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Monarch Dental Delivers Smiles in Burleson, TX In Partnership with the Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Volunteers Provide Free Dental Services to Nearly 70 Underinsured Patients

Burleson, Texas – February 27, 2019 – <u>Monarch Dental</u>, partnered with the <u>Smiles for</u> <u>Everyone Foundation</u>, opened its doors in <u>Burleson, TX</u> on February 9, 2019 to provide free dental services for nearly 70 underinsured, low-income individuals.

Thirty volunteers gathered together on Saturday morning eager to give back to their surrounding communities. During the planning of this free dental clinic, returning Team members from <u>last</u> <u>year's Burleson Day of Giving</u> expressed their hope to continue to experience deep connections with all of their patients at this year's Day of Giving. Keeping this as their goal gave the Team the opportunity to be positive characters in their patient's stories.

Ten days before his appointment at the 2019 Burleson Day of Giving, patient Aaron M. was in tears. He had just been handed a quote for extractions and full-mouth dentures that he could not afford. That's when <u>Monarch Dental Burleson's</u> Office Manager, Christy Branch, luckily overheard his dilemma. She referred him to the Burleson Day of Giving, where volunteers happily extracted his teeth for free. He was also given a one year subscription to the <u>OneSmile</u> <u>Dental Plan</u>, which will help significantly reduce the cost for his dentures. Aaron was so elated that he could not stop smiling and hugging Christy. "Thank you so very, very much," exclaims Aaron. "It would have taken me at least a year to be able to get it done."

This was just one of the many happy endings that the Burleson Team created. For patient Helen M., the positive twist began when she was able to schedule an appointment with the dentist for the first time since 1995. Helen says, "You made a wonderful difference in my life from the minute I came through the door."

Patients like Aaron and Helen were informed about the event through the Smiles for Everyone Foundation's partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, such as <u>Presbyterian Night Shelter</u>, <u>Community Food Bank</u>, and <u>Hope Farm</u>, a program for at-risk youth. Services included checkups, <u>cleanings</u>, <u>oral cancer screenings</u>, fluoride treatments, <u>fillings</u>, <u>extractions</u>, and more.

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation would like to give a warm thank you to the entire volunteer Team, including Dr. Christopher Edwards, Dr. Siv Eftekhari, Dr. Daniel Ingel, Dr. Bradley

Murray, Dr. Jane Poquiz, Dr. Jerrett Stone, and Dr. Gopikiran Thota. Together, they donated nearly \$90,000 of dentistry and changed the lives of 70 other patients just like Aaron and Helen.

To learn more about our Days of Giving, please visit <u>www.smilesforeveryone.org</u> for more information.

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 make 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 <u>www.monarchdental.com</u>.

About the Smiles For Everyone Foundation

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of delivering smiles for everyone by providing free dental care for those in need, both at home in the U.S. and around the world. Since 2011, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation has delivered over 19,000 smiles and \$14.5 million in donated dentistry. The foundation currently supports programs which provide free dental care to those in need in Cambodia, Ghana, Laos, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Thailand, and the United States. For more information or to make a donation, visit <u>www.smilesforeveryone.org</u>.

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