

**開心由齒喜 外展義工隊** Happy Dental Outreach Services Volunteer Group

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## 第八屆香港傑出義工獎得獎者 The 8th Hong Kong Volunteer Award Winner

開心由齒喜 外展義工隊於 2011 成立,團隊逾 100 名成員,由牙醫、醫 生、麻醉科醫生、護士,衛生師與牙齒專科醫生等專業人士以及來自不 同界別(商業機構,紀律部隊義工)的人士組成,是香港唯一結集多門專 業的外展服務隊。義工隊成立初期,主要服務長者,以其團隊的專業才 能,為他們提供義務外展牙科服務。

因了解到智障及殘疾人士的特殊需要,較難獲得適切的牙科護理服務, 義工隊針對他們的情況,特別購買儀器,提供到診牙科護理及治療,並 在有需要時協助安排病患者到專科診所或醫院接受進一步治療。

義工隊曾走訪深水埗、屯門、元朗、大澳及東涌等 10 多個地方,為逾 2,300 名有需要人士外展提供牙科護理及保健服務,包括檢查、洗牙、 補牙、脱牙等,照顧長者、智障及殘疾人士的牙齒健康。團隊希望透過 專業的義務工作,為業界建立良好榜樣,並感染不同的專業人士一同參 與義務工作,發揮自身所長,以幫助更多有需要人士,為社會帶來正能 量。

The Happy Dental Outreach Services Volunteer Group (HDOSVG) was established in 2011 by a team of professionals that reach out to provide free oral care service. Its membership of about 100 is made up of various professionals, like dentists, doctors, anesthesiologists, nurses, hygienists, dental specialists and also volunteers from commercial corporates, disciplinary groups etc. In the beginning, the outreach dental health program served the elderly with oral examination, fillings, scaling and extracting.

The Volunteer Group later extended their service to the mentally and the physically challenged people whose

special needs cannot be attended to without special clinical provision and equipment. Whenever necessary, arrangements would be made for these patients to receive further treatment in a hospital or dental clinic.

The outreach service has covered more than 10 districts including Sham Shui Po, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tai O and Tung Chung, delivering oral health care and treatment to over 2,300 people in need. Through their service with professional skills, the group members hope to inspire other professionals to join in volunteering, serving the needy, adding positive energy to the community.

