



Monarch Dental Kicks Off Share a Smile Food Drive in the Hot Springs Community
Monarch Dental Hot Springs partners with Project HOPE Food Bank in the fight against hunger in Garland County

The [Monarch Dental](#)® location in Hot Springs, Arkansas is joining forces with Project HOPE Food Bank to collect much-needed food items to be distributed to people in need across Garland County. The Share a Smile Food Drive is already underway!

Currently, one in five Arkansans struggles to provide enough food for their family. And 25 percent of the children in this state have limited access to adequate food. Monarch Dental aims to make it easier for people to get the support they need, whether that means affordable dental and orthodontic care or necessary staples to stock their pantry. By turning the Hot Springs office into a Share a Smile Food Drive drop-off point, Monarch Dental is making it easier than ever for area residents to make a positive impact on the lives of their neighbors across Garland County. In an effort to encourage even more people to participate in the food drive, Monarch Dental will be offer anyone who donates five or more non-perishable food items a choice of one of three different discount opportunities.

- Free exam and X-rays (available to new patients)
- \$100 off dental services
- \$500 off braces

“All of us at Monarch Dental have strong connections to the communities we serve,” notes Dr. Richard Smith. “We believe that no one should be left hungry any time of the year, and we’re proud to stand together with Project HOPE Food Bank to gather much-needed food for our neighbors in need.”

Last year, the Monarch Dental office in Fort Smith hosted a food drive that resulted in 8,000 pounds of food donations. The Fort Smith office has challenged Hot Springs and several other offices across the state to beat this number this year.

“Thanks to the generous donations from great local partners like Monarch Dental, we’re continuing the fight against hunger in Hot Springs, getting nutritious food into the hands of those who don’t have enough to eat,” said Executive Director Ted Thompson from Project HOPE Food Bank.

To make a person smile this season and earn valuable discounts of dental and orthodontic treatments, bring five or more non-perishable food items to the [Monarch Dental Hot Springs](#) location (281 Cornerstone Blvd.). For more information on the discounts offered and a complete list of the most needed food items, visit our [blog post](#) for more info on the items needed.

About Monarch Dental

Monarch Dental provides general dentistry, children’s dentistry and specialty care services such as orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics and endodontics at 89 locations throughout Texas, Arkansas and Utah. Monarch Dental affiliated practices makes it easy and affordable for individuals and families to get the dental care they need with convenient locations, extended hours and same-day appointments. The Monarch Dental mission is to create healthier smiles by making dental visits easy and enjoyable. Learn more at www.monarchdental.com.

About Project HOPE Food Bank

Founded in 2009, Project HOPE Food Bank was established to alleviate hunger in west central Arkansas. In 2016, the food bank is on track to distribute over 1 million pounds of food to partners serving seniors, children and families facing food insecurity. To alleviate hunger Project HOPE

has four focus programs: food subsidy, emergency food boxes, senior emergency food boxes and school backpack, A volunteer workforce and our donated facility allows the food bank to use 96% of every dollar donated to allow those less fortunate to have access to healthy food. For more information, please feel free to visit our website at <http://www.projecthopefoodbank.org>.

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