

Remote Area Medical - RAM™



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About Remote Area Medical

- RAM's mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality care to those in need
- RAM Corps is comprised of more than 120,000 Humanitarian Volunteers
- To date, RAM has delivered over \$120 million worth of free healthcare services
- In 2017, RAM treated more than 42,000 people with a value of \$13.5 million in free care



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RAM Clinics

- RAM provides care through multi-day, mobile clinics often in underserved, isolated, or impoverished communities
- Services include general medical, dental, and vision care
- Care is provided to anyone that wishes to attend, regardless of income or other demographic barriers



Patient Perspective - Tracy



RAM Volunteers

- RAM utilizes a variety of volunteers including medical, dental, and vision professionals as well as general support members
- Volunteers are provided with the proper equipment necessary for their respective areas



Volunteer Perspective - Dr. Christmann



RAM in Relation to Pre-Hospital Providers

- Annually in the United States, about 2 million Emergency Department visits result from non-traumatic dental problems (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2012)
- On average in the US, 320.8 million work and school hours are lost per year as a result from dental care (Kelekar, 2018)
- 92.4 million of those hours result from unplanned dental problems
- From 2006-2011, 11.9 million Emergency Department visits resulted from ocular problems (Channa, 2016)
- 44.3% of these visits are considered non-emergent

Florida Health Demographics

- 15.3% of Florida's population under the age of 65 are uninsured
- 14.7% of the population lives in poverty
- Florida has 228 Dental, 262 Primary Care, and 176 Mental Health Health Population Shortage Areas (HPSA)
- Florida Providers
 - Dentists: 13,171
 - Primary Care Physicians: 16,381
 - Optometrists: 1,780
 - Ophthalmologists: 1,233



RAM in Florida

- 5 events over the last 2 years in the state of Florida
 - 2016: Bradenton and Milton
 - 2017: Bradenton and Pensacola
 - 2018: Eustis
- Value of Care totaling \$1,498,563
- 823 dental, 738 medical, and 164 vision volunteers
- Upcoming Clinics: Bradenton



Eusits, 2018

- 349 unique patients served
- Value of Care totaling \$125,286



Bradenton

- 2016: 955 unique patients seen, Value of Care totaling \$410,261
- 2017: 686 unique patients seen, Value of Care totaling \$372,597



Pensacola, 2017

- 686 unique patients served
- Value of Care totaling \$293,253



Milton, 2016

- 667 unique patients served
- Value of Care totaling \$297,166

Community Partners

- Deliver the Difference - Bob Bostic
- Ascendant Healthcare Partners - JoAnn Vanfleteren
- Manatee Technical Community College
- Lee College of Medicine School of Dentistry
- University of Florida Medical and Dental School

Deliver the Difference - Bob Bostic

- Deliver the Difference is a non-profit dedicated to alleviating hunger in America and abroad
- Their mission is “Feeding America One Hometown at a Time”
- It was founded in 2010 after the devastating earthquake in Haiti
- They mainly focus on disaster relief projects and bringing together local communities to fight hunger in towns in America

deliverthedifference.org



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