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Much to Celebrate at Free Dental Clinic's Anniversary Event 9/26

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SOUTHAMPTON, Pa. On Wednesday, September 26th [HealthLink Dental Clinic](http://www.healthlinkdental.org) will hold its Anniversary Cocktail Party Fundraiser at 5:30pm at Twining Hall (Trevose), and this year there is much to celebrate!

Since opening its doors 17 years ago, HealthLink has provided more than 25,000 free dental appointments to neighbors in need. In fact, at the end of July that number officially reached 26,117 (and counting)!

How is it possible that the clinic located at 1775 Street Road in Southampton provides so much care for so many vulnerable people? Through generosity of the local community, HealthLink continues to meet the oral health needs of the region.

Clinic leadership will formally honor 3 sources of generosity at the fundraising event on 9/26.

Lorina Marshall-Blake and the [Independence Blue Cross Foundation](http://www.independencebluecross.org) will be honored with the Eugene Jackson Humanitarian Award in recognition of their exceptional contributions to not only HealthLink Dental Clinic but to improving the overall health of the entire Philadelphia region. Funders like the Independence Blue Cross Foundation provide the capital to ensure that the clinic remains in service to the community.

In 2018, HealthLink will present the first ever Barbara Hartnett Volunteer Award named in memory of Barbara T. Hartnett, former member of the clinic's Board of Directors and avid advocate of healthcare for all. The inaugural award will be presented to Dr. Robert Singer in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the clinic and its patients since 2001. Dentists, like Dr. Singer, are the backbone of HealthLink's mission. Without their donation of time and talent, the clinic simply would not exist.

Finally, [Manor College's Dental Hygiene Program](http://www.manorcollege.edu) will receive the new Community Partner Award for greatly contributing to the success of the clinic and instilling strong community values in its students. Through its collaboration, Manor students receive firsthand experience in a community health clinic, and HealthLink has the opportunity to provide oral hygiene services to a greater number of patients.

The Anniversary Cocktail Party is open to the public and costs \$50 per person. Registration includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soda from [MEI Catering](http://www.meicatering.com). The [Hazelrigg Brothers](http://www.hazelrigg.com) will be the featured musical talent for the evening, and [The Moment Photography](http://www.themomentphotography.com) will be capturing the event's festivities in pictures.

Register online: www.healthlinkdental.org/anniversary

The surrounding business community has stepped up to show its support for HealthLink Dental Clinic and its mission as well. Current supporters include: [Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health](http://www.abingtonhospital.com), [Encore Rides](http://www.encorerides.com), [Manor College](http://www.manorcollege.edu), and [Act II Custom Picture Framing](http://www.act11.com). Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information about attending the event or supporting HealthLink Dental Clinic, visit them online at www.healthlinkdental.org or contact Raquel Braemer, CFRE, Development Director, at (267) 699-0122 or rbraemer@healthlinkdental.org.

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HealthLink Dental Clinic is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the overall health of qualified low-wage earning adults in Bucks and Montgomery counties by providing free preventative and restorative dental services and oral health education. HealthLink is located at 1775 Street Road in Southampton, Pennsylvania. More information is available online at www.healthlinkdental.org.