

This year, then, in response to this need, Dr. Taylor researched and developed the plans for our Mobile Dental Service. Through this service, we will be able to bring full-service dentistry to patients who are medically compromised and capable of little or no mobility.

Initial contact with local dental associations and the local health departments revealed that no comprehensive dental services were available for homebound or institutionalized patients. The University of Maryland Dental School provides quite a good facility for medically and physically handicapped patients, but transportation is often uncomfortable or medically dangerous for the patients. Frequently, several family members are required to facilitate transporting the patients. Transportation by ambulance or special van is costly to the patients or to the providing government agencies.

With the aid of a start-up grant from the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington, D.C., and donations from Tel-A-Friend, Floryan Software, Baltimore Gas & Electric, and hopefully, from IBM, we will have this comprehensive, mobile dental facility on the road in October, 1985. Perhaps the most noteworthy facet of our mobile facility is the fact that our level of service is equal to that previously obtainable only in a fully-equipped, standing dental service. Extractions are no longer the sole remedy for the dental difficulties of the homebound.

Worthy of note also, is the fact that John has been taking training courses and seminars specifically oriented toward service of the homebound and handicapped. John's training thus raises the level and quality of service we are able to provide.



We stress preventive care.

We will serve patients in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties, a fifteen-mile radius from our Center. We will serve both the institutionalized and the homebound. We expect organizations such as Meal-On Wheels, Visiting Nurse Association, Upjohn Health Services, City and County Health Departments to be sources of referrals, at least initially. The current emphasis on home health care will give impetus to referrals. We will become a resource for the local dental societies and the dental school when they are asked to respond to the need for assistance in serving the homebound. We plan to contact every private dental office in our region to inform them that we can serve the homebound members of their patients' families. Socio-economic status is not a condition for service.

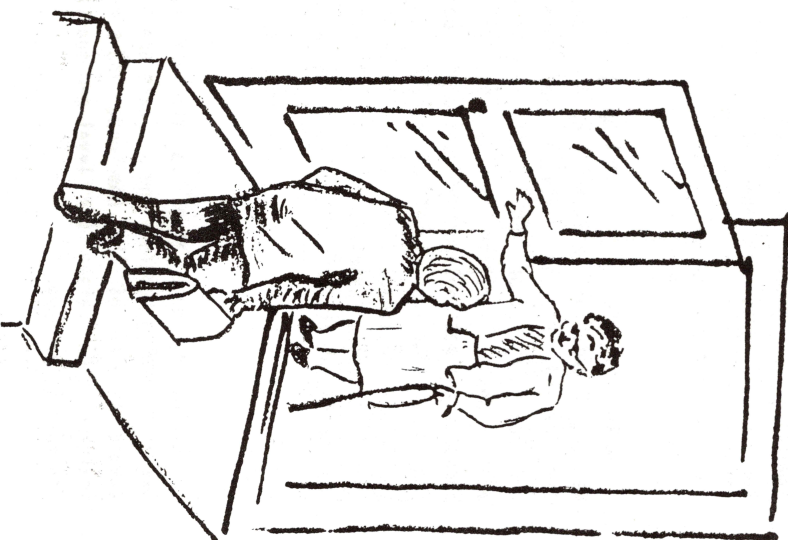
The services we will provide include oral examination, x-ray, periodontics, orthodontics, endodontics, scaling, fillings, extractions, full and partial restorations, crowns, minor surgery, and oral cancer checks. Fees will be charged in order to defray expenses and allow us to continue operation on a self-sustaining basis after the first year.



Over twenty years of service to forgotten or overlooked members of society indicate that the Mobile Dental Service is an appropriate extension of our commitment to bettering quality of life. Our other services, religious, social and dental, adult, teen and children oriented, will continue to exist for the community around Whitelock Street. The Mobile Dental Service will extend our reach to a wider range of the population.

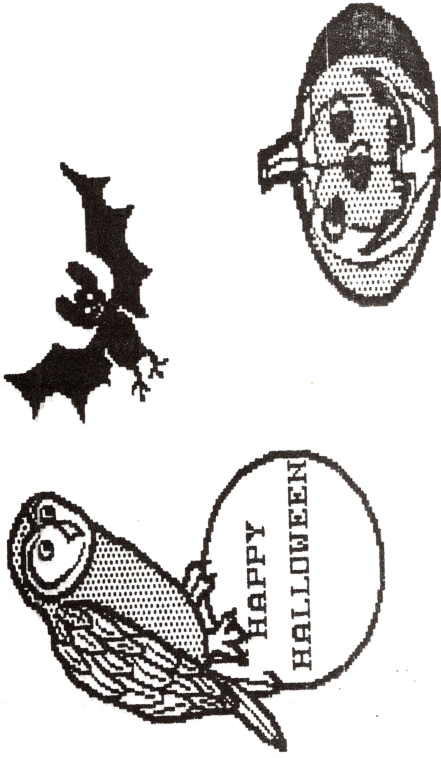
St. Francis Dental Health Service was established in 1972 to serve a traditionally ignored need of the long-term poor and fixed-income elderly. Initially, the service was aimed at the residents of the Reservoir Hill section of Baltimore City, but was shortly expanded to include the long-term poor and fixed-income elderly regardless of location. Since its inception, the service has reached thousands of patients.

During the past few years, we have become increasingly aware of another acute need throughout our city and the surrounding environs. We have found that the homebound, handicapped, elderly in nursing homes, and hospice patients in need of dental service are able to get their dental needs served rarely, and only with great difficulty. There is no facility for bringing dental service to the into the home, the room, or the bedside of the patient, regardless of their socio-economic status.



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Hello again from St. Francis on Whitelock Street. Happy Fall. What you see above is a black & white copy of the two-color front cover of our brochure publicizing an exciting new service we've begun. In the following pages, you'll find some of the history, some of the reasons, and much of the work put into the Mobile Dental Service.



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