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Volunteer Receives Cumberland Cares Award

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Commissioners presented Don Soucy, a volunteer with the North Carolina Missions of Mercy Free Adult Dental Clinic, with the Cumberland Cares Recognition Award at their Aug. 19 meeting.

The two-day clinic was held at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center in July. Soucy organized the efforts and trained more than 400 community volunteers for the event. Their duties included helping with patient registration, medical and dental triage; and serving as scribes, translators, runners and data entry clerks. About 250 dental professionals also donated their time to the program.

Cathy Ory, chair of the Fayetteville Missions of Mercy Planning Committee, nominated Soucy, who has served as the project's community volunteer coordinator for two years.

This year's Free Adult Dental Clinic served 885 patients with services valued at \$496,983. The patients seen are low-income, uninsured who have no other options for care. Some patients waited all night outside the Expo Center for the chance to receive dental care.

The Cumberland Cares award recognizes a Cumberland County individual, group or agency which has made an outstanding contribution toward a better quality of life for the county's citizens. For more information, or to submit a nomination, call the clerk to the board of commissioners at 678-7771 or go online to www.co.cumberland.nc.us/public_info/downloads/nominations_form.pdf.



Don Soucy receives the Cumberland Cares Recognition Award from Commissioner Kenneth Edge Aug. 19.

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