when I retire I'm going to dedicate myself to serve as a volunteer in a place where people really help the community and where they know how to appreciate the talent that god has given us.

I now have eleven months serving as a volunteer. I have seen how this organization works day by day. They serve the community with dedication, love and patience. This place has a lot of elements worth recognizing. They work with a lot of potential. The nurses are full of knowledge and love their profession and the ones that work in the office, all of them very dedicated to the patients that even any hospital would feel proud. They treat the patient with respect and love. They are dedicated to serve, enlarge and to enrich the community with good health.

I am proud to serve in this organization. Thank you and God bless every one of you. You are my true family.

Attentively, Ruben Gonzalez"

**In October 2011 Ruben Gonzalez was sworn in as United States citizen. With great pride staff from OneWorld surprised him by attending his citizenship ceremony. It was a beautiful day for such an amazing volunteer!**

## Did you know?

96% percent of our patients live below 200% of the federal poverty level, which equates to \$44,700 for a family of four in 2011.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**2012 Milagro Dinner**  
**Thursday, November 8th**

Historic Livestock Exchange Building.

For more information contact Lori Bechtold @ (402) 502-8855.



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