

New Salvation Army Center in North Raleigh Has a Champion for New Dental Clinic

Raleigh, North Carolina - The Salvation Army of Wake County broke ground for the new Salvation Army location in North Raleigh on October 19, 2010. \$9.6 million of the \$12 million capital campaign had been raised by 12/31/2010. Another project associated with the Center of Hope, a new dental clinic, has just starting its fundraising effort.

Raleigh area dentist, Dr. Ashley Mann, member of The Salvation Army of Wake County Advisory Board, championed the vision of a new dental clinic in the new facility. That meant getting consensus among the decision makers and stake holders. When consensus was reached, Dr. Ashley Mann undertook responsibility for the million dollar fundraising effort.

When asked how he thought to pursue a dental clinic for the new Salvation Army facility, Dr. Mann said, "I was reading about the history of The Salvation Army and saw this quote by the founder William Booth, when it really hit me."

Here's the quote from the founder of the Salvation Army when he was raising funds in the late 1800s for a better facility in London for those in need:

"Poor people feel the cold quite as much if not more than do rich people. We shall have a wooden floor and the place shall be heated by hot water apparatus. No one gets a blessing if they have cold feet and nobody ever got saved while they had a toothache!"

--William Booth, Salvation Army founder

Currently in Wake County there is only a part-time clinic for those who can't afford dental care, Wake Smiles. www.rwcds.org/wake/about.htm
A full time clinic, close to those who seek shelter in the new facility, would be invaluable.

Dr. Mann has led fundraising efforts before and was recognized as Triangle Man of the Year in 2009 for his work on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Donations for the Center of Hope can be made at www.buildingthecenterofhope.org/page/make-a-gift

Information on how to make donations directly for the dental clinic will be forthcoming on the C. Ashley Mann, DDS Web site and on their Facebook Page.

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