



A-dec and Medical Teams International Celebrate 30 Years of Partnership

Three decades ago, a meaningful and ambitious partnership was forged between A-dec, one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-quality dental equipment and supplies, and Medical Teams International, a non-profit which operates an innovative Mobile Dental Program to reach underserved populations in the Pacific Northwest.

Every day, low-income families battle the intense pain, complications, and socio-economic challenges that come with severe dental issues. Due to lack of providers, distance from providers, or lack of transportation, many families must wait until there is an urgent health issue to seek treatment.



Ineffective or nonexistent healthcare means that treatment costs and the risk of complications are high.

To address these issues, Medical Teams provides dental education, prevention, and treatment clinics as well as medical screenings. The mobile clinics are staffed by more than 720 volunteer professionals who provide services valued at more than \$5 million.

A-dec has been a faithful supporter of Medical Teams Mobile Dental Program since 1990, providing funds for Mobile Dental clinics and complete dental suites for every Mobile Dental van in Medical Teams' fleet. **Thanks to A-dec's generous support, more than 360,000 people suffering from dental pain in the U.S. and abroad have received free dental care since the Mobile Dental Program began in 1989.**

Over the past 30 years, A-dec has helped to elevate and transform the delivery of emergency and restorative dental care to vulnerable and at-risk members of our communities," said Cindy

Breilh, Medical Teams Executive Director of U.S. Programs. “We are grateful for A-dec’s generous support and partnership in serving low-income populations in the U.S. lacking access to urgently needed dental care.”

“Some of the dental conditions we treated in the field were quite severe,” recalls Colleen. “We treated a lot of abscesses in children and adults that if left alone could have been fatal. I personally believe we saved a lot of lives.”

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A-dec employees have also made a positive impact through their volunteerism. For example, Colleen McLeod is a retired hygienist who served in her profession for 46 years and has volunteered with Medical Teams since 2003, when the organization also provided critically needed dental services abroad. Colleen

served with Medical Teams in Romania, Guatemala, four times in Honduras, and four times in Cambodia.

Colleen’s technical expertise and dedication to service contributed greatly to the A-dec and Medical Teams partnership. When asked about what motivated her to serve, Colleen replied, “In addition to helping others, personal transformation happens. I was privileged to experience this. The people I traveled with and worked alongside, and the people who received care, gave more to me than I ever gave to them. I walked away a stronger person.”

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