



### **Volunteer Dentists & Assistants needed for the Mobile Dental Van**

The PNA Hot Meal Program has partnered with Medical Teams International to offer free dental services, once a month at our Tuesday meal beginning in January, 2021.

Current WA-licensed dentists and chair-side assistants are needed to staff the customized Mobile Dental van at our Hot Meal Program. Volunteers sign up for a 6-hour shift, once per year, quarter or month, and see 6 to 7 patients each time.

#### **Would you consider joining our volunteer team?**

Medical Teams International will supply a customized RV-like Mobile Dental van, holding two dental operatories, and oversee the clinic operations. Volunteer dentists and assistants treat individuals with least access to dental care, including the chemically-dependent, elderly, people experiencing homelessness, veterans, unemployed and youth. Urgent care needs are the top priority and services range from pain alleviation (primarily treatment of infection and abscesses, extractions) and fillings. Due to the pandemic, procedures that create aerosols (using hand tools only) have been temporarily eliminated. Each van operator is thoroughly cleaned after each use. Full PPE is available to all staff, volunteers and patients when required. We are usually able to see 7 or 8 patients each clinic.

Left untreated, dental problems can lead to pain, difficulty eating and increase the risk of debilitating health conditions. Two significant obstacles prevent people from receiving dental care – cost and access. We are committed to breaking down these barriers by delivering free dental care to our neighbors.

We would love to have you join the volunteer team at Medical Teams International in providing free dental care to low-income individuals with urgent needs. If you are interested in learning more about Medical Teams International, please visit <https://www.medicalteams.org/> For more information about the Dental Program, please visit, <https://www.medicalteams.org/volunteer/us-opportunities/>.

Please contact Krissie Dillin, Program Director, at [krissied@phinneycenter.org](mailto:krissied@phinneycenter.org) to discuss this incredible volunteer opportunity.