

Midland dentists honored for donating dental services

Michigan's Donated Dental Services Program has been honored for providing \$10 million in dental care to thousands of Michigan's elderly, disabled and disadvantaged citizens.

The National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped recognized the program during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Donated Dental Services has helped 3,755 people over the past 14 years who otherwise would not have received care.

Midland dentists recognized for their support were Brian Bailey, Richard Bartling, John L. Carter, Jeffrey A. Dulude, Robert W. Klomparens, Edward Knight, Laurence Lang II, R.A. Mead, Richard Poupard, Tracey Sepesy, Cynthia Skiba and Larry J. Skoczylas.

On average in recent years, nearly 400 people have been treated annually, each requiring about 15 procedures. Individuals receive an average of \$2,700 worth of care.

The program receives about \$150,000 annually in state funds for administration. For every dollar invested, about \$8.73 worth of care is provided.

More information on local programs is available at www.smilemichigan.com.