

The Mobile Dental Clinic Returns

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The [Mobile Dental Clinic](#) from Medical Teams International will be returning to Orcas Sept. 21 and 22. The clinic will provide free care to qualifying community members. Applications are available at www.oicf.us, or can be picked up at the Food Bank, Orcas Family Connections or the County Health office at the Senior Center. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on severity of dental needs and pain. Completed applications can be dropped off in the “dental box” outside the library. If you have questions regarding the application, contact Barbara Ehrmantraut 376-3395.



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Due to the concern of [whooping cough](#) in our community, San Juan County Health will be offering low-cost – slide to free (based on income guidelines) Tdap vaccinations to any adult still needing to be updated for coverage against pertussis (whooping cough) during the van visit this month. You do not need to have an appointment on the van in order to receive a vaccine. It is recommended that everyone get vaccinated to combat the statewide outbreaks of whooping cough. If you are not sure whether you need a Tdap, drop by the Orcas Community Church during the dental van hours, and your records will be checked for you. For more info, call County Health nurse Tamara Joyner at 370-0588.

This is the third of four clinics scheduled for 2012 funded through the [Orcas Island Community Foundation](#). So far, over 65 community members have received care on the van. This visit is being sponsored by the LGBT Fund held at OICF. All three island dentists and staffs volunteer to provide care and the Orcas Lions, Orcas Angels and Odd Fellows will provide check in support. The Orcas Community Church is hosting the van and housing for drivers has been contributed by the Gudgell family. Breakfast snacks and lunch for the volunteers are needed on both days; if you are interested in contributing, contact the Orcas Island Community Foundation, 376-6423.

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