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GTE FINANCIAL PARTNERS WITH LARGEST CHARITABLE DENTAL CLINIC IN FLORIDA TO OFFER FREE DENTAL CARE TO UNDERSERVED INDIVIDUALS

TAMPA, FL, May 2024: GTE Financial is proud to volunteer with Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM), the state's largest charitable dental clinic that provides care to any patient at no cost. The free, two-day dental clinic will be held at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, FL from May 31 - June 1, 2024, starting at 7 AM.

"GTE Financial is immensely proud to partner with Florida Mission of Mercy, reflecting our shared commitment to serve the underserved in our community," comments Manny Aguilar, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial and Advisory Services Officer at GTE Financial. "FLA-MOM's incredible impact since 2014, with \$14.67 million in donated dental services, 13,816 patients served, and 90,334 procedures performed, underscores the vital need for such initiatives. We are honored to be a part of this life-changing effort."

Underserved and uninsured patients are welcome and seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The goal is to treat 2,000 patients who would otherwise go without care. FLA-MOM clinics offer a comprehensive array of dental services, including oral health education, x-rays, blood pressure and oral cancer screenings, extractions, fillings, limited root canals, and cleanings. To learn more about FLA-MOM, visit flamom.org.

About Florida Mission of Mercy

Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) is the state's largest charitable dental clinic that provides care to any patient at no cost, with the goal of serving the underserved and uninsured in Florida. FLA-MOM has been held in Tampa, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Fort Myers, Orlando, Tallahassee, and West Palm Beach. FLA-MOM is hosted by the Florida Dental Association Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Florida Dental Association promoting dental health for all Floridians. To learn more, please visit floridadental.org/foundation/programs/mission-of-mercy.

About GTE Financial

GTE Financial is a not-for-profit financial cooperative located throughout West Central Florida with \$2.9 billion in assets and 24 Community Financial Centers. Chartered in 1935, GTE Financial is the official credit union of the Tampa Bay Lightning and is locally owned and operated in the Tampa Bay area, serving more than 230,000 individuals and businesses. For more information on GTE Financial, visit gtefinancial.org.

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