



The New York Academy of Dentistry Humanitarian Mission Committee was formed as an ad hoc committee to determine the feasibility of establishing a connection between the Academy and a humanitarian relief agency on the national or international level. The Academy had just become a sponsor of the Donated Dental Services program which allowed us to serve a group in need from our hometown of New York City. The next logical step seemed to be to look farther afield for those in need who would benefit from our services.

What was found was that several Academy fellows were already involved in humanitarian endeavors and it became difficult to just single one out. So we have decided to share with you the organizations supported by Academy fellows and hope that one of them may catch your interest and stimulate you to volunteer for a mission. We will try to feature one of the organizations in greater depth on a monthly basis during next year.

“The object of the Academy shall be to uphold the dignity and honor of the dental profession, exalt its professional and ethical standards...and to encourage membership activity in community service...”

### **Donated Dental Services (DDS)**

National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped



The New York Academy was the first organization in New York State to sponsor the Donated Dental Services program. Now, most every dental organization has joined us. We should be proud of the Academy's foresight and continue to volunteer for this organization. You are able to treat a pre-screened (for need) patient in your own office on your schedule. There is no easier way to help someone in need of dental services.

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The Academy is seeking volunteers: **General Dentists** are in the greatest need in the metropolitan area. **Retiring and recently retired dentists** are being sought to participate in a pilot program which will triage the patients entering the system for medical and dental necessity (operator space and malpractice coverage can be arranged).

**PLEASE Support this important Academy initiative.**

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## Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)



Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the availability and quality of health care in developing countries through the training and education of local health care providers. HVO was incorporated in Washington, DC in 1986.

Several Academy fellows have been involved in HVO's activities around the world. Frank Andolino and Arthur Hazlewood have served on its steering committee. David Gottlieb recently returned from a trip to Vietnam. Opportunities are available in many parts of the world with a focus on Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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## Dominican Republic

### Somos Amigos



Somos Amigos Medical Missions operates a medical and dental clinic in a rural area of the Dominican Republic. The organization's mission is to bring medical and dental care to people living in under-served areas of developing countries. Their first clinic, in Naranjito, Dominican Republic, serves more than 1,000 regular patients and was established in 1997.

All aspects of clinical dentistry are provided in a specially constructed clinic with 6 modern dental units. Missions are planned for a six day period.

Recently, a collaboration between Somos Amigos and Columbia University College of Dental Medicine has been established and students and a faculty advisor recently returned from their first mission.

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### Mission International Rescue La Romana Family AIDS Clinic



Fundacion MIR (Mission International Rescue) works to supply the Dominican Republic's most marginalized people with a variety of life-altering services. Since 1990, it has served the women, youth and children of La Romana and the Eastern region of the Dominican Republic by partnering with and providing funding for social programs. The programs provide a home, medical assistance, education and technical preparation for the people that are most in need in our community.

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Collaborative efforts are now underway to expand the onsite dental clinic. Opportunities to provide comprehensive dentistry in one week sessions are being developed.

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## University of Guyana School of Dentistry



Opportunities will exit shortly for volunteers to serve in Guyana, South America. They will be required to provide instruction to predoctoral dental students at the only dental school in Guyana, South America, currently in its third year of operation (approximately 15- 20 students total). Volunteers must be willing to serve 1-2 weeks. Housing will be provided. Guyana is the only English speaking country in South America. The climate is tropical and flight time from the USA is approximately 5 ½ hours.

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## Kigali Health Institute Rwanda



Another developing site is at the Kilgali Health Institute in Rwanda. Because there are less than a handful of dentists in Rwanda, most people have never had oral health care. Many are in distress from toothaches or periodontal disease. With proper training, health care workers will provide this much needed care.

Dr Jim Farer will be working with the Dental Department at KHI to prepare them to receive American volunteers for ongoing training, which includes classes at the Institute and actual clinical practice in the field.

Visit their website at: [www.khi.ac.rw](http://www.khi.ac.rw)

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## Domestic Opportunities United States of America



The Academy is exploring opportunities to provide volunteer service domestically but outside of the greater New York metropolitan area. If you have volunteered for such service or are very familiar with a well regarded program please contact the Academy.

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