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Milestone 25,000 Free Appointments Provided at Local Dental Clinic

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(Southampton, PA) A significant milestone was reached as HealthLink Dental Clinic reached the 25,000 mark in appointments provided at no-cost to local adults.

[HealthLink Dental Clinic](http://www.healthlinkdental.org), who opened its doors in 2001, provides free dental care to low-income, working adults and veterans who live in Bucks County or Montgomery County. The free oral services available range from exams, x-rays, and cleanings to more extensive work like fillings, extractions, root canals, and crowns. All of which are provided for free to eligible patients.

“We’re proud to have reached such a milestone and to have made such an impact in the community. Dental care is often inaccessible to low-income adults, but our clinic eliminates the financial barrier for these individuals, empowering them to improve their oral health and their overall health,” said Raquel Braemer, development director at HealthLink Dental Clinic.

In fact, studies continue to show that the health of our mouth is connected to the health of the rest of your body. Poor oral health and diabetes go hand-in-hand; an infection, like gum disease, affects one’s blood glucose levels. Good oral health, alternatively, can lead to a reduced risk of heart disease, arthritis, and stroke.

Last year alone, more than 2,000 local residents walked through the clinic doors and received \$760,980 worth of free dental care. This feat is made possible through financial contributions from the community – through donations, grants, and attending special events – and the donation of time and talent from local dental professionals. In 2017, HealthLink Dental Clinic’s small staff was aided by 1,334 hours donated by dentist volunteers.

Local dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants are encouraged to join the team of volunteers at the clinic. Whether you can make a commitment of once a week or once a month, the clinic needs your help!

If you would like to make an investment in the health of your community, you can also make a donation online at www.healthlinkdental.org or by sending a check to: HealthLink Dental Clinic, 1775 Street Road, Southampton, PA 18966. All donations are tax-deductible.

To be eligible for the free dental care provided at the clinic located on Street Road in Southampton, one must: be at least 18 years old; live in Bucks County or Montgomery County; be working, have a spouse or domestic partner who or working, or be a veteran; and have a household income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. More information about patient requirements can be found online at www.healthlinkdental.org

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[HealthLink Dental Clinic](http://www.healthlinkdental.org) 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.