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Boston Scientific Foundation “Grants” Access to Senior Citizens

The Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation’s Mobile Access to Care (MAC) Van was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Boston Scientific Foundation. The grant will benefit senior citizens in the MetroWest area of Massachusetts by funding an oral health care pilot program.

The MAC Van, a fully functional dental clinic on wheels, has been traveling across Massachusetts since February 2007. As part of the pilot program, the Van will travel to partnering senior centers and nursing homes in the MetroWest area to provide free comprehensive oral examinations, restorative work, X-rays, fluoride varnish applications, and oral cancer screenings. An estimated 25 dentally-underserved seniors will receive care per month, and all treatment will be performed on-site at each location.

“The Boston Scientific Foundation focuses its support towards national and local charitable efforts, and is committed to improving access to quality health care and educational opportunities for the underserved in communities where our employees live and work,” says Jacqueline Boas, Foundation Administrator for the Boston Scientific Foundation.

The Van will travel to targeted communities once per month. The proposed locations include senior centers and nursing homes in Framingham, Marlborough, Natick, and Waltham. Based on the outcome of the pilot program, additional sites may be added in the future.

“This grant will improve access to quality dental care for seniors in our immediate community,” adds Boas. “It is our hope, as an innovative pilot program, it will expand outside the MetroWest area in years to come.”

For more information on the MAC Van, visit www.mdsfoundation.org.

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