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Remote Area Medical Returns to the Tri-Cities with Free Care November 1-3

RAM to bring free dental, vision, medical and expanded women's health services

ROCKFORD, TN (October 28, 2019) – Remote Area Medical - RAM® – a major non-profit provider of mobile clinics delivering free, quality, dental, vision and medical care to underserved and uninsured individuals – is returning to Gray, TN, on November 1-3, 2019. Services available at the RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental x-rays, eye exams, glaucoma testing, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, general medical exams and women's health exams – including mammograms, reproductive health education, pre-pregnancy services and a year's worth of free birth control. Additional services include lung x-rays, flu shots, oral cancer screenings, and audiology services – including hearing aids. **All RAM services are FREE and no ID is required.**

Operated in collaboration with Appalachian Mountain Project Access, the RAM clinic in Gray will be held at Appalachian Fairgrounds, 100 Lakeview Street, Gray, TN 37615. The clinic parking lot is scheduled to open no later than 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 1. Ticket distribution typically begins no later than 3 a.m., and patients will be seen in chronological order according to their ticket number when clinic doors open at 6 a.m. This process will repeat on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday November 3. In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, ticketing may occur earlier than 3 a.m. **RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.**

"We are glad to be returning to the tri-cities to provide care for those in need," said RAM CEO, Jeff Eastman. "We are particularly grateful for support from The Educational Foundation of America and The Elsa and Peter Soderberg Charitable Foundation who enabled expanded women's health services at this clinic, including free birth control."

There is still a need for additional vision and dental professionals to volunteer their time and skills in Gray. **For more information about RAM's mobile clinics or to volunteer, visit www.ramusa.org or call 865-579-1530.**

Media wishing to cover this event may do so only on Friday, November 1, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 2, between 5:30 a.m. and Noon.

About Remote Area Medical: RAM is a major non-profit organization that operates mobile clinics delivering free quality, dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals who do not have access to or cannot afford a doctor. Since RAM was founded in 1985, more than 135,000 volunteers -- comprised of licensed dental, vision, and medical professionals, as well as general support staff -- have treated more than 785,000 individuals delivering \$135 million worth of free healthcare services. Last year, RAM held clinics in Tennessee, Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Haiti, and the Philippines. Upcoming RAM clinic locations include Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, and New Mexico.

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